1997
Capital Campaign exceeds expectations

JEFF CLAYMAN
STAFF WRITER

Bowdoin's Capital Campaign, which began four years ago, is well ahead of its projected goals with the help of a $3.7 million gift from the estate of Laurence Shurtleff '26.

Shurtleff had a longstanding relationship with Bowdoin. As an employee of New England Telephone, he served as a class agent, treasurer of his class at their 50th reunion and a member of the Bowdoin Club of Worcester, Massachusetts.

The $3.2 million bequest was received in November 1988. But two planned gifts totaling over $460,000 to serve two explicit purposes: $2.2 million will be set aside to establish a chair in the biology department. The money designated for establishing the chair is currently compounding interest in the endowment and will be eligible for use in about two years. Before the monies are available, President Edwards will appoint a faculty member to this chair. As of yet, there is no timetable governing this appointment.

The remaining $1.7 million of the Shurtleff gift has been appropriated to the fund for the maintenance of the campus. More specifically, the money will be used to maintain the tree replacement program which is a component of the Landscape Master Plan designed by landscape architect Arnold Johnson.

The money from the Shurtleff gift will increase the annual expenditures on tree replacement from $5,000 to about $20,000. The money designated for campus maintenance will also be utilized more generally to improve landscaping.

"We've had a terrific year," said Bill Torrey, vice president for development and college relations, who added that the Campaign has received $5 million in commitments, including the Shurtleff gift, at the year's end.

One of the highlights of the year was the gift of $67,795,000 from a philanthropic couple in December, giving the College $20.4 million away from its projected goal of $113 million with a year and a half remaining in the Campaign.

In addition to an increase in giving, a $360,000 grant from the Freeman Foundation was given to enable the College to expand the Asian Studies department.

Bowdoin observed Martin Luther King Day on Monday, Jan. 20 with a Southern Accents invited dinner at Westwoods, an event followed by a program filled with speakers and performances in the Bowdoin College Chapel. Associate Director of Dining Service and Executive Chef Ken Cardone planned a menu featuring many of the dishes that are typical of the Atlanta, Georgia area where Dr. King grew up and spent much of his life. At the chapel, Director of the Africana Studies Program and Professor of History Randy Stukeman gave welcoming remarks and introduced Professor of Philosophy Denis Cudahy and Visiting Professor of English Anthony Walton, who read poems about Dr. King. The poetry readings were followed by a keyboard performance of "Lift Every Voice" by Stephen Saxon '99. Following the keyboard performance, four Bowdoin students spoke about their impressions of Dr. King. The student speakers were followed by a student dance performance. (Adam Zimman/Bowdoin Orient)

$67 Million budget recommended to president

ZAK BURKE
OPERATIONS EDITOR

Last week, the budget and financial priorities committee made its final recommendations of a 1997-1998 budget to President Edwards. The $67,795,000 balanced budget proposal, once approved by the president, will be considered by the Financial Planning Committee and the Executive Committee before it is sent to the Board of Trustees for final approval in late February.

This recommendation represents the final version of the budget outlook prepared last December, and balances the $1.4 million deficit in that budget. Though many allocations have not noticeably changed since that preliminary outlook, a few items are significantly different.

Major items in the budget included an increase in tuition of 1.7 percent over inflation, a half million dollar allocation to fund residential life initiatives and $130 thousand to fund additional information technology requests. According to College Treasurer, Vice President of Finance and Administration and Vice Chair of the Budget Committee, Kent Chabotar, academic and student affairs were top priorities in the budget forming process.

Along those lines, Josh Dorfman '97, the voting student representative to the Budget Committee said he feels the committee is very receptive to student needs and desires.

"Tuition, financial aid, information technology-those concerns are at the front of their list," he said.

Regarding the increase in tuition, Dorfman commented that the budget process has to be a compromise. "We can't get the pie in the sky," he said. "No one likes tuition increases but there's a recognition that for the College to continue to exist there has to be some increase. It's a struggle."

This year's tuition increase totals 4.5 percent including inflation, and though it is larger than initially anticipated, it is still smaller than last year's 7.47 percent increase and is not out of line when compared with the practices of other colleges similar to Bowdoin.

In terms of the other 18 colleges with which Bowdoin compares itself, Bowdoin's tuition is ranked eighth. According to Associate Professor of Economics Michael Jones, the chair of the Budget Committee, if all the colleges in that group were to raise their tuition by 1.5 percent beyond what Bowdoin's went up 1.7 percent, our overall price ranking would not change.

He also noted that the plan to push endowment spending to 4.1 percent from 3.9 percent to fund the $500,000 residential life initiative is also relatively conservative when compared with other similar schools.

The Budget Committee also proposed a study abroad initiative to help reduce the
Newest identification cards arrive at Bowdoin

BETH HUSTEDT STAFF WRITER

After months of anticipation, students now possess their newest ID cards. The cards have a pine-green strip at the top and are reportedly working fine.

Tenley Meara, business process manager of Dining Services, has been in charge of issuing the new ID's and is the first to say it has been a frustrating process. This fall, a new system was introduced for the event-

Fine-green ID's have replaced the faulty yellow one's. (Molly Villanueva/Bowdoin Orient)

ments of the Bowdoin community will again turn their attention to a six-day period for which many helps to define their college experi-

Budget revision closes $1.4 million gap
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comes every year. There items fall into that
category are non-specific programs which
are not explicitly funded or specified at this
level of planning.

We don't go through the budget line by
line saying 'You can do this but you can't do
that,' Jones explained. Instead funds were
allocated to the general category of senior
staff special needs and is spent at the discre-
tion of that staff. The type of funding from
that category varies from year to year, Jones
said. This year, information technology and
residential life were major concerns. Next
year, however, this issue will arise.

"We essentially denied all those special
requests," Jones said, adding, however, that
the denial of funds does not mean those items
will not be funded by other means. Essen-
tially, that means that funding for programs
which the senior staff would like to imple-
ment will have to come from adjustments
within their own departments instead of from
the special needs category of the general
budget.

Dean of Student Affairs Craig Bradley ex-
plained that finding such funding has be-
come increasingly difficult because the bud-
get is already streamlined, meaning that cuts
come from programs which are likely con-
sidered mandatory by some constituencies.

"You want to deal with international stu-
dent issues, advising issues and others
which are all priorities from some one's perspec-
tive," he said. "All we can do is recognize the limitations and responsibilities and be,
very, very careful about how we organ-
ize those priorities."

Additional money in the residential life
field will likely fund advising programs for
international students and pre-med majors
as well as support for orientation and small
increases in residence hall programming.

Bradley also noted significant funding
for athletics help to eliminate the current
practice of operating in debt. "My view is
that we don't give adequate support for the
27 sports here," he said. "Athletics programs
are centrally important to hundreds of stu-

dents here but it is nearly impossible to man-

age for the athletics director." The
writing project, previously funded by

restricted sources, will also be funded from
the special needs category this year until it

can be integrated into a different area of the
budget in the future.

According to Chabotar, the proposed bud-
get, though constructed with very restricted
resources, is a competitive one when com-
pared with other schools similar to Bowdoin.

"We compete in a group that can spend
much more than us," he explained, noting
that other schools have significantly larger
endowments and thus more flexibility in
their budget planning process. While
Chabotar said he believes Bowdoin has
been able to maintain a level of service simi-
lar to that of its competition, he added that
the financial restraints now make the bud-
getting process much tougher job.

With a limited endowment and essentially
no means by which to increase revenue ex-
cept raising tuition or admitting more stu-
dents, there is little the Budget Committee
can do in this situation to avoid the restric-
tions it faces.

"Cutting programs by 10 percent across the
board wouldn't enhance the quality of the
institution," Bradley said. "That would just
be an excuse not to make difficult deci-
sions."

Bradley commented that Bowdoin's open
ended approach to generating the annual
budget, though effective, is time consuming.
"It's a challenge," he said, "and it continues
to be a challenge."

"If things continue to remain this tight," he
said, "I'm not sure this bottom up process is
worth it."

He suggested that budgeting processes
might involve a preliminary draft of the bud-
get formulated before individual constitu-
encies make their requests, in effect giving
them a general figure to work with to help
them calibrate their requests.

He stressed, however, that those types of
changes are strictly speculative at this point
and that he is committed to some form of
open process, even if the limits are

In the end, Chabotar commented, the deci-
dions involved in a budget process have al-
ways been difficult and will likely continue
to be, especially as expectations about what
a liberal arts college should continue to be.

"This is a delicate time," he said, "and I don't
have a magic bullet.

Frats gear up for Rush '97

JER PHILLIPS CONTRIBUTOR

It is the start of the spring semester and some of the Bowdoin community will again turn their attention to a six-day period which for many helps to define their college experi-

Beginning Mon., Jan. 27, and concluding with Drop Night on Sat., Feb. 1, the seven fraternities at Bowdoin, Alpha Delta Phi, Beta Sigma Chi, Delta Phi Kappa, Delta Theta Kappa, Alpha Kappa Sigma, Psi Upsilon, and Theta Delta Chi, will stage with Jordan House, will hold a variety of alcohol-free activities. Events range from a masquerade ball at AD to oatmeal wrestling at JD.

Throughout the week, members of Chi Delta Phi and Kappa Sigma whose the college placed on probation for infractions in the spring of 1994. Mike Neez '99 of Chi Delta Phi and Jason Rook '99 of Kappa Sigma confirmed, however, that their fraternity would be participating in Rush Week even though use of their houses will be restricted. On Monday and Tuesday nights, Chi Delta Phi activities will take place on the third floor of Massachusetts Hall and on Wednesday night, the college has granted permission for the fraternity to use their houses.

The locations of the events of the last part of the week for Chi Delta Phi and the location of all of Kappa Sigma's events will be an-

ounced at the beginning of Rush Week. The events staged by the other fraternities and Jordan House will take place in their respective

houses.

During the days before Drop Night, Jor-
dan House and the frats will offer bids to prospective members. Students make the deci-
sion of where they will join on Saturday, and this is immediately followed by four
week initiation periods at many fraternities.

The majority of students do not join houses. Of the 1644 students at Bowdoin in the spring of 1996, only 430 people were members of social houses (roughly 30 percent). 1996 saw a rise in membership, however. Around 35% of the class of 1999 joined houses.

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Rising sophomores assured on-campus housing

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STAFF WRITER

The Residential Life Commission's new plan for housing has garnered a positive reception from aspiring sophomores who see the benefits of staying on campus. This year, the plan will no longer force freshmen to remain off-campus, thus allowing sophomores to choose whether they want to stay on or off campus. The director of Residential Life, Bob Graves, has pointed out, "The choice is still there. If a sophomore wants to live off campus, they have that choice."

The exact logistics of the program have not yet been finalized. The planning will take place in a series of meetings to be held in the upcoming weeks, but Bob Graves did give a general indication of how the plan would work.

This spring, a form will be sent out to all those interested in participating in the housing lottery. In effect, this document serves as a registration for the lottery. The advance warning will provide Residential Life with preliminary figures on demand for housing. "This will allow for time to do some planning," says Dean of Student Affairs Craig Bradley. With this notice, Residential Life will be able to set aside enough housing for those sophomores who want it.

Neil Schwartz, a member of the Class of 2000, will be one of the first to benefit from the new program. "It takes stress off. You don't have to worry about finding a place.

Stowe Hall will be a preferred destination for many rising sophomores. (Adam Zimman/Bowdoin Orient)"

Even if you have a high number you know you have a place to live," says Schwartz.

Another part of the plan to accommodate these sophomores involves the study-abroad program. There is a substantial increase in the number of juniors who study away in their spring semester as compared to the fall semester.

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Alpha Delta Phi
228 Maine St.

The Alpha Delta Phi chapter at Bowdoin College was founded in 1841. It is the oldest fraternity on campus. It began as a literary society which remains a rich part of the house today. One of our traditions is to select and present a literary reading every night at dinnertime. This has been passed down for many years.

One of the assets of Alpha Delta Phi is the diversity of our members. We come from all over the world and from a variety of backgrounds. A strong point of Alpha Delta Phi is that women are recognized on the national level.

As individuals, we participate in many activities at Bowdoin and also volunteer and support charities off campus. This year, we have raised money for the Tedford Shelter and the American Heart Association in their Annual Heart-Walk. People in our house also volunteer for hospitals, schools, churches and swim programs in the area. It is from the diversity and experiences of our members that we learn the most in our family setting.

Some upcoming rush events include a Beach Finta with a hot tub, indoor volleyball, a masquerade ball — with 30's and 40's swing music and a mystery night. Dinners will range from burgers and hot dogs, to roast beef and fondue, to an Italian feast by the best chef on campus! We hope to see you there.

Alpha Kappa Sigma
38 Harpswell St.

Without a doubt, Alpha Kappa Sigma has served as one of the most influential organizations on campus during our short time at Bowdoin. To avoid creating a misleading stereotype about our house, we're going to refrain from telling you "what we're like." If you're hating your decision on where to rush on some words in the newspaper, then you're missing what we're about anyway. Briefly stated, Kappa Sig is one of the closest knit houses on campus and we have continued to be so despite the temporary closing of our house on College St. We are still a fraternity and will continue to be so. Approximately ninety-five percent of our members chose to live with each other this year. We eat our lunch together in the Union and our dinners together in the Tower on a daily basis. We also participate in weekly meetings and community service activities.

There are no extra-curricular activities or academic majors that typify a Kappa Sig member, but there are particular qualities and characteristics which define every member. Because of this broad diversity, avoid not rushing at Kappa Sig because you think, "I'm not into that." Talk to the people at rush; we don't hold rush to hang out with ourselves — we want to meet you. Standing in a circle with your friends isn't going to benefit us or you. Introduce yourself, ask questions and you'll soon find you're much more at ease with your surroundings; you're not on trial. Our rush events will be held at different locations on campus. Keep your eyes open for posters detailing the events, times and locations and we hope we'll see you there.

Kappa Delta Theta
4 College St.

Kappa Delta Theta is the co-educational fraternity found across from the Hawthorner Longfellow Library at 4 College Street. Our members make up a group of people with diverse interests who are active on the Bowdoin campus and in the surrounding community. Our members are involved in activities such as the student government, varsity and club sports and many volunteer activities. Present members and past alumni, such as Robert E. Perry, Kenneth C. M. Sills and Joan Beloff Samuelson, are part of a rich Theta tradition. We sincerely invite you to come and participate in the rush activities which include Casino Night and a Luau.

Psi Upsilon
258 Maine St.

We at Psi Upsilon are excited to welcome everyone to attend our Rush Week activities. In the spirit of fun and adventure, we will be hosting several events to enable you to acquaint yourself with our house and its members. We encourage you to take some time off next week and come on over for a good time.

We at Psi Upsilon are a community of independent thinkers. Rather than being a homogeneous group focused on one aspect of the college experience, we have members from all walks of life. Many members here never thought they would join a frat.

At Psi Upsilon we welcome anyone to join; our doors are always open to you. Because we do not believe in punishing our friends, we have no pledge period, and everyone who joins on drop night becomes a full member.

Our house is a place for home-style living and cooking where all of the members are like a family. Although diverse, we share a common bond of community nurtured by shared experiences. We all look forward to seeing you next week!
Throughout the upcoming week, students will have the opportunity to participate in Rush activities at the various fraternities on campus. Students will be able to meet the members of each house and become more familiar with the atmosphere of each organization. Each year, the Orient provides information about the various houses gathered by the members themselves.

**Beta Sigma**
14 McKeen St.

Beta Sigma is the largest house on the Bowdoin campus. We do not have a national affiliation and we have officially been co-ed since 1989. We currently have 79 active members; however, once we initiate each incoming class, our numbers usually range from 100-110. Despite our large size, we are an extremely close group of people. Never again in our lives will we have the opportunity to become so close with so many different kinds of people.

Members of Beta are involved in almost every aspect of student life here at Bowdoin. We currently have eight varsity captains and house members participate in 14 varsity sports. Approximately two thirds of our house are Dean’s List students and many are James Bowdoin Scholars as well. We have student leaders in various positions throughout the Bowdoin campus ranging from the Outing Club to the Student Executive Board to the president of the Greek Council.

Through the years, Beta has been home to many women and men who have uphold and instilled the traditional values of our chapter. Two events founded by Beta Sigma which mean the most to us are the annual Pete Schuh Softball Tournament, which takes place in the spring and the Beta SK in honor of Sharon Beadoin, which began this past fall. We feel that events like these represent the spirit of our house, as the people who they honor are those who we strive to be.

**Chi Delta Phi**
14 College St.

The members of Chi Delta Phi cordially invite the first years to join us in the unforgettable bonding process of Rush 1997. Chi Delta Phi is a diverse group of Bowdoin students united by the basic family concepts of friendship, acceptance and respect. The house creates a sense of belonging which makes the college experience worthwhile. Chi Delta Phi provides the opportunity to bond with a variety of people from different classes and lifestyles, many of whom would never meet or socialize together under normal circumstances. The members of Chi Delta Phi represent a broad spectrum of Bowdoin's athletes, scholars, musicians and artists whose differences add depth and character to the house and the life within. Members are encouraged to get to know their fellow brothers and sisters in order to learn more about themselves and to stress the ideas of acceptance and individuality. We uphold the great history of the College and strive to play an active role in our surrounding community through social gatherings, dances and charity events. The main idea of Chi Delta Phi Rush Week is to give the first years a chance to participate in social activities with the unique members of the fraternity and get an idea of what we are all about. All the fraternities put a great effort into the Rush process and we hope that you will give them a chance to represent themselves. Snacks and beverages will be served at the majority of events. We encourage all first years interested to eat with us in Daggett Lounge prior to the rush events.

**Theta Delta Chi**
5 McKeen St.

The Eta chapter of Theta Delta Chi, founded 1854, is one of 36 national chapters. As the 11th oldest college fraternity in the country, the Eta chapter is steeped in tradition; distinguished brothers include Harvey Dow Gibson '02, for whom Gibson Music Hall is named, Arctic explorer Donald MacMillan '79, and ambassador Thomas Pickering '53.

Theta Delta Chi is currently composed of 39 men and 28 women. This diverse group of students includes pre-orientation trip leaders, choir members, writing project tutors, Bowdoin Outing Club leaders, Special Friend coordinators, James Bowdoin scholars, Special Olympic coordinators and Tedford Shelter volunteers. Members are also varsity athletes, captains and intramural participants. Despite this diverse group at Theta Delta Chi, there is a friendship built on mutual esteem and dependence. Theta Delta Chi instills respect not only for each other, but also for the surrounding community. The Eta chapter promotes class interaction and provides vast opportunities for leadership, growth and life-long friendships.

**Jordan House**
40 Harpswell St.

The Captain Jordan House is an off-campus social house which provides an excellent alternative to fraternity life. Unlike the fraternities, Jordan House has no "pledge period" and no in-house dining requirement. The members of our house range from varsity athletes to artists to Executive Board members. This year we have fielded seven intramural teams and participated in a holiday toy drive for under-privileged children. We're a laid-back group always looking for a good time and we look forward to a festive week of open house activities.

Editors' Note: Although we have included Jordan House along with the other traditional fraternities, the House is not an official participant in Rush Week. However, members will be hosting activities at their house during the upcoming week.
Applause for an active Board

In past editorials, the Orient has been highly critical of the Student Executive Board’s failure to engage the student body in issues concerning the governance of the College and the welfare of its students. Our comments, while pointed, were so directed because we believed that the Exec Board was not living up to its potential to funnel student concerns to the Administration.

Recently, however, we have been impressed with the Exec Board’s initiatives which demonstrate that the organization’s current members are taking seriously their responsibility as student representatives. The inception and implementation of student opinion surveys by one of the Board’s committees shows that it has actively engaged itself in collecting information which represents the opinions of a cross-section of Bowdoin students, not just those who happen to attend an individual forum. The provision of on-line Executive Board elections via e-mail likewise offers an additional means by which the Board is facilitating political involvement for a greater variety of students.

Such initiatives represent the work of a progressive Exec Board, educated in salient issues and more willing than ever to shape policy by outlining objectives and sticking to those goals. In doing so, the Board has legitimized its activities quite literally by involving experts in Institutional Research and Computer Services, but even more importantly, has legitimized its existence by showing that it is striving to become a governmental body which reflects the cares and concerns of the students that it serves.

Although the members of the Exec Board deserve much of the credit for their proactive momentum, however, we must also credit Bowdoin’s students. Perhaps the impetus for change comes from growing student involvement on campus, a movement that seems to encompass groups from theater to the Student Leadership Council. Perhaps students are finally looking up from their books and realizing that campus involvement can be rewarding and effective.

Whatever the reason, the Orient would simply like to acknowledge the apparent change in attitude. It may be small, but after years of criticizing student government, after a period when the Student Senate dissolved in disarray and student voting dropped to all-time lows, it is heartening to see students investing time into defining the nature and assuring the quality of their Bowdoin experience.

Where’s the real winter?

We hate to be down on winter. Complaining about winter in Maine would only be a nagging reminder of the freezes which last well into April, and the brisk spring breezes during exam period that discourage quad “studying.” It’s only January.

Bowdoin winters, though, can be dizzying. Last winter the Arctic freeze settled onto campus as the drizzles piled and winds sent temperatures plummeting. It was a real Maine winter, one that you could brag about to friends back home or raise their eyebrows and say “Maine, eh? Must be cold up there.”

What a change from this year: the mud, the rains, the thaws and the occasional snows that have turned campus into a potholed obstacle course that includes half-frozen slush, melting ice patches and sticky mud holes. There has been more snow in some parts of Texas than in Brunswick. As if Seasonal Affective Disorder wasn’t bad enough.

So as we dream of the Winter Weekend of three years ago, when ice sculptures decorated the quad and midnight pick up ice hockey was a ritual study break, we have to remind ourselves that the whims of the climate are a part of life at Bowdoin. In order to alleviate the depression that comes with dramatic temperature variations and the thought of crossing the hazardous paths of the quad in whipping winds, we’ve concocted a winter wish list that adds an enlightened Orient perspective to the upcoming “spring” semester (who ever thought of that one, anyway?)

How about an old fashioned Nor’ Easter? If it’s going to be cold, there might as well be some snow. Though it’s unlikely that many people enjoy snow shoveling or getting stuck on unplowed streets, staring at brown grass bare trees is even worse. There’s something serene about the quiet that settles with new fallen snow. We could regrid into childhood for a little while, make some snow angels, go sledding, have a good snowball fight or at least have a decent excuse to curl up with a warm blanket, a good book and a cup of hot chocolate.

A real laste freezing. It should at least stay cold long enough for the ice rinks on the quad and the town commons to freeze over. Daytime arena may be nice, but skating on Zambonisa smooth ice in a sheltered rink just isn’t the same as shivering outside on a rutted frozen pond. There’s only been one day this year when the ice on the Commons was in decent shape, but so many people tried to go skating it was impossible to move.

We want a real Winter’s Weekend, one that doesn’t get canceled because of a short-term jump in the temperature that’s just enough to melt the snow but not quite warm enough to give us a reasonable break from the grey skies and northern winds.

A chance to finally dust off our cross-country skis. Downhill enthusiasts may not be dependent on the weather, but we look forward to winter days when we can ski to class and down the streets of Brunswick. See? We’re already starting to sound like whiners, but it’s winter and we’re going to complain anyway; we just want something substantial to complain about.

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Reliving a memory and moving on in the process

By Jeff Bedrosian
Real World Ramblings

When I said goodbye to Australia, I sat alone in the airport of Sydney with tears falling from my eyes and with the realization in my mind that four of the best months of my life were about to be left behind. For four months, Australia was my country, my life, my home and a part of me. As I waited for the plane that would remove me from this land and an experience that had profoundly impacted my life, the thought I’m leaving Oz, I’m leaving Australia repeated itself over and over in my mind like a broken record. With the finality of my soul completely numb, tired, and drained, I tried to convince myself that I kept these thoughts running through my head continuously, I wouldn’t be able to soon forget, making the fact that I was leaving more real and easier to deal with.

But the emptiness that I had within me could not be communicated. Although known from the first day when I left the States in January that the day would come when I would have to leave, I still seemed unaware that there was this other world that I had to return to. The thought of coming back to this other life was something that I had completely rejected, that it seemed unfair that I had to leave even if I didn’t really want to.

For a good period of time, I had intuitively known that Australia, study away and leaving Maine would be a turning point in my life. Long before I boarded any plane or began to pack my belongings for the four months ahead of me, I knew that after I returned, all would be exactly the same. Again. My life was about to become one big unknown, one big lack of expectations, but for the first time in a long while, I actually didn’t care about the structure (or lack thereof) of the life I was entering into. The opportunity presented for me was one filled with new beginnings and new challenges. Leaving the personal comfort I was left behind me, I welcomed the challenge of test boundaries within myself, discover forgotten ten passions and to undergo a rebirth in my life.

And when I think back to my four months in Australia, I can still feel like a schoolchild and begin to feel that old time within my mind. I think of see-saw over the Pacific Ocean, the sun breaking through clouds over Melbourne, random people I have met and the strong connections we formed in extreme brief periods of time. Moments are captured like snapshots in my mind and bringing up certain images can produce instant emotions in me—a deep smile, a little chuckle, or often a sadness that hits me deep in my stomach.

But, for me, this entire experience was so much more than all of these things. It was a whole new set of aspects. Although I miss specific things about being there, my intense feelings for Australia transcended specific components.

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After all, it is the awareness of myself, the greater understanding of my wants, passions, desires, strengths and weaknesses that I first and foremost obtained through Australia. They are me and form who I am, things that I couldn’t and shouldn’t change by being back here. They are at my fingertips for me to utilize and build upon and can help me to create a world that is enjoyable integrating my new found sense of self and realization.

For so long, I was scared that coming back would mean losing myself, forgetting my experiences while away, easily falling back into the self I was before and forgetting the environment I had left. But all of my frustrations and resistances to assimilating back into the Bubble bubble have made me realize that I will never lose the feeling of Australia, it will always be present within me and be part of me. I have the feelings deeply planted within me of how it was to watch the sunset over the Pacific Ocean, of how grounded in myself I felt while swimming in the amazing part of nature, doing an independent study project that was completely mine and for the first time ever, experiencing myself into a completely new environment miles away from my familiar and safe world of Maine. Although I am at Bowdoin and currently can’t physically present to live these experiences, I can recognize the importance within the lessons they taught me. I can carve out my own little piece of the world here and incorporate a balance and stability to my life that continues the growth I underwent while away.

My life isn’t the same and never will be. I have opened up layers of self-discovery with me and I am stronger. It’s time to use that strength to its full capacity and move beyond the general resistance to file at Bowdoin. It’s time to let go of the ideal of Australia and to shed the protective shield that living through my memories and past have provided. So, I am finally saying goodbye to Australia and continuing the detachment I physically began back in June. It’s time and I’m ready to fully use what is in my mind and heart now, in the present moment I am in.

Jeff Bedrosian seems to be in New Orleans this weekend.

By Meg Hall

Student Opinion

Make way for mediocrity in public schools

It is a rare occasion in my life when I agree with the Rev. Jesse Jackson on anything.

The Ebacus phenomenon is a symptom of a greater problem and it is a problem that has less to do with today’s students and more to do with the establishment entrusted to educate them.

Moreover, in an era of 60,000 elementary school teacher salaries and constant teacher strikes, we find school districts crumbling before us, giving way to the complacency and greed of teachers, their unions and the movement which separates such schools, submitting as evidence the New York public school system. At the start of this school year, 10% of the students in this school system did not have a classroom to learn in or a desk at which to sit. In fact, New York public schools were so crowded that at some schools, classes had to be taught in closets. The tops of children’s desks were being used to store classroom books and supplies. In an era in which America’s children have not been fed, America’s children had enough, these squalid conditions add insult to injury and these problems persist in spite of the New York school district having the money to fix them.

However, in fairness to the New York school system, the politics and realities of these problems are far too complex for the quick fixes that an abundance of money can buy. Nevertheless, the fact that these problems have been allowed to persist for such a length of time indicates that those in charge are satisfied with mediocre attempts to solve their problems. Thus, I submit that if the effort to teach our children is merely mediocre, how can we expect them to produce any more in return?

Jeff Bedrosian

Next week in The Orient, we will begin a Pro/Con section. If you are interested in contributing articles or topics please e-mail me at jbedros@arctos.
Fined! That's what the House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly to do to Speaker Newt Gingrich on Tuesday. And because tax-exempt organizations cannot be penalized with a $50,000 penalty for actions deemed by Congress to be "unethical," however, despite the fact that I am involved in Republican Party politics, I do not think Congress has gone far enough in reprimanding the Speaker.

Before I give my reasons for my feelings on this matter, I should point first out what exactly the allegations against Gingrich are.

There are two matters facing the Speaker. First, it is alleged that Mr. Gingrich used tax-exempt foundations to fund a televised (and often partisan) college course he offers. And, second, the Speaker led the House Ethics Committee in misleading information about the involvement of a Republican Political Action Committee.

While on the surface, these two alleged misdeeds are not extremely serious, they do bear some noteworthy consequences.

First, some Republicans and Democrats are very poorly on the Republican Party. Most Republicans are not like Mr. Gingrich, as they do not have others charging them with ethics violations. In fact, most are law-abiding, good people who are interested in public policies because they care about their country. Yet there is a constant stereotype that circles throughout the characterizing Republicans as people who want to steal from the elderly, let the rich get richer and the resource of America force the poor to live in abject poverty. Yet, as a Republican, I do not feel this way, nor do I support a single Republican who does. However, if our party wants to dispel such a negative characterization, we first have to learn how to clean up House-Speaker with no skeletons in the closet.

The second consequence that arises is that the American public becomes even more alienated from its government and its politics. A large majority of Americans currently feel that politicians are corrupt and, in general, nefarious. The fact that the Speaker of the House is one of those caught in the midst of scandal only enhances that feeling. What some ensues (or perhaps already has) is a tendency for Americans to let their leaders develop their own behavior, and for them to follow suit. In other words, Americans are likely to resent, or even actively support, leaders who try to get away with it. The next step would not be even bother to vote. I saw a t-shirt the other day that happened to amuse it. It read: "America has lost its appetite for Americans don't vote." I couldn't express my feelings more succinctly.

The third, and final, consequence of Speaker Gingrich's actions is that they expose a fundamental problem in the political groundwork of Congress. That, of course, is Congress' ability to judge its own members. It's an allegation. To against the Speaker first went public, a partisan battle erupted within the House Ethics Committee itself, putting the committee's independence in question, odds with one of its chief members, Democrat James McDermott of Washington. It published its own charges in the first place.

But, we do believe the committee's chair for inquiring a partisan basis, which forges upon which investigation to take nearly two years. Whether one sides with the Democrats or the Republicans in this case, one thing becomes quite clear... nothing really ever got done. You can continue as House Speaker, and he received a fine. Big deal... Politicians go on as usual if Congress were to simply investigate any one of its own members, it needs to stop the bickering and see the accused not as a Republican or a Democrat, but as a person alleged of wrong-doing.

Newt Gingrich is the first Speaker of the House in a long time not regulated by the Ethics Committee. And what galls me is that he is allowed to continue in full capacity as one of the president's closest friends in the country. His tenure as Speaker only serves to increase voter apathy and perpetuate a nasty image of the Republican Party in the media. I think the fine is a great start, but I think Mr. Gingrich should be removed as Speaker as well. Republicans Nancy Johnson of Connecticut says it best when she states: "Every member of Congress, especially one in a position of leadership, shoulders the responsibility of avoiding even the appearance of impropriety." And by following my feelings for Mr. Gingrich, does anyone care to discuss the allegations against President Clinton??

We do strongly recommend the Report of Speaker Gingrich through the following URL: http:// www.house.gov/ democrats/report.htm

Doug Fleming is president of the College Republicans.
**STUDENT SPEAK**

What are you going to give the Smith Union for its birthday?

NAHIMA HORSEY-FAUNTLEROY '00
East Orange, NJ

"Don't we pay enough tuition? Why should we have to buy a gift?"

BOB OF EDDIE PALMIERI'S BAND
New York, NY

"I don't go here, so I ain't going to give nothing."

VINCENT VILLANO '00
Orange, CT

"I'll given enough? I just returned a scarf to the lost and found."

SUNSHINE FRANZENE '98
Lake Geneva, WI

"Ask me after I pay tuition."

JESSE CMARYO '00
Hampden, ME

"Good lovins."

JON YOUNG '99
Spencer, MA

"A big polar bear hug."

HAJMIL CARR '00
Aiea, HI

"I'll bless it with my divine presence and then steal a light bulb."

Compiled by Brian Billock and Alice Liddell

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**Sophomore housing**

To the Editors,

A meeting in New York on residential life revealed that one of the problems is that there is no room on campus for about 60 sophomores. At the same time, there are about 60 empty spaces in fraternity houses. Perhaps the presidents of those fraternities could offer those spaces to the College and help them out. There is precedence for this, since in the 50's, Bowdoin established the "Bowdoin Plan," wherein each fraternity took in a foreign student for a year, giving him room and board. It worked out well for all concerned. Such a move would give the Administration and the fraternities an opportunity to cooperate. It would provide revenue to the fraternities and perhaps give the College a closer relationship, (perhaps certain control over facilities), with the fraternities. The sophomores could befriend this as an option. It would provide those who opted for this a room right on campus and no such cases of little fraternity interaction as he or she desired.

Washington and Lee College had similar "Residential Challenges" with its fraternities. They solved them by purchasing the houses from the fraternities. The College then picked up the responsibility of maintaining the physical assets of the houses, thereby maintaining them properly and according to the College's standards. Perhaps such a program would work successfully for Bowdoin, while preserving the essential ingredients of the fraternity system.

D.F. Conrad

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**Student Executive Board voting goes on-line**

By Marc Zimmam
Vice Chair, Student Executive Board

Last semester the Student Executive Board developed and enacted new guidelines to regulate student government elections. One of the most significant changes is that elections will now be conducted over the computer network. Unlike previous elections, the elections will last for more than one day (the polls will be open for 5 days, 24 hours a day). Additionally, the voting program, designed by Computer Services, will automatically tally and report the voting totals.

In order to vote in the elections, please follow these instructions (it will probably be easier to read the instructions before actually voting):

1. Logon to ARCTOS (you cannot vote from POLAR, the voting program only works from ARCTOS). You can logon from any terminal on campus including those in your room or Smith Union. Basically, you can vote right before you check your e-mail.

2. At the ARCTOS> prompt type 'vote' to begin the voting program. The ARCTOS> prompt appears just before you type ELM or just before you logout.

Additionaly, you MUST type 'vote' in all lowercase.

3. Once the voting program is activated you will see the list of candidates and instructions about how many candidates you may vote for. Each candidate will have a number besides his/her name.

4. Type the numbers of the candidates you wish to vote for, separated by commas and press 'enter.' For example, if you wanted to vote for candidates 3, 5 and 9 you would type "3, 5, 9" and push 'enter.'

3. You will be asked to confirm your votes. If your votes are improper (e.g. you've voted for a candidate twice) the program will ask you to select again. If at any time you are unsure about your votes or wish to exit the program you can type 'q' instead and push 'enter.'

6. Once you have voted correctly you will see a notice informing you that the program has counted your votes and saved them. Once you have voted you will not be able to change your votes or vote again until the next election.

Should you have questions about voting policies or procedures please contact execbrd@arctos or Marc Zimmam at x5288.
Burroughs speaks on the future of Merrymeeting Bay

By CHRISTIAN O. NITSCHE
ASSISTANT A&E EDITOR

It was a perfect evening for an intimate lecture from a professor who has taught at Bowdoin for over twenty years and is familiar with the community through the annual arboretum picnics. Franklin Burroughs, who holds the Harrison King McCracken Professorship of the English Language, spoke on Wednesday, Jan. 22, on behalf of the Friends of Merrymeeting Bay, chaired by Ed Friedman, on the very pressing issue of the Bay’s terminal existence.

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In reference to the wildlife, he meticulously painted a picture of a majestic group of ducks which represented his vision of the beauty of Maine’s fauna and wildlife. “They are fragments of the Once’s. It seems that Burrough’s hunters’ rifles and their ammunition are poised in a sense of polluted ritual. ‘Hunting, as Burroughs essayed, has clearly become a taste for status, and the decay that line the habitat of a hunter’s home have symbolized a metamorphosis from ‘practical craftsmen to artisans’ without any clear intention. ‘For all [their] destruction... [their] decay are used in a fanatic pursuit.’ This ‘polluted ritual,’ that Burroughs noted, makes an allusion to the present state of Merrymeeting Bay. ‘Our interaction with our environment has been abrasive, abrupt and inconsiderate,’” Burroughs said.

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The social role of “Star Wars”

By JUSTIN D. HASLETT
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

In the 70’s, “Close Encounters of the Third Kind” put the idea that music is the universe’s ‘language’ into the head. While this might sound all well and good, particularly during a decade that was remarkable only for the fact that it followed the 60’s, it became quickly and somewhat violently apparent that music was hardly an adequate medium for expressing the true core of the core of the core. Thus, it was necessary for popular culture to deliver a more utilitarian tool to serve as a means for universal peace through understanding. To satisfy this sudden ravenous need for a unifying global force, a small, relatively unknown film released in 1977 to mild critical acclaim and moderate box-office numbers by a little-known writer/director with galaxy-spanning dreams named George Lucas. This film bore the rather unremarkable title, “Star Wars.”

Few movies can claim the massive successes that “Star Wars” has achieved. Two wildly successful sequels. Enough merchandise and assorted paraphernalia to fill even the most expansive storage facility. Immortalized and re-released of the films on video. A triumphant series of radio adaptations. Countless novels and comic books that exist within the cogitancy of the “Star Wars” universe. Endless streams of jokes and conversation threads weaving through-out the Internet. A solid intellectual companion of the “Star Wars” tale to the epic tales of the Greeks. The most aggressively low fan following of any pop-culture phenomenon.

The overwhelmingly anticipated release of six more films, three of which will preclude the three core films, and the other three of which will premiere after the next three. Interestingly, and perhaps most significantly, the release of this sixth film, “Star Wars: Episode VI—Return of the Jedi” seems to have more of the flavor of the effect that “Star Wars” has had on modern culture.

The quest for grease in Maine leads to Miss Brunswick diner

By ADAM BLACKMAN
STAFF WRITER

One of my favorite activities before college was cultivating grandiose expectations of the four year Mr. Todd’s Wild Ride to come. At the very least I expected parties, such as “Revenge of the Nerd,” wherein a gentleman named Greg orchestrated tarps, which, due to their alcohol content, were not accepted and polished to a big Bang. Though Bowdoin proves itself apt in the dining halls on Chinese food night, it falls short of the expected party scene. Some would say that banning alcohol consumption by people who are going to drink anyway is, shall we say, fruitsless.

“This is not to imply that I disagree with the administration’s absurd alcohol policy. In fact, I promised myself not to mention the issue as an example of a pet-itch like reaction to an issue in need of above-ground attention. Instead, I have decided to relate the reality of our particular situation: silly Bowdoin student parties are for state schools.

Shocked by the turths of the implicit polar bear of reality, I turned my focus from bos- terious parties to social relations of a somewhat more intimate nature. Just like in high school, however, have revealed that long hours are only one of many qualifications for a successful hang- out. Thus, with revised expectations, I have returned for semester number four. Hungering for more something more spiritually fulfilling than parties and even more than the Maine winter, I returned to the streets of Brunswick. January 19, 1997. 7 A.M. Maine Street. So close, yet so far. School is just up the street, but I can’t seem to make it. The radio said that skin freezes after ten minutes of expo- sure, but my radio broke fifteen minutes ago and I can feel my brain freezing. Then I spot it, an oasis of warmth. The waiter welcomes me with open arms, sympathizing with my taste for Bloom County cartoons along with an omnidette and orange juice. The clientele varies, from professors to Brunswick High students. Apparently, I have stumbled upon a sort of melting pot. Local social and political strata, unified in early morning reverie...my God, it even offers a smoking section. A dying liberty, revered This place, this Broad- way Delicatessen, seems ideal. This place symbolizes America...wait a minute. What’s this? The menu. Oh... It’s only open from? A.M. until 2 P.M.

“I’m hungry for some soul food,” I said. “Take me to Miss B’s!”

“Me and Me B’s!” At an unrepeatable response from him and an all-you-can-eat smorgasbord from the ever generous yours truly, my four-wheeled friend conceded and off we went to meet the myth.

I was afraid, of course, as one tends to be of disappointment. I had heard rumors, that its hours were unreliable, like those of the oh- so-eloquent Bohemian Coffee House. However, like the folly of blaming innimate alco- hol instead of the individual’s ability to de-
This holiday movie season was one of the worst in recent memory. Since we haven't been together lately to review a movie due to winter break, I thought it a good idea to watch the films that finally reach the cultural and artistic Mecca that is coastal Maine. Here are our reviews, in order from best to worst:

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  - **Club Comedy Connection**
  - Comedy Show
  - 6 Custom House Wharf, Portland
  - For Info: 774-5554
  - **Club Raoul's**
  - Debbie Davies (blues)
  - 865 Forest Ave., Portland
  - For Info: 773-6886
  - **Concert** (7:30 p.m.)
  - Steve Grover Quartet with internationally-known clarinet player Brad Terry
  - Greely Jr. High Auditorium
  - For Info: 829-6146
  - **Stage** (7:30 p.m.)
  - "The Diary of Anne Frank"
  - Westbrook High School
  - For Info: 854-0810
  - **Stage** (8 p.m.)
  - "Shirley Valentine"
  - Public Theater
  - Lisbon St., Lewiston
  - For Info: 1-800-639-9975

#### SAT
- **Jan. 25**
  - **Club Free Street Tavern**
  - String Builder (country rock)
  - 128 St., Portland
  - For Info: 774-1114
  - **Club Comedy Connection**
  - Comedy Showcase
  - 6 Custom House Wharf, Portland
  - For Info: 774-5554
  - **Club Old Port Tavern**
  - Laser Kareoke
  - 11 Moulton St., Portland
  - For Info: 774-0444
  - **Concert** (4 p.m.)
  - Shubert’s 200th Birthday
  - Portland Symphony Orchestra
  - Portland High School Auditorium
  - For Info: 773-8191
  - **Stage** (8 p.m.)
  - "Buried Child"
  - Sam Shepard’s Pulitzer Prize-winning drama
  - Oak Street Theater
  - For Info: 775-5103
  - **Stage** (8 p.m.)
  - "Durang Durang"
  - Dark Water Theater Company
  - Danforth St., Portland
  - For Info: 892-3728

#### SUN
- **Jan. 26**
  - **Club Comedy Connection**
  - Comedy High Showcase
  - 6 Custom House Wharf, Portland
  - For Info: 774-5554
  - **Club Old Port Tavern**
  - Kenzo Bakers (blue)
  - 396 Forest St., Portland
  - For Info: 772-2739
  - **Concert** (1 p.m.)
  - Shubert’s 200th Birthday
  - Portland Symphony Orchestra
  - Portland High School
  - For Info: 773-8191
  - **Concert** (3 p.m.)
  - The New Camera Singers
  - St. Dominic’s Church
  - 42 Gray St., Portland
  - For Info: 934-7666

#### MON
- **Jan. 27**
  - **Exhibition**
  - Coffee By Design
  - Woody Davis
  - Congress St., Portland
  - For Info: 772-5533
  - **Club Old Port Tavern**
  - Open Mic with Go Button
  - 128 St., Portland
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  - Allison Hildreth
  - Portland
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  - The Public Theater
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Young men's hockey team searching for consistency

DEBORAH SATTER STAFF WRITER

Halfway through the 1996-1997 season, the Bowdoin men's ice hockey team has failed to find the consistency that led them to such tremendous success in the past years. This fact is reflected in their 6-5 record as well as their current ranking of seventh in the ECAC East.

The Polar Bears' troubles don't seem to be due to a lack of talent or ability, for they have beaten fifth-ranked Hamilton, but in maintaining the high level of performance that is required to be a top-ranked team. Only once this year has the Polar Bears put together a streak of two or more victories, and, as a result, their record has suffered.

Last Saturday the Bears stepped onto the ice at Dayton Arena against New England College to come away with a victory after a disappointing 5-4 loss the night before. St. Anselm's. Bowdoin quickly jumped out to a 4-0 lead with goals by John Fin and Jared Carosi '97, Jason Chester 99 and Josh Busconi. Cavanaugh later added another goal for the Bears, who led 7-1 at one point before coming away with an 8-3 win. The team was led by Chris Carroll '99, who ended the night with a goal and four assists. Also scoring goals for Bowdoin were John Pheifer '00, Mike Tomaszewski '99 and Rich Parrott '99.

The previous night proved to be much more frustrating for the Polar Bears, who were out-worked and out-played in a disappointing 7-4 loss. They played an excellent game when they staged a remarkable comeback, that fell just short in the end.

Bowdoin scored three goals, two with the Ryan Backley '90 fires a shot on goal in one of the Bears' contests over Christmas

Shelby Magley '99 notched his first career goal pulled, to cut the lead to 4-6. With 14 seconds left, the Bears appeared to score the game-tying goal, but it was disallowed because the net was off its mountings and the stop called.

Carosi started things off for the Polar Bears when he scored the first goal of the game near the end of the first period. St. Anselm's then scored five unanswered goals. The Polar Bears strong push in the closing minutes started with a goal by Kevin Zilack '97. Bowdoin goaltender Stuart Logan '97 was then pulled from the game for an extra skater in hopes of sparking an offensive burst. The strategy worked, as Cavanaugh and Farri both netted goals for the Polar Bears before time expired.

Tonight, the Polar Bears travel to the University of Southern Maine for a 7:00 p.m. game and then go on to Salem State for a 3:00 p.m. game on Sat. afternoon. Then, on Tues., Jan. 28, Bowdoin will take on arch rival Colby in Waterville in hopes of averging their loss to the White Mules at Dayton Arena on Dec. 4.

Women's track undefeated

RYAN C. JOHNSON STAFF WRITER

Bowdoin women's indoor track is off to a strong start, with a 5-1 record after sweeping five of five rival teams at the New England Challenge Cup last Saturday at Bowdoin. The Bears edged Bates 171-164 for the meet title and manhandled the rest of the schools which included UConn, Worcester, UMass and Mt. Holyoke.

Most of the track team has been back since Jan. 12 running grueling intervals and getting back into the routine for jumps and throws. Everybody looked strong and coach Peter Slovenski was impressed. He says the women hope to defend their state title against solid teams from Bates and Colby, and possibly match their fourth place finish in New England Division III.

"We lost a lot of top athletes to graduation and we've lost some more to injuries. But the first-year class has been very enthusiastic and they're working hard to fill the gaps in our lineup," Slovenski said.

Bowdoin comes into the season with fully jacked athletes in all areas. For the sprinters, sophomore co-captain Larisa Pennington won the 100 meter (11.6) last week and co-captain Danielle Mokaba '98 brought in two excellent second place finishes for the Bears in the 55 meter (7.26) and 200 meter (27.20). First-years Laura Burke and Amy Trumbull also ran well in the sprints and the Bowdoin women look to have extremely strong 4x400 and 4x200 relays as well.

In the distance events, sprints support Kenny Shen '98, Caitlin O'Connor '99 and Jen Roberts '99 won some big points last Saturday for the Bears. Shen finished third in the 800 meter in a very respectable time of 2:28, and Roberts notched second place in the 3000 meter with a time of 11:17. But the distance superstar last week was definitely O'Connor, who ran an excellent 1500 (good for second place) in 5:01 and then came from behind in the 1000 to sneak out a victory in 3:14. She also anchored the second place 4x800 team.

The Bears also displayed some good depth with senior Jen Conner, who finished fifth in the 800 meter, Jan Fradenburgh '00, who placed fourth in the 1500 meter, and Danielle Raymond '97 and co-captain Laurie McDonough '98, who finished fifth and sixth in the 3000 meter, respectively.

But the story does not end here, for, as any track athlete knows, the field is just as important. The Bears definitely had a field day at the meet, as they placed four athletes in the high jump, led by first place finisher Julie Smith '99, who won with a height of 5'9". First-year Farrah Douglas captured fourth in the shot (38'6") and junior Jain Lattes and Kate Johnson were third and fifth respectively in the triple jump. Connor led a contingent of four Bear hurdlers by finishing in fifth place, and also placed fourth in the long jump with a leap of 14'3.5". She is currently the leading scorer after the first meet.

The Bowdoin women's indoor track team definitely has the depth and the stars to do some serious damage in New England and maybe even elsewhere. This weekend, they travel to Norwich to compete against WPI and Middlebury. Go Bears!!

New faces help women's hoop team roll on

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New faces help women's hoop team roll on

Ski team invades New Hampshire

PALMER EMMITT STAFF WRITER

After a long and grueling pre-season, the ski team met its first challenge of the season at the University of New Hampshire Carnival. The UNH races, following the typical carnival format, brought together 15 colleges for fields of 9-10 Division I skiers in men's and women's alpine and nordic events. The final team standings include the results from all four of these groups.

The alpine events opened the carnival on Jan. 10 at Attitash in Conway, N.H. Friday's giant slalom turned out to be disappointing for the Polar Bears as the lone bright spot was first-year sensation Amanda Newtron, who placed 24th in the women's race. Captain Palmer Emmitt '98 led the men in 45th, followed closely by Ryan Hurley '99 in 46th. Saturday turned out to be a much better day for the Bears, as first race jitters subsided and the team stepped forward in its stronger event, the slalom. Captain Cynthia Lodding '96 scored points toward nationals with a strong 18th place finish. Newton followed in 55th, and fellow first-year Jayme Okma finished 47th to round out a solid team finish.

On the men's side it was again Emmitt leading the way with a career best 24th. Ted Wells '98 and Jeff Nealon '99 followed in 32nd and 33rd respectively to place the Bears ahead of such perennial Division I powers as Middlebury and New England College. Despite its success, the alpine team left Attitash only partially satisfied, and hungry for better results in upcoming carnivals.

The nordic team had to wait another week for their first competition of the season. They traveled to Jackson, N.H. for a freestyle race on Jan. 17, and a team relay on Jan. 18. In the women's 5K freestyle, captain Nicole Robillard '97 showed that she was in mid-season form by finishing 11th among the college racers in the open field. Andrea Vogl '97 and Erica Riley '99 finished well in 36th and 44th respectively. Captain Nate Alosbrock '97 led the men in 35th, whileDoug Bruce '97 and David Thomas '00 followed in 40th and 43rd as the men edged Colby by one point in the team standings.

Saturday's mixed 4x5K relay saw Bowdoin's top team of Bruce, Robillard, Alosbrock, and Vogl finish 15th out of 21 teams in a time of 1:54.46, just 42 seconds behind Colby. The nordic team promises better results in the future, as they are training to peak in the Eastern Championships at Middlebury in late February.

When all the results were tabulated, the Bears ended up tied for 3rd place in the NESCAC, a bold showing in a tough Division I field, but with plenty of room for improvement. Both the alpine and nordic squads travel to Lake Placid, N.Y. this weekend to tackle the 1980 Olympic courses at the St. Lawrence University Carnival.
Comments from the Peanut Gallery: Super Bowl Sunday
by Ted Maloney

News flash: There are TWO teams playing in this year's Super Bowl. Due to the media's gross one-sidedness, it's perfectly understandable if you were unaware that the mighty Green Bay Packers, with destiny and the ghost of one of the greatest coaches in football history on their side, even had an opponent. They are, however, facing the pride of New England, the New England Patriots. Asia Super Bowl tradition, everyone is lining up to make predictions for this year's big game. Because most of those predictions involve the Packers walking all over the P- men in every aspect of the game, I feel it's time to introduce my equally one-sided predictions of the game. Here goes.

First of all, the much heralded fans of Green Bay will turn around, and run back to their little "city" when they meet up with the men and women of New England. Patriot fans are no doubt enraged (something they are quite good at being) about the excessive media coverage that the Green Bay fans have received recently: So the fans own the team. So Chris Maley chose their shares of the Packers more than their own children. That is exactly why their beloved team found themselves mired in mediocrity for so many years. It's probably quite easy to be loser when you know your fans will love you anyway. New England fans, however, are the unrelenting proponents of the tough love theory. When the Patriots were 1-15, and 2-14, they jeered them ferociously. They were terrible, a disgrace to our region's proud sporting tradition, and we wanted them to understand that we were serious as the great Wade Boggs going to the Yankees. It's not uncommon for a disillusioned fan wearing an opponent's jersey to disrupt a sporting event to be escorted from the arena by reluctant police officers for the sake of that fan's own sanity. So I hope that the Packer fans think twice before donning their cute little cheese hats and paradigging around the Super Dome talking about destiny.

My second prediction is that Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren will be so afraid of even standing across the field from such coaching geniuses as possessed by Patriot coach Bill Parcells that he will be unable even to walk on the uneven Astroturf of the Super Dome. And really, who can blame him? First of all, if the Tuna needed a video game system to figure out which plays to run, he would not use the flashy new Sony PlayStation that Holmgren and his assistants use. Parcells, being the coaching geniuses that he is, would recognize that the old eight-bit Tecmo Bowl stands head and shoulders above these new-fangled inventions that the kids are running around with these days. Parcells reflects his preference in video games in his coaching style. While Holmgren uses the fancy-dancy "West Coast Offense," Pat points out that football is a basic game that should employ basic strategies. If he wants to grit his teeth through all the calls, he hands the ball to Curtis Martin, and tells him to run to daylight. If he wastes a big play, he tells Terry Glenn to run straight down the sideline, and Drew Bledsoe to throw the ball as far as he can.

Parcells also understands that a team with four downs to make a first down, not three as many coaches around the league seem to think is the case. This brings me to prediction three. Some how, maybe, with that guy named Reggie White who everyone seems to think is so good, the Patriots will find themselves in fourth down situations seven times in the game. Parcells will set the tone on the first such occasion by going for it on fourth and 27 from the Patriots three yard-line, an unfortunate situation that will arise when Packer fans are thrown onto the field by enraged New Englanders, thus making it more difficult for Bledsoe to advance the ball downfield. The Pats will convert on this fourth down opportunity, and all six remaining ones, to set a Super Bowl record for least punts with zero. As a result of this incredible offensive performance, and Brett Favre being too embarrassed to play because he accidentally shaved his precious goatee, the final score will be Patriots: 326 (Parcells' weight), Packers: 0. . . . You gotta believe.

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points, as the Bears went on to win 93-55. In that game, another of Bowdoin's unsung heroes, Steve Kashiropoulos '97, finished second on the team with 15 points and six rebounds. The X-Man has been a monster on the boards all season, and he always seems to pick up his scoring when the team needs it most.

While the entire team has played well all season, the Bears' success hinges on the play of Rowley and Whipple. Thomeo's surprise, these two have been magistrate in their final year at Bowdoin. Against Skidmore, Whipple grabbed 10 boards and scored 23 points while shooting nine of 15 from the field. The very next day, he almost single-handedly obliterated Union with 30 points and rebounds and 12 of 17 shooting. Rowley dumped in 23 against Colby-Sawyer, and later hit for 25 points against Maine Maritime, tying along with five steals. While these two each had their share of big games this season, both have recently been hit with injuries. Whipple suffered a sprained ankle earlier in the month, but he no longer seems to be bothering him, as he is playing his best basketball of the year. Rowley's injury could be more of a problem, as he suffers from tendinitis in both knees. Although this has slowed him down slightly, he is still one of the quickest, most tenacious guards in the league, and he continues to rack up the steals and the points, despite the constant pain through his jump.

At the halfway point in their season, the men's basketball team is in pace to record its first winning season since the 1989-90 season. The incredible play of Studi, Maletta, Smith, House, Lovely, and Xanthopoulos has helped the seniors that have been placed on the shoulders of Whipple and Rowley. However, if this year's team is to return to the NCAA Tournament, it will need support from the role players, its fans, and, most importantly, its All-American seniors.

Tonight, the Bears travel to Amherst to battle the Lord Jeffs at 7 p.m. Their next home game will be Feb 7 against Wesleyan.

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Bears learn the hard way

KATIE LYNN
STAFF WRITER

While many Bowdoin students were at home enjoying the final weeks of winter break, the women's ice hockey team was back at school. Although there were no classes, the past of couple weeks certainly proved to be a learning experience for the Bears.

Four of Bowdoin's last five games have been against Division I opponents. The experience the team has gained from playing in these games should help them to keep their position as the number one team in the eastern division of the ECAC Alliance, and eventually take on Middlebury, the western division leader.

The first two games of 1997 were against Yale and Boston College, both Division I teams. The Polar Bears gave up a 2-0 decision to Boston College on Jan. 8. Sue Bernard '99 had an incredible game in net for Bowdoin, turning away 48 shots. Unfortunately, the Eagles scored both of their goals on the power play to seal the victory.

Against Yale on Jan. 14, Bowdoin jumped ahead in the first period with goals by Kacey White '98 and Laura Enos '99. Yale then did a little scoring of their own, tallying three unanswered goals to steal the win from the Bears by a score of 3-2.

Bowdoin then faced Wesleyan, a team much closer to their own abilities, on Jan. 15. They used what they had learned from playing stronger opponents to record a 3-2 win. The Polar Bears found themselves down two goals after the first 15 minutes of the game, but they quickly rallied for two goals and then notched a third to ensure the victory. Emily Hinnan '99 scored two of the goals and goaltender Bernard contributed 17 saves in the winning effort.

Bowdoin took on Division I powers Colby and Brown on Jan. 18 and Jan. 22, respectively. Colby has a record of 5-6, while Brown currently holds a record of 10-4 and is the Division I league leader. The Polar Bears fell to the White Mules 11-3 and then lost to the Bears 10-0. According to Coach Michele Amidon, who recently returned from playing in China with the US national team, the games were for experience. "For the talent we went up against, we learned a lot," she said.

According to Amidon, the depth of the team is shown by the fact that there is not a single scoring leader that stands out from the rest of the squad. White and Amy Steel '99 each have eight points and Jane MacLeod '98 has seven. "I see strength in not just one or two, but in all 20 players," she said.

Those 20 players have learned a lot from their experience over the break. Their test comes this weekend. The Polar Bears will travel to New York where they will battle Rensselaer on Jan. 25 and then the Rochester Institute of Technology the very next day. The teams are both in the western division of the ECAC Alliance. RIT's current ECAC record of 5-1 matches Bowdon's. The Bears return home on Feb. 2, when they will host Wesleyan at Dayton Arena at 1 PM.

"I see strength in not just one or two, but in all 20 players."

— Michele Amidon
Women's ice hockey coach

Squash coach Dan Hammond once again has both the women's and the men's teams ranked among the best in the nation. The women's squad has been led by Senior Co-captains Tara Dugan and Elan Chan. On the men's side, Jared Paquette '98, Tariq Mohammed '99 and Jason Moyer '97 have been competing in the number one, two and three positions, respectively, all season.

Congratulations to men's basketball coach Tim Gilbride and his family, as Tim's brother Kevin was recently hired as the head coach of the San Diego Chargers of the National Football League. Kevin Gilbride spent last season as the offensive coordinator for the highly successful Jacksonville Jaguars, who in their second season advanced to the AFC Championship game against the New England Patriots and fell only one win short of a trip to this week's Super Bowl.
Men's basketball answers the call

At 10-2, the men's basketball team is on pace to break the school's all-time record for wins in a season and once again appear in the NCAA Tournament.

CHRIS BUCK
SPORTS EDITOR

When the men's basketball team began its season against the University of New England back on Nov. 26, it was faced with a difficult task. After posting 10 wins a year ago and advancing to the second round of the NCAA Division III Tournament, the 1996-97 squad was expected to be even better.

With this immense pressure placed on his shoulders, head coach Tim Gilbride looked to his senior captains, shooting guard Chad Rowley and power forward Chris Whipple, to keep his team focused. Since that time, the Polar Bears have been nothing short of spectacular, winning 10 of their first 12 games, including their last five straight. During their current streak, the Bears are averaging 85.0 points per game, while their opposition is scoring only 61.4. Rowley and Whipple have led the way, as expected, they have been helped greatly by the emergence of several other outstanding players, most notably Eddie Siudut '97.

Bewdoin's last season as a transfer student and was looked upon to fill the shoes of Bowdoin legend Nick Browning '95. Faced with this near-impossible task, Big Ed's accomplishments were overshadowed by those of his predecessor.

This year, however, Siudut is making a name for himself as a force on both ends of the floor. With a sweet mid-range jumper that perfectly compliments his powerful inside game, Siudut has had some monster games since the team's early return from Christmas break.

In the Bears' 76-71 loss to Plymouth State, Ed hit eight of 10 from the floor on his way to a 17-point, 10 rebound night. After grabbing nine more boards in the team's next contest, Siudut exploded for 19 points and eight rebounds on nine of 13 shooting to lead Bowdoin over Colby-Sawyer 75-71. Three nights later, Skidmore came to town, outing four players at 6'4' for taller. Siudut responded with perhaps his best performance as a Polar Bear, going 12 of 16 from the field, including one three, for 27 points. In addition to this scoring outburst, he also ripped down 10 boards and blocked three shots.

Siudut is not the only player that has elevated his game in the last few weeks. The Bears' point guard duo of Justin Maitetta '97 and Wil Smith '00 have been equally influential in the team's success. While these two are not the Bears' main scoring threats, they have been absolutely masterful at picking their spots. Maitetta has developed into a deadly three-point threat, as Thomas College found out when he drilled three of three from behind the line in an 11-point performance. Smith, on the other hand, has made a huge impact off the bench, a fact that is best exemplified by his part in Bowdoin's 88-63 win over a scrappy Union team.

After seeing his team get off to a slow start, Siudut stepped up. His play helped the Bears pull away from Union in what eventually became a blowout. Last season, guard Nathan House '99 and forward David Lovely '99 saw very little playing time as first years. This season, however, both are having outstanding seasons, proving that they could each be the next big scorers for the Polar Bears. The versatile Lovely has stepped in to start at the small forward position, and has had several outstanding games. His performance on five of nine shooting in the team's 85-65 victory over Maine Maritime.

House made his mark against Thomas, as he stepped in for an injured Rowley and led all scorers with 17 points, including five three-

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Women's Basketball

Despite having only three returning players left on their roster, the women's basketball team is off to another fast start.

DAVID FISH
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The women's basketball team has achieved great success thus far this season, despite losing several key players from last year. The Polar Bears 9-4 record speaks for itself, but what makes this mark even more impressive is the cast of players that the team has utilized to accomplish it.

Bowdoin began the season with only five returning players from last year's squad. This meant that the Bears would have to look to their first year class for significant contributions. In fact, three first years, Samantha Good, Reagan LaRochelle and Ali Marshall have each made it into the starting lineup. This move has been out of necessity, as the Bears lost two of its stars over winter break to study-away. Junior Jasmine Oehlafi, a proven outside shooter and the team's second-leading scorer last season left the team after the sixth game of this season. Junior Andrea Little, who played a more integral role on the team this year, was averaging over 11 points, four rebounds and three assists per contest before she left after 12 games. With the loss of these two proven performers, it would not have been surprising if the Bears had started to struggle. However, the young players have responded admirably, garnering the respect of their teammates with play that greatly resembles the maturity of the seasoned veterans they have replaced.

Not to be lost in the major transformation of the team is the consistent play of Bowdoin's front-court veterans, Senior Captain Tracy Mulholland, and Sophomore Christina Hobson. A quick look at the roster tells you that there are currently only three veterans on the 11 member team. Mulholland is the lone senior on the team, and has been vital in leading the young squad to the good start. Mulholland has had nothing but good things to say about the first years. "They've had to step up quickly and they've given us twice as much as anyone expected. They are an overwhelmingly talented group of individuals." Mulholland herself has done the job on the court, leading the team in rebounding with almost nine per game, while putting up 7.6 points per game.

With the absence of Oehlafi and the graduation of the team's all-time leading scorer Laura Schultz '96, Hobson has stepped up and provided some much needed scoring.

Doing most of her work close to the basket, the sophomore forward is leading the team in scoring with 17.2 points per game and is also grabbing close to seven boards a game.

Guard Reagan LaRochelle is one of several first years to play a significant role on this year's team. (Shelly Magier/Bowdoin Orient)

When asked about the team's current five game winning streak Hobson commended, "It's team play, no one is selfish out there. We have pace. It's great." Without a doubt, the team is coming together. The latest bit of evidence came on Wednesday night in a 55-48 victory over a strong 8-2 Colby-Sawyer club. Hobson led the way with 15 points and an impressive 17 rebounds, while Mulholland also recorded a double-double with 15 points and 10 boards.

LaRochelle put in 10 points and grabbed seven rebounds, and T.J. Melhvin '00 was solid off the bench with five points and five rebounds. Stacey Baron '99 also played a key role by hitting an important jumper that cut the Colby-Sawyer lead five to two going into halftime. In the second half, Bowdoin turned up the defensive pressure, as they held the Chargers to 27.5 percent shooting from the field, allowing the Bears to pull away on their way to a seven-point victory.

While the rest of the school was on break, the Bears returned to Bowdoin on Jan. 1 for some practice and a six game schedule. Bowdoin dropped the first two at the Springfield Invitational Tournament against William Smith and Kings, where Hobson's performance earned her a place on the all-tournament team. The next two wins against Plymouth State and Babson were dominated by Little. In Bowdoin's 76-66 overtime loss to the Pioneers, Little recorded only the second triple-double in Bowdoin women's basketball history with 10 rebounds and 10 steals. The Hercules lift was followed by an equally impressive 21 point, eight rebound, eight assist effort a week later in the team's 17 point win over Babson.

This past weekend's games against Skidmore and Union were characterized by...
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Drop rates unchanged from 1996

About one third of the first-year class decided to join fraternities Saturday.

LINDSAY DEWAR
NEWS EDITOR

The results are in: roughly 158 students, approximately 37 percent of the class of 2000, dropped Saturday night, a slight rise from last year’s 146. Although the statistics are similar to those in previous years, many fraternities noticed a new trend for Rush Week ’97. Members remarked that more first-years participated in Rush than in previous years, with a large percentage visiting more than one house last week.

Although all fraternities report that Rush Week was busy and it appears that a slightly higher number of people participated than in previous years, this high turn-out does not necessarily indicate that a greater overall percentage of the class of 2000 took part in Rush events. Rather, it suggests that first-years saw Rush Week ’97 as an opportunity to visit many different houses. Jess Harkins ’99, secretary at Theta Delta Chi, was surprised at the "variety" of first-years who took part in TD’s Rush Week events, including the ever-popular potato wrestling. "We didn’t see the same faces every night," she said.

The popularity of events at Kappa Delta Theta seem indicative of each fraternity’s Rush period this year. "We were really busy," says Celine Desgranges ’99, "I think first-years were more interested in frats this year."

Because fraternities were unable to hold many campus-wide events this fall, many first-years felt they had less opportunity to visit them during the fall. President of Theta Ryan Botte ’98 believes that the popularity of Rush events can be attributed to curiosity. "I think that many first-years were mystified about [fraternities] because of negative press from the Administration. Theta’s pledge class of 32 is this year’s largest and 33 percent larger than last year’s.

Two years ago the Orient reported 1995 to be an "average year for pledge classes." The overall trend for the percentage of students pledging, however, was down. Last year, the prior number of pledges was 157. Although this number is the same as last year and nearly identical to this year’s statistic, the total number of students who dropped, the College has been gradually expanding class size since the class of ’98. The overall percentage, therefore, of students dropping is slightly lower than in years past.

Alpha Kappa Sigma, Alpha Delta Phi and Theta all have larger pledge classes as compared to last year. Fraternity members vehemently deny that they purposefully gave out more bids to prospective pledges to insure the future of fraternities on the Bowdoin campus. "I can’t imagine a conscious effort to give out more bids on the slap of the forehead," said Wendy ’97, a member of TD. "The number of bids is determined by the number of freshmen that choose to pledge and we have to think they can give to the fraternity."

Members of Chi Delta Phi and Kappa Sig believe that their inability to host events last semester both contributed to and hindered first-years’ interest in their respective fraternities. Because both houses were closed last spring, members of the class of 2000 had never had the opportunity to visit these buildings until Wednesday of Rush Week. Chi Delta conducted rush events in Massachusett’s Hall and Boody Street, while Kappa Sig members met with prospective pledges in Daggott Lounge and Cram Alumni House. Chi Delta member Melanie McCoy ’98 remarks that without a house, it’s "harder to have people over...sometimes people didn’t even know who was in the house." Chi Delta’s pledge class of 22 is slightly less than last year’s size of 27.

Mike Schmahl ’97 said that Kappa Sig was "not sure what to expect" from Rush Week this year. According to Kappa Sig Vice President Jason Rookie ’97, "The Rush period was a self-sustaining, self-propelling vector of sorts as members were rewarded that we don’t need a house to have a home." Roughly 45 students attended Kappa Sig events which included a jai-alai/playing contest on Mexican night as well as a Greek Olympics in which top-garbed participants competed for medals. Kappa Sig’s pledge class of 21 men and five women.

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Campus assault raises security issues

JEFF CLAYMAN
STAFF WRITER

A recent Security Alert that was posted around the campus has highlighted several concerns about campus security.

The incident described in the Security Alert involves a female student, whose name is unavailable at this time, who was grabbed by the arm by an unknown man. The student was walking to her car, which was parked on Coles Tower Drive very near to the entrance of the building, early in the morning of Jan. 24 when she was assaulted.

Upon being grabbed by her left arm, the student kicked the assailant in the shin, temporarily disabling him, and then ran to her car. When she returned to her residence, she placed a phone call to Security.

The victim, an upperclassman, conveyed to Security during their preliminary investigation that she did not believe that the man was a student. Bowdoin Security concurs with the victim’s assumption. Though the student did not see or hear the assailant approaching her, she was able to give a description of the man. The Security Alert describes him as being Caucasian, between the ages of 17 and 20 years old, 6’1", 175 pounds, with short, dark hair.

According to Leaunna Dustin, administrative and program coordinator of Bowdoin Security, a joint investigation with the Brunswick Police Department has produced "a couple of leads." Dustin feels that as a result of the cooperative effort between the two organizations, there is a possibility of catching the assailant. By working with the Brunswick authorities, Dustin suggested that when they do come up with a suspect there will be pictures for the victim to use to attempt to identify her attacker.

This recent incident has raised a number of concerns and questions about safety on Bowdoin’s campus. A recent area of concern has been the way that the lights are functioning on the campus.

In a coordinated effort with the Office of Student Affairs, a lighting walk was held earlier this winter where participants were asked to help identify areas of poor lighting.

"There are so many areas where lighting doesn’t seem to be adequate. A lot has to be improved and this will probably be a large project," said Dustin.

Nevertheless, no new lighting has been installed. According to Billy Gardiner, Director of Facilities Management, the Administration of Facilities Management was under the impression that the level of lighting was already adequate. "Judging from the comments that we have received, we feel that most students feel that it [lighting] is adequate," said Gardiner.

Gardiner did, however, remark that if Security does feel that certain areas need better lighting, Facilities Management will comply and that he will speak with Dustin about her concerns.

Gardiner mentioned other changes that have been made to improve safety on the campus. As a result of comments from the lighting walk, Facilities Management has recently changed the color of the security lights from red to blue making them more visible. A security phone is also being installed on Park Row somewhere between the library and Brunswick Apartments to benefit students who live in that direction. Currently the Office of Student Affairs and some student representatives are working with a consultant on developing a card system for entry into residences.

From the security aspect, Dustin imparts that "knowledge is the best defense." She also mentioned that security regularly hands out criminal trespass warnings to people who "draw attention to themselves in a negative way."

Bowdoin, despite efforts to step up campus safety does not have a self-defense program. "We have a couple of RAD instructors on campus, but nothing like a self-defense program is scheduled," remarked Dustin. "This woman did exactly the right thing; I know she was scared.

Security would like to encourage people to utilize the shuttle, which was not running at the time of the attack, and to call someone if they so desire. Security would also like to encourage any student who might have information about the recent incident to inform them."
BOWDOIN landscape undergoing a long-term transformation

KIM SCHNEDER STAFF WRITER

When a student talks about "the quad," everyone knows what he or she means. But in the future, it may be necessary to distinguish what quad—the historic, Coe, science, or South quad.

The creation and naming of these additional quadrangles is an important part of the landscape Master Plan currently underway at Bowdoin. The Plan was formally presented Thursday, July 23, by Carol R. Johnson Associates, a Cambridge, Massachusetts landscape architecture firm.

Coe Quad is the newest addition to the campus. The 1996, 5th edition of Bowdoin magazine, the comprehensive landscape plan addressed several different issues on Bowdoin's campus. Carol Johnson's firm identified unique features of the campus, including the "quad-like areas ... and gateways," and the Bowdoin Plan, and has made specific proposals for improvement.

The plan "neither re-invents the campus nor turns it back to the eighteenth century," said Johnson, but focuses exclusively on the pedestrian nature of the campus.

The creation of four smaller quadrangles is an important part of the plan. The Coe Quadrangle is the name given to the group bounded by the Duck, the Cup, the Field, the newly renovated Moulton Union, the entrance of which was designed by Johnson), Moore Hall, Smith Union, the Cushing Mall, and the present South Campus Drive.

This summer Bowdoin's Quadrangle will have paved paths added to it, leaving a "sunset" of a sunny central area. The proposed science quadrangle, bounded by the new Science facility, Hatch Science Library and the Marcellus Gymnasium, and South Quad

The plan calls for the transplanting of many of Bowdoin's trees on campus. The new maintenance computer program, "Treekeeper, Jr." will be implemented as part of the new maintenance budget from its current $10,000 to $25,000, said Director of Facilities Manager, William Hourigan.

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The funding for the projects will come from a variety of sources, including the annual operating budget, capital projects and gifts. Gardiner added that they were hoping for additional gifts, either from alumni or from a current class, to aid with certain projects such as the conversion of the lower entrance to the Moulton Union dining area from concrete to the originally planned granite.

Many students were unaware that a major landscape renovation project was underway at Bowdoin. "I haven't heard anything about it," said Becky Snyder '00.

"The idea of surrounding the campus with a fence seemed particularly distasteful to some," said. "I think it would make it seem like Bowdoin was more of a bubble than it already is," said Hilde Petersen '00.

The new plan could put stamps on the rise. (Molly Villamana/Bowdoin Orient)

"We wanted to create a porous relationship between Brunswick and Bowdoin," said Blythe Edwards, a member of the Bowdoin Landscape Planning Committee.

To this effect, Johnson has proposed surrounding the campus with a white wooden fence linking the six gateways. The Bowdoin magazine article also discusses the controversy behind the changes of parking regulations the landscape renovations will involve. The intention was to emphasize pedestrian and bicyclist and de-emphasize motorists by eliminating some campus parking and banning overnight park in.

"Right now," said Gardiner, "we are not planning to eliminate parking. At some point in the future parking will be redirected from the campus to "somewhat remote perimeter areas."

The impetus for the landscape plan comes partly from the recently completed renovations of old buildings and completion of new ones, said Gardiner.

"This is a time of transformation," he said, citing the renovation of Moulton Union, the new residence halls and the new science center. It made sense to "integrate the landscape into the campus."

In addition, Gardiner said, "President Edwards feels it is important to make sure we maintain the landscape. If it is something we should not delay on."

Shuttle service to extend to Portland

CHRISTOPHER P. HOURIGAN STAFF WRITER

For students who do not own a vehicle and feel trapped by the confines of the campus and its immediate surroundings, relief may soon be on the way as the College considers providing regular transportation to Portland, Cooks Corner and other areas outside of Brunswick.

Currently leading the project is Sharon Murphy, Acting Director of Student Activities and the David Saul Smith Fund. She explained that "we are working on a deal with Maineline tours that would allow us to have a bus to transport students to and from Portland, including the Old Port section and the Maine Mall, on a fairly steady basis. We would also like to offer this service to students interested in attending concerts and other events held in places such as Lewiston or Waterford."

Murphy added that the bus, which seats 48 people, would be available to students for a nominal fee of two or three dollars. "Ideally, we would like to work out a package deal for special events, such as concerts and athletic games, that would include transportation and admission tickets for one price."

In addition to the bus service to Portland, the College would also provide a shuttle to Cooks Corner and the surrounding area at no charge.

Murphy emphasized that the logistics of the proposal, introduced during a Student Activities retreat in August, have "not yet been entirely worked out." She plans to distribute a survey, via e-mail or campus mail, in the next few weeks to determine how frequently students would be likely to use the shuttle or bus and where they would like to go. The service could be available as soon as mid-February, depending upon "how quickly students respond to the survey."

Although the College has been able to provide transportation for individual groups, such as the Ousting Club, in need, this would be the first time that it would be available for all students, so we are excited about it," Murphy concluded.
The Society of Bowdoin Women celebrates 75 years

JEB PHILLIPS
STAFF WRITER

In February of 1922, 50 years before the beginning of coeducation at Bowdoin, the first organization for women connected to the College, The Society of Bowdoin Women, was born. On Wednesday in the Beez Classroom, Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Education Penny Martin gave a history of this often overlooked association which, 75 years after its inception, continues to provide important support for the women of the school.

Professor Martin, whose lecture was sponsored by the Women's Resource Center in conjunction with the celebration of 25 years of women at Bowdoin, called the primary function of the Society "kin work," a phrase suggesting that the members helped to establish a kind of family atmosphere on the campus in the early and middle parts of this century. Since the only requirement for acceptance into the society, in the words of one member, was that "you love a Bowdoin man," most of the participants were family: wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of Bowdoin alumni, staff and students.

According to Martin, there are two very different parts to the history of the organization. In the years before the start of coeducation here, the Administration of Bowdoin recognized the Society as a sort of frats group. While, not an official school assemblage, they performed a crucial task during commencement week. Many of the activities during that week excluded women, so the members of the Society tried to make women feel comfortable in the substantially male setting with an annual luncheon, among other events. "Kin work," then, applied to even the extended Bowdoin community.

When the College opened its doors to female students in 1971, the group's most important job seemingly became superfluous. The Society never considered disbending, however, said Martin. Instead they tried to reach out to the female population of Bowdoin by bringing promises of open doors to the campus and by giving financial gifts to the school in support of women's activities.

Professor German Helen Cafferty recalled that although she never became a member of the Society, she was comforted by its presence in the male dominated atmosphere of the early 1970s.

As the Society became more involved in the official life of the school and tried to expand upon its original intentions, Bowdoin's Administration became uneasy about the group. The Administration itself had grown substantially in the two previous decades (approximately 300 percent, said Martin), and exercised increasing control over all aspects of the school. Since the Society was an autonomous organization, the Administration could do little to regulate its activities.

Today, after some years of struggle, the Society is preparing to discuss the purposes and location of the organization, the two have reconciled. The Society, with a membership of 362, still supports the Bowdoin community in general and Bowdoin women in particular with money for scholarships and speakers of special interest to the female population. Martin acknowledged that after 75 years of existence, the Society of Bowdoin Women is talking of dissolving. Even with the talk of dissolution, the Society has made a contribution to the current capital campaign, which, Associate Director of Capital Support Kathy Billings says, "indicates a level of activity and cooperation."

A detailed history of the Society of Bowdoin Women by Penny Martin will appear in the June issue of "New England Quarterly."

The Student Executive Board has welcomed six new members from the week's election. Out of seven candidates, the winners are:

Stefan Petranek '99
Vinnie Pesce '99
Marshall Miler '00
David Lopes '00
Simi Jain '98
Sarah Grossman '98

446 students voted in the campus' first election over e-mail.

Bowdoin College Shuttle Schedule

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Periods 1 to 3 operate on a fixed route throughout the college campus. The route as follows:

Farley Field House to Coffin Street parking lot to South Campus Drive (Moulton Union and Smith Union) to M.A. Library to Coles Tower Drive to Farley Field House

If you are not near any of these locations and you need a ride from the Bowdoin Shuttle between periods 1 and 3 please call 725-3337 to arrange for a pick-up.

During period 4, the shuttle can be reached directly by dialing 798-3337. On weekends and during inclement weather please call five to ten minutes ahead to request a pick-up. The shuttle is usually in high demand during these periods and can experience up to a 15 minute delay.

After 2:30 a.m. please call 3334 and security can provide a ride when available.
Search begins again for activities director

BETH HUSTEDT
STAFF WRITER

Bowdoin is currently seeking the next Director of Student Activities and the Smith Union. Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Betsy Maier, involved in the search since the beginning, describes the Union as "a hub," noting that "lots of different parts of campus activities feed into it, so the person there has to be able to make sure it all stays coordinated."

Responsibilities of the position include advising the student organizations and allocating funds to these groups. The current budget is about $250,000.

The search for candidates began last spring, but was unsuccessful. The new search commenced this January and is expected to end by mid-April. The hiring committee consists of Maier, Assistant Director of Residential Life Thomas Talbot, Shannon Nantais '98, Ben Chenoweth '97, Dave Morales '97 and two faculty members who have not yet been determined.

With both a management and a student advising position, Maier stressed the need to find a candidate with experience in both fields.

65 resumes have been received and Maier has narrowed the field to roughly 25 candidates. The committee consisting in the search will choose eight to ten applicants for phone interviews.

From that pool, three or four candidates will visit the campus for a day and meet with members of the community.

Shannon Murphy is currently the Acting Director of Student Activities and Liz Holden has been serving as the Program Advisor for Student Activities. Maier noted that they have had "a very good year in a tough environment and they should be patted on the back." This year, a new leadership program of student organization was created and Student Activities also assisted students in finding on-campus internships. Overall, Maier is pleased with the applicant pool. "There are some people to be really excited about," she said.

Cara H. Drinan '96 of Edgartown, Mass., has been named a 1997 Marshall Scholar. Drinan, an economics major, graduated summa cum laude and was also a Truman Scholar. James Bowdoin Scholar and dean's list student and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa her senior year. The Marshall Scholarship, awarded to only 40 students each year, will allow Drinan to study economics in Britain in the summer of this year.

The Marshall Scholarship Program is funded by the British Government and administered in the United Kingdom by the Marshall Aid Commission to provide tuition, a monthly stipend, and money for books for two academic years at a British University.

Bowdoin-In-Brief

Brunswick Police have announced plans to stake out Main Street with hand-held radar guns in an effort to slow down and ticket speeders and jaywalkers.

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Computer Science Professor Allen B. Tucker, Jr. is the editor-in-chief of the 2,600-page "Computer Science and Engineering Handbook," perhaps the most comprehensive and up-to-date computer science and engineering text available today. The book, published this year by CRC Press was put together by more than 150 international experts who sent the contributions to Tucker for review.

A. Myrick Freeman, William D. Shipman Professor of Economics, has been named Director of the Environmental Studies Program for the spring semester. Dean for Academic Affairs Charles Beitz said the environmental studies faculty will be reviewing and reorganizing the Environmental Studies Program and will develop a new introductory course as well.

Freeman, who joined the Bowdoin faculty in 1965, is known for his work in applied welfare economics, cost-benefit analysis and environmental management applied to environmental and resource management issues.

Freeman succeeds Associate Professor of Geology Edward P. Laine who left the directorship of the program to begin a sabbatical during which he will participate in a portion of the Ocean Drilling Project, an effort that monitors changes in water masses in the westernmost North Atlantic Ocean.

Bowdoin College has been recognized by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) for its web site and athletics brochure. The web site, developed last spring by Scott Hood, associate vice president/director of public affairs, Karl Fattig, catalog librarian, Greg Colati, college archivist, Zak Burke '98, Simon Gershey '98 and Jonathan Steele '97, received a Gold Award in the Case District I publications contest. The athletics brochure, produced by Director of Publications Lucie G. Teegarden, received a silver award.

The deadline for submissions for The Forum, Bowdoin's new journal of international affairs, is Friday, Feb. 14th. An on-line version of The Forum will be connected to Bowdoin's home page this spring and a formal hard copy will be circulated next fall.

Students should submit a typewritten copy of their paper(s) without the name of the author (for anonymous and objective review) attached to a sheet disclosing the title of the paper, the class they were written for if applicable, the author's name, class, email address, campus address and phone number.

Papers should be sent via campus mail to The Forum, Bowdoin College Brunswick, ME 04011. All papers must be related to world events (all disciplines including sciences, languages, etc.) There is a three page limit per student.

Contact Justin Pearlman (s2424, jpearlam@acinct) or Dan Schiferl (s2464, disbiff@acinct) for more information.

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A shared community

Bowdoin is struggling to redefine itself. In the past few years, the College has increased enrollment and undertaken new construction projects as part of attempts to ensure financial stability and enhance the quality of a Bowdoin education. While these efforts are well-intentioned, they reveal a growing disparity between the vision of Bowdoin and the reality of a liberal arts college ill at ease with the future.

As a small school, Bowdoin attracts students looking for the sense of community bred by a familiarity among students, faculty and staff. By virtue of its size, Bowdoin and other colleges like it should be able to offer an atmosphere which is enriched by close relationships which result from shared experiences and common goals. However, despite our status as one of the smaller liberal-arts colleges, we are missing the substance of community. We lack the kind of shared intellectual dialogue, social connection and college-wide identity which should characterize a group of people with a shared interest in the quality of the educational and social environment. Instead, we form a community based of proximity alone, a group of individuals who happen to live, work, study and eat near each other. Our only link seems to be the pursuit of a collective self-interest.

Manifestations of our ill-defined identity characterize our daily interactions and activities. Many of us choose to live off-campus, an option which offers independence but also removes students from daily campus life. The sophomore year in particular has been highlighted by the Committee on Residential Life as a time when housing decisions divide class unity. The Student Union Committee, working with limited funds, does an admirable job of providing activities and entertainment for restless students, but is continually coping with the problem of poor attendance. The occasional hockey game, party, or musical performance draws a crowd, but the only truly campus-wide activity appears to be the collecting mail at the Union.

Evidence of this fact could be seen last Saturday night. Approximately one-third of the first-year class decided to join fraternities. While this group does not represent a majority of the class, it is nonetheless significant given that two of the fraternities attracted over twenty pledges without being able to hold most Rush events in their respective houses. From now on, these first-years will be removed from much dining and social interaction with the rest of their class and the school.

These figures show that the campus is especially vulnerable to divisive forces which seek to impose other structures of identification that function as isolated groups within the student body. For example, the sense of community among members of individual houses is strong, fraternities reduce the possibility that the campus will develop a collective identity of its own.

When belonging is based on ritualized acts of acceptance, it undermines the chance that Bowdoin will ever achieve its mission of existing for the common good.

Financial priorities

It is too early to tell exactly how this year's budget decisions will affect students and academic departments, but there is little reason to believe that complaints about funding problems and programming cutbacks will cease. The budget committee's administratively, faculty and student representatives indicate that the budget has been carefully planned and its funds wisely allocated, yet some of their spending priorities are questionable.

The reality we must face is that we simply have reached the limits of our financial means, and that we have done all the possible optimizing, pork-trimming and streamlining. The need to close a $1.4 million gap required an extra hike in the cost of attendance in addition to steep cuts in areas like senior staff special travel. Consulted with this unfortunate state of affairs, the committee identified residential life and information technology as two areas which warrant significant financial backing.

We enthusiastically support its decision to make residential life a priority. It is only a short step that it took so long to recognize the crucial role which residential life plays in the livelihood of this campus. Bowdoin sells itself as a tightly-knit but open-minded community of students, and a strong residential life should be implicit in the design of such a community. As a result, we urge the committee to expand this support after the Committee on Residential Life issues their upcoming report: the current allocation of $500,000 merely covers projects previously undertaken.

It is troubling, however, that more emphasis has not been placed on the academic side of our experience, the reason, presumably, that most of us are here. Without attention to the student-faculty ratio, for example, Bowdoin's commitment to higher learning through individual attention will be undermined. Although the Office of Admissions touts figures that suggest a preponderance of small classes, introductory science courses, history lectures and government classes are larger than the College cares to admit. We may not need to reduce our average class size so much as we need to remedy the extreme cases. If the College claims that close student-professor relationships are at the heart of this institution, then it needs to work to create an environment which will foster them, even if the realization of this goal requires a significant financial commitment.

Specifically, we believe that the budget must reflect a renewed effort aimed at creating new tenured faculty positions. In recent years, the College has seen many physical improvements—a new fitness center, expanded computing services, a new student union and increased housing options. All of these changes have contributed to the quality and depth of the Bowdoin experience; once more, they allow us to compete with other liberal arts colleges whose endowments permit more generous spending on such items. However, it is the programs that will help us to better understand our careers, our lives and each other that are of the utmost importance and which deserve the most careful consideration.

Without an explicit commitment to the substantive elements of Bowdoin life—its community and academics, then all else will become cosmetic.
Don’t blame our public school teachers

To the Editors,

Most Bowdoin students are lucky enough to come from environments where they are not required to be cognizant of or aware of the decadence and deterioration which characterize America’s cities’ public schools.

In last week’s Opinion column, a Bowdoin student pointed out enough to decry the inadequacies which infest inner city school systems by using a spurious and convoluted logic inferring that the Bowdoin bureaucrats in particular are responsible for the bureaucratic in general and “political expediency.”

The argument of whether people of African descent are predisposed to speech patterns is an interesting one which has to be founded on any credible objective investigation. I tend to think the argument preposterous because I have met and known many people of African descent from the U.S. and bailing from nations such as Tanzania, Liberia, Kenya, Nigeria and the ivory Coast who all have spoken English with impeccable grammar and have possessed extensive English vocabularies. I have also known many people of Latin, Hispanic and European descents who speak in the dialect now referred to as Ebonics. Clearly Ebonics is not endemic to any race or creed. Even Ebonics is not dialect, as many people whose skin colour is dark shades and live in inner cities speak in this language. Nor just in a coincidence that Texans speak with a Texas accent; it requires no more complexity than that.

Ebonics was created to recognize this dialect and its differences from proper spoken English. It almost goes without saying that, with the influx of ghetto-dwelling artists and professional athletes, few people who do not speak proper English don’t get very far in the United States. This is ostensibly true regardless of skin colour. We would not have expected President Clinton or the Rev. Jackson, for example, to have gotten very far in politics had they spoken in a “white trash” or southern drawl. Few CEOs, university presidents, hospital directors or religious leaders use poor grammar, slang (except specifically in their field of specialty) or curse words to express themselves. Ebonics is not a justification of such speech, but rather a recognition of its existence and the need for students to overcome it if they wish to have the opportunity to advance themselves past anywhere but the most rudimentary levels of society.

One of the first steps in adult literacy is to encourage proper grammar. Teachers have been watching Ebonics on TV and English read better and vice versa. In this sense, the bad habits which are caused by Ebonics also happen in advancement in reading, and comprehension of written material I was deeply saddened to hear teachers portrayed as greedy. I live in an area which by most standards considered affluent. I know, and am ashamed to say, that many public school teachers in my area do not make as much as $6,000 a year. In fact, in most Philadelphia public schools starting salaries generally start somewhere at $20,000 and even the most senior teachers rarely make more than double that. I don’t know where elementary school teachers earn $60,000 a year. possibly they do in Beverly Hills. But the cost of living in Beverly Hills is not comparable to the cost of living in Philadelphia, Washington or New York. Regarding strikes, which was an interesting point, it should be remembered that in cities like Philadelphia, the district is one of abuse. They must contend with students who are high on drugs or carrying weapons. They are often asked to lend extra assistance to students with learning disabilities when special programmes for such students are cut. A teacher’s job is in life is a hard one and I do not think that anyone can blame them for striking when something such as their health care benefits are threatened to be cut.

I will not defend the bureaucracy at large. City Boards of Education are chronically underfunded and the disorganization and depravity of many city governments is a disgrace. While spending often falls short of expectation for public schools, the situation is worsened by misuse of appropriations. Officials are often disconnected from the community in general and particularly from students and even if they weren’t, what money would they spend trying to remedy the problems which they did recognize? The phrase “political expediency” I will assume was meant to intend political popularity. This is something that most people concerned about education would respond to. Education is not politically popular. In our well scrubbed and imlar suburbs we see the problems facing us as perhaps crime, the environment, abortion or gun control. Rarely do we think about, and much less are we concerned for, the children and young men and women in crowded classrooms who live in neighborhoods plagued by drugs, violence and disease. Even to these people their education is not the priority. The priority is rather the mere question of survival. Where will I get the money for groceries or next month’s rent? Who will help me if a loved one is sick? These people do not want welfare checks. They want jobs, health care and safe neighborhoods. Then, they would do their letter education and who can blame them? The problems facing cities are indeed complex. Their main problems are maintaining the infrastructure (public works, police, hospitals, schools, fire dept. etc.) with a steadily increasing tax base. Jobs leave cities to communities with lower taxes. Yet cities still have a responsibility to provide services to its citizens with fewer taxable high salaried employees and corporations with deep pockets. There are no easy answers or “quick fixes” to these complex problems, and in that regard last week’s column was probably correct. Admonishing the creators - of Ebonics, however, will not solve any problems. Teaching Ebonics will not solve any problems in the schools, but its perseverance is indicative of their plight. If anything, recognition of Ebonics, or the speech patterns inherent to it, may help teachers assist students in learning proper English so that they become more socially, educationally and economically successful. This dialect is not legitimized by our society nor does it coincide educational standards. I will not argue that all teachers are good teachers. One cannot, however, blame the catastrophe of public education in inner cities on the teachers alone. It is probably true that they could try harder, but they already do so much that the problem lies more in the schools’ lack of funding to expand and upgrade facilities, increase the faculty and supplement and diversify the programmes and curriculum.

Perhaps educational standards are low. Perhaps public schools are dismally underfunded. Perhaps public education was poorly planned and therefore ill equipped to meet the ever-increasing special needs of students, be it learning English as a second language, coping with learning disabilities, or dealing with drug addiction, teenage pregnancy or violence. Perhaps nobody has the funding, or motivation, to do anything about it. But at least these problems are recognized and there are individuals and communities preparing to do something about it. Perhaps the effort to teach students is mediocre: the evidence certainly suggests it. Who knows what will raise concern over the decay of public education in cities? When we are prepared as a society to do something about these problems, let us hope that we are creative enough to offer solutions more resourceful and effective than dubbing “inferior” dialects as separate languages, continuing to stumble down the same path which originally led to such weaknesses.

Greg Arendt

The apathy of Bowdoin students

To the Editors,

After considerable criticism of the Student Executive Board in previous issues, last week’s Orient finally gave the Board and members of the Board a little credit. After a period of time when the integrity of the Board was challenged and the effectiveness of the Board was questioned, it was gratifying to read a positive critique of the mission and initiatives of the Exec. Board.

It is interesting, however, that this critique would end with a comment on the student body as a whole. The Editorial, “Applause for an active Board,” stated, “It is heartening to see students investing time into defining the debt of the past and assessing the quality of the Bowdoin experience.” Although a select few at this school invest their time and energy into the Bowdoin as a community on a regular basis, the student body as a whole remains apathetic and unenlightened. Simply being involved is easy, but trying to make a radical difference is very difficult. Few students are willing to go beyond merely being involved.

One case in point is in regard to the recent reaccreditation committee visit to Bowdoin several months ago. While the directors and professors of many well-regarded schools in the Northeast, visited the campus in order to conduct a full review of every facet of school life, including teaching, administration and residential life. This visit was not only the most important event of its kind in recent memory, but it was also even more important since the Officers of Administration chose to focus this visitation on how Bowdoin could improve residential life in regard to everyday student activity.

The Board also encouraged to become involved in the process and the Administration made every effort to inform the student body of the impending inspection. But when the time came, only a small handful of students chose to attend all important meetings with the accreditation team members. When the students had a rare opportunity to voice their concerns for a day in the life of the Bowdoin College community, which Bowdoin moves into the next century, Bowdoin students dropped the ball. The Board has a responsibility to inform students of these events. In spite of the many faculty, teachers and administration staff members who were interviewed, students chose to go about their business and neglected to pay attention to the outcome of the Board’s work.

The example of the debasing nature of student involvement is the fact that when six spots opened for election to the residential student advisory council, the students decided to run the election for themselves. Many more than seven students were willing to criticize the Board and the effectiveness of the council, but not one of them was willing to back up dissatisfaction and criticism with their time and effort. This is an indication of their involvement in every facet of campus life the faculty, administrators and residents.

As a result of the complete lack of participation, the Board was forced to make up the positions. Because Bowdoin students have proved so unwilling to even listen to the speeches of student government candidates, these speeches have had to be moved into the dining halls during dinner. Because Bowdoin students did not vote in last year’s elections, the Board were forced to extend the voting period and make voting easier by computer. Democracy is being forced down the throats of the Bowdoin College student body.

But it does not have to be this way. Many students try to shape how their education and social life works as they move through their studies. Many students give up their weekends and freedom to become involved in campus-wide and residential advisors. Many students give up their weekends to work towards improving residential life, to build harmonious and friendly relationships among the residential advisors. Many students give up their time to work towards exchange, then chaitly. They also go the extra mile by administrators and trustees who don’t attend class, who don’t live in the dorms and who don’t affect the day-to-day problems which face our campus today. This letter is not meant to be merely a criticism, but a call to action. If we don’t recognize what is needed, the students can finally start to change things.

Steve Lee ’99

A lesson about eating disorders

To the Editors,

I am writing to comment on my own experience with anorexia. As a Bowdoin graduate, I commend the Orient for its recent article on eating disorders, but I have to disagree with Ms. Hall’s statement that the “collective nature of college life can be a factor in eating disorders.” It is perpetuated by the media, I suspect, because it is a topic people most often choose to ignore. The cause can be: ignorance, or anger. Contrary to the message is the most difficult but ultimately the only way to get eating disorders to stop. My relationship with my closest friend who is a student at Bowdoin opened my eyes to the difficulties she has on a daily basis. The way students accept her appearance is the most important to her. Her new “look” should not be based on how she looks but on her personality. I hope that the students on campus will take a look at this issue and come to the conclusion that eating disorders are not “cool” and that they can stop just as easily as they started.

Steve Cone ’95

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THE BOWDOIN ORIENT
The quad paths became treacherous last week as snow, sleet and rain fell intermittently.

(Adam Zimman/Bowdoin Orient)

Of ice, salt and sand

By Doug Fleming

Ah, the trials and tribulations of snow. It can be very beautiful at times. It can be very ugly at others. I have found too often that snow on Bowdoin’s campus has a habit of being very ugly. One of the major reasons: its removal often presents a multitude of problems.

The only reason I am writing about this topic this week is that I just returned from a rather arduous trip to the Student Union. While the trip may have only lasted five minutes and the walk may have only been a quarter of a mile, the trip in itself was filled with adventure, suspense and other elements that come with a good action packed movie.

The obstacle you are asking yourselves at this point is, "How on earth could a five-minute trip to the Smith Union be equivalent to what was experienced by Indiana Jones in "The Temple of Doom?"

Well, the answer is simple.

Both Indiana Jones and I traveled at high velocities down lengthy inclines. Both Indiana and I felt pain as we did into hard edifices and both Indiana and I did a lot of cursing as we tried to reach our destination. The main difference between us was that Indiana spent a lot of time inside, while I spent a lot of time outside.

Threading the six inches of wet snow that fell by the time I returned from the Union, all of the black-ice left on the pavement was now non-existent to those without x-ray vision. Thus, a simple trip to the Union was lurking with danger at every footstep. And I wasn’t the only person who fell. I saw numerous other students at this college splay in to the ground as the invisible black-ice swept them off their feet.

Now all of this could have been avoided if the grounds crew at Bowdoin had decided to

use salt on the pavement. Salt is not an entirely new or modern concept. It has been used in major winter-prone cities like Minneapolis and Chicago for decades, and for that reason, millions of commuters are able to arrive at work without broken limbs. Instead of using sand, Bowdoin grounds crew uses only salt on the pavement, which I have noticed does absolutely nothing in terms of melting the ice. The only thing it does do is provide a minute amount of traction, but that still is not enough to keep fellow students from falling flat on the ground every five minutes.

The other bad aspect of sand is that by the time winter is over, Bowdoin looks like a beach. Of course we all want to go to the beach by the time Spring rolls around, but if we want to do so, Popham is only twenty minutes away. Furthermore, the dreariness of a coastal Maine April is only deepened by all of that sand being used. While it rains, all of that ugly sand coalesces into little puddles of mud, slush and gunk. It makes this campus look extremely unattractive at times.

But aside from the ugliness of the sand during the springtime, you can think of at least one group of people Bowdoin’s use of sand helps. The ski team. Those of us who are expert skiers have the opportunity to practice their skills on the paths around campus quite easily. One can just put on his ski, and take off to class in a speedy and efficient manner. No wonder the ski team does so well.

But before I end this column, I would like to commend the grounds crew for doing a pretty good job of clearing the snow when it falls. I do see them out sometimes at 3 a.m., for which I am thankful and very appreciative. But once it is cleared, I simply ask that what is left over doesn’t turn to killer ice on the pavement. And the way to solve the problem is with a little bit of salt on the pavement.

Doug Fleming is president of the College Republicans.

How on earth could a five minute trip to the Smith Union be equivalent to what was experienced by Indiana Jones in “The Temple of Doom?”

I have a small, little meditation book that I try to look at everyday. It has a short thought, a longer description and a meditation for every day of the year, each different, yet focusing on the broad goal of balance within the innerself.

However, this quotation from March 26 has transcended in basic function as a simple meditational thought and has become a mantra for my life. Over the past year, as I have begun to think and discern within what is good for me, this thought has become the foundation for my self-reflection. Before, I thought of happiness as an enigma; a lost of life, negativity around me. It was never where I was. I have been searching for who I was physically or emotionally. I found chased happiness and searched for it, thinking that it was where I should be in order to be content with what I should be.

As I searched and looked, though, I always came empty handed, unassembled, and disconnected.

For a good portion of my life, I looked towards external means for a measure of my personal success. I did well to please my parents, got good grades, go to a good school, to get a good job, to have a perfect life and soon. I was relentlessly striving towards an unwavering goal of perfection in all aspects of my life. I thought that this ideal was a key to happiness, a solution to ease the depressions in my life, to a way to block out self-acceptance and self-awareness. I never stopped to reassess that goals were just a way to highly subjective to the way in which my teachers viewed me. They were not necessarily indicative of my personal But rather the enjoyment I was receiving from my classes. I was tied to this objective viewpoint from others around me, measuring my success through a letter grade or the approving glances of my parents.

I hopped from one means of external appraisal to the next. This futile for perfection evolved beyond grades and the attempt to be a model student. It also materialized itself into the form of an eating disorder that truly killed me. As I isolated myself through not eating and exercising obsessively, I thought that happiness could be found through so many external means of control—through willpower, weight loss, self-starvation and depression. Doing destructive things to satisfy my external dependency eroded any appreciation or acknowledgment for life and passion beyond the external viewpoints of myself. Primarily what I gained was a dependency upon others for self-approval and validation. Self-awareness is a thing that has taken me a long time to break free from completely.

It finally took me a year of recovery and a trip around the world to reach the land of happiness of which I had previously only dreamed. It was where I truly wanted to be, where things were seemingly natural and easy. Rome, it was unbelievable that I would be able to actually find this place and this peace of mind after a lifetime of searching.

...I discovered that happiness isn’t a land, nor a place, but a state of being. It is a state of being that is not dependent on the society around you, but more so on the way that you are able to feel happiness. I began to look within and truly understand the meaning of happiness.

Ironically, however, in my own discoveries I discovered that happiness isn’t a land, nor a place, but a state of being. Happiness isn’t nor can’t be one place because it is the place to which you return whenever you are feeling down or in need of a break.

The hope of a land, a different physical being and an escape was an external instigator for mind, body, soul. The voice to listen to coming within, from filling my empty vessel with thoughts of enjoyment or my genuine thoughts and everyday, elsewhere, I turned my back to the first and foremost source—my soul.

At this point of realization, I finally began to search within and achieve passion in my life. The realization of happiness as a state of being allowed me to look within and discover the key to happiness, my innerself. Once I abandoned the external world and realized the importance of my knowledge and my own thoughts.

It’s a true recognition that happiness isn’t a constant or a complete state of being. It isn’t all good, high or continuous and in as much variety of the day to day the ability to cope and persevere. It is expression, acceptance and growth, not denial or the blocking of what is truly taking place within. I take the complete view of happiness within and not turning the cheek. It is the knowledge that escaping to the land of happiness starts with within your own self and your expression, not a search for external gratification.

Happiness is becoming like we are. I think that we often forget this important lesson in life. With so many outside forces and factors that seem to constantly be measuring us or telling us what we should or be, the true can get lost. The desires within our hearts clouded by the pressures of our minds and the society around us.

But I urge you to listen to your soul and find YOUR happiness, not the one predetermined by parents, society, Bowdoin and soon. If we stay grounded in who we are and follow our bliss, we can truly remain connected to ourselves in all ways. Disconnectedness is damaging because it is the soul being clutched of the little pressures of the mind and the heart. It leaves us incomplete and divided, possibly blocking out the whispers of truth within our soul.

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The land of happiness

...and feelings of frustration and despair. I had found Oz, a magical place where I was transformed.
How do you feel about Rush season and does it give you gas?

KATLIN EVRARD '99
Camden, ME
"I think it sucks, and it sure does."

ANDY CHING '99
Silver Spring, MD
"Mason is the best sculpture trash talker. YES."

BJ. BERNARD '98
Perrysburg, OH
"It's cool, but it gives me the shivers."

SANDRA POMERANTZ '00
Auburn, ME
"It's neat. No gas for me."

NICO SWAREZ '99
Northampton, MA
"I think rush should involve more sheep. They should then pump the sheep full of gas and light them on fire."

JASON ROSWIG '99
Simsbury, CT
"No comment on both accounts."

FRANK HWANG '99
Vestal, NY
"It's a pain in the ass, but everything gives me gas."

CELINE DESGRANGES '99
New York, NY
"No sleep, no gas."

Compiled by Brian Billock and Alice Liddell

Student Opinion

Maine should keep magnet schools and medical programs

By Wystan Ackerman

Independent Governor Angus King and the Maine state legislature are presently faced with a budget deficit and, therefore, some difficult spending decisions. Because Maine has such a high tax burden in proportion to its relatively low per-capita income, the politicians, admirably, are trying to keep spending down and avoid raising taxes. They even have hopes of reducing property taxes. As a Republican, I support these aims. However, with these goals in mind, Governor King wants to cut two relatively small educational programs, both of which I feel are worth every penny.

One of these programs is the "magnet," college-preparatory residential high school located in Limestone. This school attracts some of Maine’s best students and is brightened from all over the state. The school is particularly oriented toward mathematics and science, but students there also study the humanities in depth. They are all also required to take leadership courses. Tuition is paid by the state and school districts; parents must pay as much as they can afford toward their children’s room and board. The school’s teachers are highly motivated and come from a variety of different backgrounds, and certification is not required. According to a Portland Press Herald article this Sunday, Spanish is taught by a Peruvian attorney and Chinese by a Ph.D. candidate. One of the best investments a state can make is in the education of its most motivated and promising young adults. Far too often, such programs are eliminated. While every effort is made to accommodate those students with learning difficulties or physical and mental disabilities, motivated, hard-working students often find themselves unchallenged when "luxuries" such as gifted and talented programs fall to budget cuts. Some manage to find their way into a challenging private secondary school. However, many have parents who cannot afford a private education and those schools cannot offer enough scholarships to meet the genuine demand. Yet it is precisely the type of young people you would find at the math and science academy who will do the most for Maine in the years to come. These students will be the ones who not only will be law-abiding citizens, but will be paying lots of taxes, creating lots of jobs and heading every facet of Maine’s public and private sectors. A few pennies wisely spent on educating Maine’s top high school students will net a huge rate of return on that investment. Creating jobs and increasing the tax base is one of Governor King’s most important goals, is it not? Some would say, so what? In many cases, the most motivated students will find their way into these prominent positions regardless of whether there was a magnet school. In some cases, that’s probably true. In other cases, bright students who are bored and are forced to “dumb down” lose their motivation and interest in education itself. However, even those students who do make it to the top will have little incentive to stay in Maine. If the state and the people of Maine never did anything for them, why should they stay, when they can easily leave for tax-friendly New Hampshire or some other state? It’s well-known that the top Maine students have been leaving the state in droves, and a scholarship program at the University of Maine has been established. It’s also been established that those who make it to the top fondly remember who got them there. As a recent example, Bill Gates is only one of many millionaires and billionaires who have made very generous donations to their alma maters. In essence, the argument is that Maine Math & Science graduates will have strong ties to Maine and will never forget what Maine and the "magnet" school have done for them. Not only will they be more likely to stay in the state, they will eventually make major contributions to the school itself, and, through their tax dollars and those of their employees, a lot more.

A very similar analogy can be drawn to the second program which Governor King wants to cut. Because Maine is one of the few states which does not have a publicly-funded medical school, the state has been, in effect, "purchasing" slots for Maine students in medical schools in Vermont and New Hampshire as well as the private osteopathic school at the University of New England in Biddeford. As I’m sure you are well aware, medical school admission is extremely competitive. For some candidates, the hope of admission is to their state’s public medical school, since states always give preference to their residents. This program has made it a bit easier for aspiring Maine doctors to gain admission to medical school, in essence giving them as fair an opportunity as many in other states have. Moreover, there are many rural areas in Maine which are in desperate need of doctors. Through this program, loans are also provided to many of the participants. Those participants who practice in Maine upon graduation are excused from having portions of their loans forgiven after a certain number of years. Again, as with the math and science school, the rewards of this investment far outweigh its relatively small cost in proportion to other programs in the budget. Maine clearly needs doctors. Doctors generally obey the law, pay more taxes than the average citizen and create jobs for various paraprofessionals. To put it bluntly, citizens who are alive and healthy put less of a burden on the state, are more productive and pay more taxes than those who are dead or terminally ill due to a lack of medical care. People are also more likely to be interested in living and working in a rural area where there is adequate medical care available. Every single one of the doctors who go through this program and stay in Maine (the vast majority do, and it is conceivable that a stricter requirement could be imposed) pays for the state’s cost many times over.

All things considered, there is no question that Maine’s governor and state legislature need to be showed inventors of taxpayers’ funds, since there is only so much to go around. However, I would suggest against not continuing funding these two programs. These “investments,” of sorts, in the long run will reap enormous returns, directly and indirectly, in proportion to their relatively small cost.

Wystan Ackerman humbly admits that he is “from away,” but does care about his surrogate state.
“The Inferno” exhibit at the Museum of Art showcases a powerful collaboration by two talented American artists

Michael Mazur’s pictures and Robert Pinsky’s brilliant translation of Dante’s words give a new voice to the epic poem. The Museum’s temporary exhibit creates a moving sense of walking through the poet’s vision of hell.

By Emily Church
Editor-in-Chief

The intersection of Michael Mazur’s imagery and Robert Pinsky’s translation of Dante’s “Inferno” creates a language that speaks to the spirit; Mazur’s monotypes, in their spinning swirls of black and twisted figures, give new voice to Dante’s verse. “The Inferno: Monotypes by Michael Mazur for Robert Pinsky’s Verse Translation,” opened on Friday, Jan. 30 at the Bowdoin Museum of Art and will run through March 16.

While numerous English translations of the infamous “Inferno” exist (our own Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was the first American translator of the text), and while many artists have undertaken the immense endeavor of illustrating the verses, such a collaboration between two close friends and brilliant scholars is unprecedented. The exhibit not only attests to the daring genius of Pinsky and Mazur, but to a relationship that allowed verse and image to become so closely intertwined.

As David Becker, former director of the Bowdoin Museum of Art and trustee of the College said at the opening lecture on Jan. 29, “I admire the courage of [Pinsky and Mazur] in not being afraid to tackle the biggies.”

The exhibit itself is prefaced by a smaller show entitled “Precedents and Postmortems Paintings and Prints by Michael Mazur,” which includes paintings that in their dark melancholy are related to the “Inferno” of Dante. The paintings, etchings and lithographs range from Mazur’s 1958 senior thesis at Andover College, to a series of images created after time spent volunteering at a mental hospital, to recent, large-scale pieces.

The two wall-sized paintings flanking the entrance are in stark contrast to the black-on-white that dominates the rest of the exhibit, “Nocturne,” dated 1994, is an entangled web of deep blues slashed with pulsating lines of aqua, while the 1993 “Red Branching,” is a lacework of red lines inspired by Mazur’s experience with an unstable angina.

As you descend into the exhibit, the gray walls, dark, bowing monotypes and selections of text allude to Dante’s journey through hell. The opening lines of the poem are a remembrance of the horrors he saw. “Midway on our life’s journey I found myself In dark woods, the right road lost. To tell About those woods is hard—so tangled and rough And savage that thinking of it now, I feel The old fear stirring: death is hardly more bitter. And yet, to treat the good I found there as well I’ll tell what I saw.”

The lines are completed by a monograph of a circular pit, spinning in black. The ambiguity is intriguing, but the foreboding image is a perfect opening to the exhibit, which leads the viewer, winding, from one wall to another, as if in the maze of hell, spinning deeper.

Dante’s journey through hell with Virgil as his guide, resembles a spinning hole as he descends through the nine circles of hell. In each circle sinners suffer differently according to their transgression: violent sins, sins of fraud, of betrayal, of violence towards oneself and the Church.

Mazur captures the emotion of the Cannont perfectly; his images are rough and full of violent movement: the twisting and writhing of souls in despair. He illustrates the voice of Dante, while leaving the detail to the viewer. Notable is the manner in which these images “shift back and forth... between the abstraction of idea and the particularization of detail,” as described by an exhibition commentary.

The exhibit, which begins with sins of incontinence, moves towards fraud and ends with the sins of betrayal, follows Dante’s journey deeper and deeper into hell, until finally he finds himself on Virgil’s back as he climbs back to the earth’s surface through the Devil’s arena, grasping tufts of hair and ice.

The evolution of these images, as well as Mazur’s collaboration with Pinsky, was the focus of the lecture on Jan. 29. Pinsky insists that there are no modern twists or allusions to his translation of the “Inferno,” rather he was faithful to the meaning, while experimenting with language. For example, Pinsky takes risks that produce a work with prose that is simple yet engaging, language that leaves behind what he terms “Syrondic” or the English phrases attached to infelicitous the stanzas.

Mazur, on the other hand, allowed his own sense of history and experience to influence his prints; he played with the idea of representing the gates of hell as the gates of the...
SEARCH FOR THE HOLY ALE
—by siggly and blunt

Bar Harbor, a small town on the coast of Maine, has achieved greatness. This is largely due to the Bar Harbor Brewing Company, which has made a name for itself through its personal dedication to the art of brewing its finest concoction. This brewing company is one of the smallest in America; it produces only 260 barrels per year. It is run by a husband and wife team who personally produce and distribute the beer. Such dedication ensures top quality control and excellent service.

The company, Beer Review, Bar Harbor’s famed Cadillac Mountain Stout earned the platinum medal in the dry stout category. It is one of the other five relations in this field including better known brands such as Guinness, Shipyard, Sierra Nevada and Harlan’s (in the year 2000). In this column. blah, blah, words. Where the hell the humor? Anyway, this field is one of the more competitive in the Beer Reviewship and Cadillac Mountain Stout came out on top as a result of its finely balanced score.

The first section of this column is devoted to a review of the beers. To me, they are the best things to happen since the invention of the beer. They are almost as good as the real thing. The second section is devoted to the history of the beer. It is a fascinating story of how the beer was created.

**Beer Review**

Black and Tan: extreme beer

BY PETER M. WELLES

STAFF WRITER

A black and tan is beer drinking mar-
vel where, in a single glass, a half pint of a dark, rich porter or stout floats atop another half pint of one of the several varieties of pale beers. The unique partnership embod-
ied by these two polar extremes has sur-
rendered a beverage that tastes absolutely delicious.

The history of the black and tan dates back to the 1920s when sugar was a very expen-
sive commodity. To cut costs, brewers would use a small amount of sugar to make a dark beer and a lighter beer to keep costs down. Appropriately, the beer was called a black and tan.

The roots of this inconsistency begin in history and end in some simple linguistics. Long ago, an inventive connoisseur of beer, perhaps a brewmaster but more likely a pub tender, perhaps by accident or perhaps by a sudden burst of creativity, decided to pour a dark beer and a light beer into the same glass. Upon passing the glass across the bar to the one to be pleased (or, more likely, to the patron from whom the patron had been bought), the connoisseur began. When asked by the happy customers what the drink was, the drinker simply gazed across the bar with the beer in his hand. Instead of the obvious, the connoisseur replied with a broad grin. "This is the best of the trilogy," the black and tan still gives the appearance of being something that they really experience something very, very, very important.

We give "Stark Beer" — the Special Edition — five glasses of Moloko Plus, and would give it more if our supply of Moloko Plus permitted.

**The Cutting Room Floor**

— by siggly and blunt

This is the first time we have ever seen people standing outside of a movie theater trying to buy scalped tickets at far above their face value. On Friday evening at Hoyt's Theater, Cook's Corner, there were no tickets. The revised Star Wars was truly a national, cultural phenomenon. George Lucas, friend, teacher, secret lover, created this updated version of his 1977 special effects, and it did justice for one reason and one reason only — cold, hard cash. He wanted to impress his good buddy Steven Spielberg with a huge box office and he succeeded, with a vengeance.

On Saturday, the new Star Wars hit the theaters and again, the same thing happened: people were standing in lines with some people arriving in the morning in order to have the best seats. We feel that Star Wars is for everyone. In fact, when one of the few little girls at the Hoyt's Theater for the Star Wars premiere, she was (unlike the slightly less bitter stout, and a deliciously tantalizing concoction of dry chocolate and coffee) rich, then we'd like to see you pick one up. Jop! No. Sashay! Taftpkg. Troop? Only if you have a horse. We'd be sorry, they're all out. We bought the last one. Ha. Ha. Good luck finding one.

Caddilac Mountain Stout earns a strong nine from us. Its flavor is rich and complex, with a strong malt backbone and a smooth, creamy finish. It is a perfect beer for enjoying with a meal and is a great choice for a special occasion.
 Cult Video Review

"Bad Taste" lives up to its name and to expectations

By RYAN JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

I find it fitting to return right where I left off reviewing disgusting and revolting films that Nobody ever rents under sound mind and body. The film "Bad Taste" (1980, 90 minutes) did not let me down. It even lived right up to my New Year's resolution to open more minds up to the world of brain-splotched rocks and live intense lifestyles that slither across the floor. I was even jubilant that 3 Scrib- ies chose this film for the review this week's film. "Bad Taste" is another effort by Peter Jackson ("Dead Alive," "Heav- enly Creatures"), who continues to keep his New Zealand specials banned around the world. In the movie, stoic and long-haired freaks stink yet rather foolish undercover government offi- cials (named Derrick, Ozzie, Berry and Frank) try to stop an alien invasion. The town of Kaeacau (or was it Castle Rock?) is like a ghost town as the agents sweep through it—that is until the zombies appear. Or what appears to be zombies. We later learn they are actually aliens disguised as humans and their mis- sion is to eat earth and bring human body parts home to their alien planet. Basi- cally we've seen this plot played out many times, but not with the amount of gore or blood in "Bad Taste." The film gets off to a good start when an agent enters the top half of one of the aliens with his body from his ten rounds from his magnum pistol. Soon it's a showdown be- tween the alien and four government agents plus the county Bread Collector (they don't have taxes in New Zealand). The fight- ing gets pretty heavy, but it's not all con- tained to firearms. The aliens are perfectly wacko about how to use (or aim) AK-47's and other various assault rifles so "Bad Taste" becomes sort of a Jackie Chan face off as Alien's bodies are torn apart left and right by har- mers, machetes, pitchforks, knives, chainsaws, and long free falls off cliffs and houses. There's also plenty of gratuitous gore and just plain grossness involving sheep and cow parts.

The best part of "Bad Taste" is undoubtedly its humorous side.

The front of the uzi all the way through the poor booger's stomach and then continues blazing away on the uzi while the dead alien provides superb cover - and some nice gut shots. Derrick continues his rampant only to clumsily fall off a giant cliff and incur a massive skull fracture. However, Derrick survives and uses some rather ingenious ways to put his skull back together (and as muc- h of his brain as possible), continues fighting the aliens. The best part of "Bad Taste" is undoub- tedly it's humorous side. Left and right there are silly gags that keep the film moving. "Bad Taste" never tries to be too serious and scare people, it just tries to gross them out in its own - rather (silly) way. Jackson has created another film in the same vein as the other invasion films with a witty script and actors who work well together. Of course I don't care about any of that, I just rented the film to gross out my friends. See ya next time

NOTE!
The Arts & Entertainment section is looking for a few good writers to cover the ever exciting and constantly changing world of the Bowdoin community. Contact Justin at 721-5237 or jhaslett@arctos for more info.

This is the WBOI Record Review column, and this week it will be on the Galaxie 500 box set.

by Gab, el director musical

Last semester my five friends had been nagging me to do a record review for the Orient. I said "Who the freak cares about what we listen to at BOR! Harper curtly responded, "Screw you, you know what you want to... I mean BOR needs the press, cat!" Alas didn't stay anything, she was working it at Will A.T.S. (Why the acronym? Huh?) Retinas just shook her head while smoking Dunhills, Ellen let out her usual "waaaaaawaaaaawaaaaaw", and B.J. rolled around over it while screaming.

So the next day I was finding my record to write about... my memories were lingering on last year's review of the last Sabbath album, and another one by some jerky who wrote a rather bad review about the Luna album with the unlisted Serge Gainsbourg cover. So first thing I thought, what the fuck did I say that would make some music go and buy the new Wedding Present? Not much, seeing that it is one other weakest albums...

Last Thanksgiving break on my desk was a thick bubble packet. It was a beanbag. I was beaning. I knew what they had done. The Galaxie 500 box set was sent to my parents' house instead of the station. I got it down and purchase the set for the set seeing that it is a seminal part of, dare I use the term "indie" rock. (Or more appropriately as our own "看到了" kid, liberal student put it: "No one has ever heard of it or ever heard of it." So Jamie at Rydkic sends it to my house in Connecticut. I unwrapped it quickly and then it was, in my own words: The best part of this box set is the four discs of aural ambrosia: "Today," "On Fire," and "This Is Our Music," and a disc of rarities. This came out in late September and was reviewed in last month's Rolling Stone, giving it three and a half stars as opposed to the four of the new Pearl Jam, Wilco or Phish albums. Right away after seeing that, I was not surprised, and I was also very happy. I should be, to explain why. So here I am linking to sit through talking. All these songs sound beautifully familiar to ears. Their covers, Jonathan Richman, Joy Division, Yoko Ono, George Harrison, the Velvet Underground, the Beatles. And lo-fi pop that sounds remarkably hi-fi songs such as "Temperature's Rising," "Strange," "Melt Away"... So comfortably and slowly into myears. Galaxie 500 makes my ears drums become my G-spot. I could continue to describe them, but that would be an injustice. So, I guess a history of the band: Galaxie was three Harvard grads. Dean Warsham plays guitar and sings on most of the tracks, Naomi Yang plays bass and sings on some, Damon Krokowski plays drums. They are the epitome of the college band: start it up as a joke, and continue because you are better at it than you think, and then some- thing clicks. The three chords that you play over and over in the cold hummus start to be you and start to shape and become something much more than you expected. They are naive, and are all they are, all they are dreamed of, thought of and wished for. They are your idealistic vision of the world. They mean everything. Well, then they meet Kramer, this dope-smoking producer guy that works at Shimmie Disc and helped create (fortunwate and un- the) the likes of King Missile and Bongwater. So basically, in 1988, with everything revered in rock, including the cymbals, Kramer created their sound. In no time they were suburban freaks, playing the Axis, CBGB's and eventually being covered in mud at the Glastonbury festival in front of 40,000 British kids. Their careers took off and Grad school was a memory. See it all went down. Grad school became a possibility. They were going to tour in Japan, but instead broke up on the steps of the Moulin Union in March 1991 after the soundman screwed up their show in Maine Lounge. That was it. As Damon describes it, "The surprising thing is, somewhere in there we learned to play music, I never thought we would. It ruined the joke of being in a band. That's the sad punchline." In some way Dean formed Luna with the ex-Feels drummer and the Chili bassist. Damon and Naomi formed Pierre Etal and another band Magic Hour, which isn't that good. Then, with the bankruptcy their label Rough Trade all their albums become very difficult to find.

So five years after looking through every record store and finding only one copy of their first on tape in a bookstore in Woolwich, comes the possibility to own everything they recorded on remastered compact disc, complete with extra-album artwork, liner notes by each member (Dean, Jordan Koepke, Will Sorgenstein Bowdoin) and a video on each disc playable on CD-ROM. All this to experience one of the greatest bands of all time. And I consider this, really, an experience. The fact that Rydkic resumed their albums after releasing all of the real Bowie albums and Elvis Costello and the Attractions albums is an example in itself. Go to Bull Moose, bring fifty bucks and own the best albums you'll ever hear.

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We always laughed about a review of Kramer that called him "pseudolegendary," and said that is what we hoped our musical fate would be. Perhaps, strangely enough, we have received it. —Naomi
Upcoming Events

Feb. 7 8 p.m. New York Post Picador Theater Student Union Committee
Feb. 7 8 p.m. Masque & Gown Presents "A Ring of Student Writers" on Arts

Club Ruiz's
685 Forest Ave., Portland
For Info: 773-6486

Club Zootz
Rec Room
31 Forest Ave., Portland
For Info: 773-8187

Activity (11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.)
Faculty, Staff and Student Skating
Dayton Arena

Meeting (6 p.m.)
Student Union Committee
Whitside Reading Room

Exhibit
Japanese-American Artist:
Yusuke Kunita
Portland Museum of Art
For Info: 775-6148

Meeting (7 p.m.)
Executive Board
Lancaster Lounge

Meeting (8 p.m.)
Quill
Mitchell East

Exhibit
Michael Maron: "The Inferno"
"Monsters"
Bowdoin College Museum of Art
For Info: 773-6886

Meeting (9 p.m.)
Polar Consulting Group
Whitside Reading Room

Auditions
Gilbert & Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore"
Portland Players
420 Cottage Rd., So. Portland
For Info: 772-6962

Lecture (7:30 p.m.)
Eating Disorders Awareness Program
Morrill Lounge

Talk (7:30 p.m.)
"Why I HATE Mathematics But I Love Museums"
Professor Edward Burger of Williams College
Kresge Auditorium, VAC

Feb. 3

Club Getty McDuff's
KING Memphis (cocktail)
396 Fore St., Portland
For Info: 773-2337

Activity (11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.)
Faculty, Staff and Student Skating
Dayton Arena

Talk (3:30 p.m.)
"How to Always Win at Limbo"
Professor Edward Burger of Williams College
Adams 106

Talk (4 p.m.)
"My personal myth: A Story of Self-
transformation in the parts, II"
Harry Z. Sky
Main Lounge, Whitson Union

Feb. 4

Club Free Street Tavern
Dream Daddy (blues)
128 Free St., Portland
For Info: 774-1114

Event (3 p.m. - 8 p.m.)
Blood Drive
Cobath Room
Morrill Gymnasium

Talk (4 p.m.)
"Dante's Florence"
Paul Nyhus
Museum of Art

Meeting (5 p.m.)
Catholic Student Union
Chace Barn Chamber

Lecture (7:30 p.m.)
"A Winter's Walk to Kanuqauq"
Garrett and Alexandria Conover
Beam Classroom, VAC

Meeting (8 p.m.)
Circle K
Chace Barn Chamber

Event (10 p.m.)
Study Break
Smith Union

Feb. 5

Club Sabino's Live bands
46 Market St., Portland
For Info: 879-1457

Activity (11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.)
Faculty, Staff and Student Skating
Dayton Arena

Meeting (6 p.m.)
College Republicans
Private Dining Room
Moulton Union

Activity (6 p.m.)
Dinner
Classic House

Meeting (7 p.m.)
BOAIFt
Proutchian Room

Play (8 p.m.)
"Daughter"
Figures of Speech Theater
Kresge Auditorium, VAC

Feb. 6

Activity (11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.)
Faculty, Staff and Student Skating
Dayton Arena

Event (2 p.m.)
Valentine Making
Morrill Lounge

Play (7:30 p.m.)
"Guys and Dolls"
Mahoney Middle School Auditorium
$4 students
For Info: 767-3266

Feb. 7

Club Good Times Dance Club
Raven
2 First St., Portland
For Info: 934-9082

Activity (11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.)
Faculty, Staff and Student Skating
Dayton Arena

Event (7:30 p.m.)
"Guys and Dolls"
Mahoney Middle School Auditorium
$4 students
For Info: 767-3266

Feb. 8

Club Sabino's Live bands
46 Market St., Portland
For Info: 879-1457

Play (2 p.m.)
"Guys and Dolls"
Mahoney Middle School Auditorium
$4 students
For Info: 767-3266

Feb. 9

Activity (10 a.m.)
Yoga
Aerobics Room
Farley Field House

Activity (3 - 4 p.m.)
Faculty, Staff and Student Skating
Dayton Arena

Play (2:30 p.m.)
"Nine"
Portland Players
420 Cottage Rd., So. Portland
Tickets: $10
For Info: 799-7337

Video (3 p.m.)
"Jewish Spiritual Healing Practices"
Rabbi Rachel B. Cowan
Kresge Auditorium, VAC

Feb. 10
Men’s track gets revenge

CAITLIN O’CONNOR STAFF WRITER

On Jan. 25, the Bowdoin men’s track team lacked enough depth to be competitive against Coast Guard. Coach Slovenski and crew rewarded the Bears with a home victory. With the arrival of some much needed newcomers, Slovenski was able to be more flexible with his line up in drawing up a successful offensive strike for the teams’ rematch on Feb. 1. His unique offensive approach proved successful as Bowdoin was able to turn the tables on Coast Guard and grab the victory on the Polar Bears’ home court. Bowdoin scrapped for every point in its 169-150 win over the military academy. In its first-place effort, Bowdoin also manhandled Western State, Colby and Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

In an effort to win, Slovenski approached this meet in a way that would see the team every point possile. His unique line up included a contingent of long-distance runners competing in such events as the hurdles and jumping events. As unbeatable as it may seem, Bowdoin racked up some important points in these events. As a warmup to its impressive 3000 meter victory (8:49.45) later in the meet, All-American co-captain James Gallo ’97 placed the Bear with a fifth-place effort in the 55 meter hurdles (10.2). Middle-distance runners Tilden D’Alessio ’98 and Alex Weist ’99 (12.9) picked up sixth and seventh place points, respectively.

With no points in the 55 meter dash or triple jump the previous week, first-year Scott Schilling placed fifth in the dash (6.78) and distance runner Matt Turnbull ’00 added a point to the victory with an eighth place triple jump effort (19’1.75). The shot put contingent continued to impress as they took second, third, fourth and eighth with throws from Paul Auferman ’99 (48’2.55), Tony Reiser ’97 (45’11.65) and Greg Maietta ’98 (43’2.55), respectively. Co-captain Khalil is right on the bear’s back so he has only the third loss for the men this season, but it put a lot of pressure on the team to perform well. After the Bear’s fine showing, they were ready to go to the Western New England Golden Bears.

Coming into the game, the Bowdoin men’s team was one of the strongest teams in the New England conference. But they failed to win the game if they were to retain their confidence after the Ambrose loss. Led by Bowdoin’s Whipple and Ed Studt ’97, they got ready to go as they plus the 51.7 percent from the field for 37 points. The Golden Bears stayed right with them, however, and went into the locker room down only one. Fortunately, with its offense back in form, Bowdoin clamped down on defense in the second half to hold Western New England to only 25 points on 38.1 percent shooting. The Polar Bears took advantage of this poor shooting by surging ahead to an 81-61 lead. Bowdoin came back strong in the second half to tie the game at 81-81 and give the team the win 88-81. The Bears could not put Norwich away in the second half, however, giving the Cadets the chance for a deeper look at their program as well.

In an effort to prepare, the Bears also signed up for the meet with the 300 meter in the men’s 1500 meter run, the 600 meter victory and the 4000 meter relay team will be won. With his 16 point effort, Rowley now has 1402 points in his career. His second-place effort in the 1500 meter, however, could improve his best time by more than two seconds. Tony Reiser ’97 and Greg Gallo ’99, who has 1595 points. The Polar Bears currently have ten games left in their regular season.

Swimming sweeps Colby

JEREMY STREATHFELD STAFF WRITER

The swim team eagerly anticipated the Feb. 1 Colby meet, seeing the seeming pointing loss to the White Mules last year.

The meet opened with an exciting 200 meter breaststroke race as Davis Murray ’00 in the freestyle, Lukas Filler ’97 in the backstroke and Scott Fujita ’99 had a good time as the breaststroke. Matt Needleman ’00 also swam well to claim second in the 100.

The men could do no wrong as they continually thwarted Colby’s attempts at a comeback. Rob Reiser ’99 cut eight seconds off of his 280 breaststroke time to win the event. He also qualified for New England in the 50 breaststroke by improving his best time by more than two seconds. Chris Lingholt ’97 also qualified for New England in the 50 butterfly and finished third in the 200 individuals.

Despite all these excellent swims, two competitors stole the show. John Mead ’97 won both the one meter and 3 meter diving competitions and in the process qualified for Nationals in both events. Filler won both the 100 and 200 backstrokes against very tough competition and also swam on two winning relays. His 100 backstroke time was 53.04, which won the event and qualified him for Nationals.

The women’s team defeated Colby with great swims from Kate Johnson ’97 and Sara Hall ’99. They won both the 50 and 100 freestyles to grab a high berth in New England this year.

This victory gave both the men’s and women’s teams positive directions after their losses to Williams and Amherst last weekend. Both the men and the women swim against Wesleyan next weekend at home.
The track team sprinted their way to a 132 point performance on Saturday, Feb. 1. 11 seconds with a 2:34.83 victory. Meanwhile, her training partner, Katie O’Connor ’99, grabbed second in the 1000 meter (3:13.85), only four seconds behind Middlebury star Maxassel. Other distance stars at Norwich included Meghan Groothius ’99, third in the 5000 (19:03.02) and first-year Burbak Blackley, second in the 800 (2:45) and fourth in the 1500 (4:52).

The story of the day, however, was the combined effort of co-captains Danielle Nelson ’98 and Lauren Poska ’99. Together they claimed three sprint titles.

In the 55 meter dash Moksha edged out Irish Maria from Westfield to win in 7.70 seconds and soon afterwards added the 200 meter title when she crossed the line in first place (27.72). Meanwhile, sprint superstar Pennington won the 600 meter for the second week in a row with a very respectable 1:48.77. Both Pennington and Moksha will head back to the state meet and should place well at New Englands.

This past weekend, the Bears hosted five other schools, including rival Colby, at Fairley Field House. Unfortunately, the White Mules won the meet with 184 points, while Bowdoin came in third with 132, only ten points behind second place Tufts. First place finishes for the Bears were turned in by Moksha in both the 55 meter dash and the 200 meter, Pennington in the 600 meter, and Groothius in the 300 meter.
Out of Bounds
by Rhett K. Hunter

"ALLEN IVERSON DUMPS 37 ON THE PACERS,"...but the Pacers have lost 24 of their last 26. "JASON KIDD RECORDS HIS FIFTH TRIPLE DOUBLE OF THE SEASON" but he can't seem to hit the 400 mark in field goal percentage even after three years in the league. "JUWAN HOWARD SIGNS 100 MILLION DOLLAR MEGA DEAL,"...for being a bit over-decent power forward who has hardly proven himself in his brief two years in the league. What is up with all of the young players in the league nowadays? It's almost as if every lottery pick coming out of college thinks he is gonna be "the man" in a league with Michael Jordan, Hakeem Olajuwon and Charles Barkley. I don't think so. Every player under 22, with the exception of a few anomalous individuals, seems to have a "Gimme the rock so I can slam dunk in front of the jam cam" tattoo etched into his forehead. Every move has to be a 360 degree, triple pump fake, right hand switch to left, reverse "Isaiah Rider" jam so that they can sell more jerseys and shoes. The notions of team work, winning and sportsmanship have all been casualties of this me-first attitude.

This isn't to say that there aren't exceptions. Grant Hill is fast becoming the league's next Michael Jordan, and he is perhaps the most affable player in the NBA. He respects the veterans that have put ten or more years of their lives into the league, while at the same time refusing to succumb to the trash-talking ways of the other younger players. As a rookie, he understood that he had a lot to learn. Now, he has blossomed into a Dream Teamer and an All-Star who will no doubt find a place in the Hall of Fame. In addition to all this, the Pistons are off to their best start in several years and will be heavy contenders for a play-off spot come April. Hill has received well deserved praise which has been earned through hard work at improving his own skills as well as becoming a better team player. Young players with such aspirations and mentalities are fast becoming rare commodities in the new era of NBA basketball.

The real question is why is this the league, and why are the fans, tolerating such brisk disrespect by the young players coming out of college? It's probably because most people care more about individual players than their teams in this new age of "landoem." People watch games to see Chris Webber jam in Shawn Bradley's mug, or watch Penny Hardaway do an acrobatic spinning "scoop- daddy" shot from the baseline. People don't care, nor do they appreciate watching teamwork at its finest. A good example of this mentality can be seen in the Utah, where the Jazz have enjoyed great success. For ten years, Stockton and Malone have perfected the two man game, and have also helped to create scoring opportunities for their teammates. But think about it. How many people care about the Utah Jazz? Hardly no one. Instead, you have every other person on the block talking about Jerry Stackhouse torching it down the throat of Jeff Hornacek, and then punching him in the face later on that night. The game probably ended with Jerry beating the Sours 115-87, but no one cares about the score anymore.

It is even more pathetic when people harp on the young kids entering into the NBA with their heads screwed on straight. Need an example? Kobe Bryant. Here's an 18 year old kid with an SAT score of 1050. He could have gone to any top university in the country, and, in all probability, would have been an All-American in fresh basketball. Instead, he elected to enter the NBA draft. The response to his decision was far from subtle. All could hear from people was that he was a fool. He was an idiot, and, I quote one New England fan, "I hope he gets his butt kicked in the NBA." But here's a player that knows he has a lot to learn, and I quote, "is willing to contribute to the team whether it be the game winning shot or waving a towel on the bench." He could start on half of the teams in the league, but he doesn't gripe about having to come off the bench in Los Angeles, one of the best teams in the league. He puts in solid minutes, and does what is expected of him. He makes mistakes, as all rookies do, but he has the maturity and the work ethic to improve and become one of the greats in many ways, he is more mature than his college-educated brethren of the rookie class.

There is no simple solution to this deadly virus gripping the basketball world. The media spoils every outlet of marketing available, from television to magazines. The constant bombardment of advertisements turns individual players into gods, and leaves the fate of the team at the mercy of the self- inflicted ego of the young superstar. That is perhaps why NBA scores are, on average, lower than they have been in many years. The worst part of it is that we, the fans of the Sportscenter highlight red generation, are not only allowing, but encouraging the structural disintegration of an art form. By tailoring our views only to the clips of the great plays without appreciating the steps taken to set up such plays, we are ignoring the fundamental roots upon which the game was founded. Who cares what color Dennis Rodman's hair is? Who cares how baggy Allen Iverson's shorts are? Who cares about the new Reeboks that Shawn Kemp is wearing? We should appreciate the endeavors of art of team basketball. If it dies out completely. It may not be as flashy as we would like, but it wins championships, as well as the hearts of true sports fans.

Women's basketball red hot

Middlebury then hit a clutch 3-pointer to take a 54-44 lead with 1:53 remaining. Fortunately for the Bears, those would be the Panthers' last points of the game, setting up the greatest comeback to a Bowdoin win this year. Mulheolland tied the game at 68 with a minute to play on two hoops underneath the basket. But the Panthers' 21-foot, one-man defensive stops, but turned the ball over with 18 seconds left to toss up a possible Middlebury win. The Bears had two fouls to give, and wisely used them to run time off the clock to make the Panthers' last shot more difficult. With six second left, the Panthers' point guard dribbled right into Bowdoin's infamous half court trap, and had to force a pass to the wrong guard. Mulheolland, refusing to allow her team to lose, stepped in and stole the ball at the opposite foul line with only five seconds left on the clock. She then dribbled the length of the floor and hit the winning lay-up just as time expired, capping off an amazing 70-68 comeback win.

Bowdoin finishes its current nine-game homestand with two games in Morrell Gymnasium this week. Tonight, the Bears put their winning streak on the line against St. Joseph's at 7:37 p.m. Then, on Saturday, Bowdoin will host the Williams College Ephs at 6:00 p.m. If the Bears continue their current level of play, fans can expect the team to continue their path of destruction right into the playoffs.

Women's hockey back in form

KATIE LINZ
STAFF WRITER

After a series of losses to Division I teams over winter break, the women's hockey team forgot what it was like to win. This week, they remembered, as they defeated St. Lawrence and the Rochester Institute of Technology on Jan. 25 and 26 and clinched a 2-1 victory over Wesleyan yesterday.

When the Bears traveled west last weekend to face RPI and RIT, they returned to Brunswick victorious. Bowdoin defeated RPI 10-3, and picked up a 1-0 win over RIT the next day.

Against RIT, the game started out evenly matched. Amy '99 scored the inaugural 60th for the Bears and at the end of the first period, the score was tied 1-1. In the second, the intensity of play increased as Eliza Wilmerding '97 tallied a goal one minute into the period. Her teammates followed suit, contributing a total of seven goals and preventing RPI from scoring any of their own. Steel added two power play goals to complete a hat trick while Kacey White '98, Corby Jo Baumann '00 and Emily Hintman '99 also put points on the board. In the net, Bowdoin finished the deed. They again played an even period as both teams scored two goals. Dana Otberg '00 and White contributed Bowdoin's final two scores of the game.

Saturday's game against RIT was more challenging for the Bears. The game remained scoreless until White dumped the puck into the net six minutes into the second period. The rest of the game was dominated by defense, and Bowdoin came away with the win.

In yesterday's game, Wesleyan scored the first goal of the game in the second period. Jace MacLeod '99 then scored two unanswered power-play goals, the first to tie the game, and the second to steal the victory. This weekend the Bears journeyed to Massachusetts where they will face fellow ECAC Alliance power, Williams, on Feb. 7, and Amherst, on Feb. 8. When the teams met previously this season, Bowdoin prevailed, defeating Williams 5-1 and Amherst 9-2.

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Wed., Feb. 5th; from 11am-2pm at the Smith Union
After big wins over USM and Salem State, the men's hockey team failed to beat Colby at least twice in a season for the first time in 29 years.

David Fish
Assistant Sports Editor

It's official, the women's basketball team is on fire. The Bears are currently riding a seven-game win streak, which started on Jan. 11. Bowdoin's dazzling play this week was ignited by their senior captain Tracy Mullolland. Mullolland lead the way with two 19-point performances in Bowdoin's thrilling 70-68 victory over Middlebury on Jan. 25 and the Bears 80-62 thrashing of rival Colby this past Saturday.

Against Colby, Bowdoin started the game with intensity, and quickly built a 10-4 lead after three minutes of play. Colby climbed back into the game and took the lead 27-25 with seven minutes remaining in the half. However, that would be the only time the White Mules would lead the game as Alli Marshall '00 found her stride, connecting for ten of her game-high 26 points in the last six minutes of the half. Unfortunately for Colby, Marshall was not the only Polar Bear hitting her shots. The entire team was on fire, shooting 70 percent from the field in the first 20 minutes of play. As a result, the bears opened up a 44-33 lead going into halftime.

At the start of the second stanza, Bowdoin turned up the defensive pressure. Using their patented full court pressure defense, the Bears went on a 22-6 run with eight minutes to play to put the game out of reach at 68-41. Mullolland controlled the action under the boards, as she grabbed eight rebounds to go along with her 19 points. Christina Hobson '99 also put her stamp on the game with strong play down low as she put in 17 points and pulled down 11 rebounds. Samantha Good '00 had another strong performance with 19 points, three assists and three steals. Similar efforts the prior week earned her the Maine State Rookie of the Week honors.

Not to be lost in the matchup between Bowdoin and arch rival Colby was the Bears' 70-68 win over NESCAC powerhouse Middlebury on Jan. 25. Coming into the game Middlebury was 10-2 and ranked fourth in New England Division III. The Panthers provided an excellent test for the Bears, who were still adjusting to the departure of guard-forward Andrea Little '98, who is studying abroad this spring.

Bowdoin dictated the action early and took a 10-4 lead after five minutes with a press that created several turnovers. As expected, Middlebury battled back and took the lead at halftime 30-29. In the second half, the Bears continued to play well, but the Panthers were even better. With 14 minutes left in the game, it looked as though Middlebury was going to pull away as they went on a 12-6 run, but a three-pointer and two free throws by Good tied the score at 47. The Bears kept it close the rest of the way with strong play from Marshall, Hobson and Mullolland. However, the Panthers used strong three point shooting to eventually build their lead to 63-56 with only five minutes left in the game.

Down but not out, the Bears made their move. Good played even better than her name might suggest, hitting four consecutive three pointers to make it a one point deficit with just over two minutes to play.
Campus recognizes effects of eating disorders

Meg Hall
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The attempt to bring the discussion of eating disorders and their presence at Bowdoin out of the closet was forged this past week with events aimed at increasing awareness and recognition. As part of National Eating Disorder Awareness Week (Feb. 3-Feb. 9), Mary McCann of the counseling center and members of the Bowdoin Women’s Association planned and organized events focused on generating and discussion. Among the events was a “Trash and Bash” trash can set up outside the convenience store, inviting individuals to ditch their diets by throwing away diet products, magazines, scales and clothing that no longer fit. Friday, Feb. 7th was also celebrated as “Fearless Friday,” a national event which encourages everyone to abandoned restrictive dieting and instead to eat normal, balanced meals.

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Life 101 prepares seniors for life after Bowdoin

The Life 101 project, spearheaded by Julia Bonarrigo '97, prepares seniors for life in the real world with a series of practical workshops.

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Staff Writer

To make life after graduation seem a bit less daunting to Bowdoin seniors, the Residential Life Office, the Deans Office and the Senior class are sponsoring a series of informational sessions collectively entitled "Life 101" at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday nights in Main Lounge through April 29.

Established to help students develop practical life skills, the program will cover a number of issues throughout the semester, ranging from "Basic Banking," which will focus on ways to pay back college loans and financial graduate school, to an "Etiquette Dinner," which will teach students the proper use of different dinner forks and show them how to eat an artichoke, among other things. Each session is led by Bowdoin staff members and alumni and will last approximately an hour and half.

Sessions are conducted as informal presentations and discussions with questions and active student participation encouraged as well.

According to Julia Bonarrigo '97, who oversaw its development as a project for her Thompson Internship with Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Betsy Maier, "Life 101" is designed "to teach students some skills for living on their own. It is aimed both at those individuals who intend to enter the working world and those who plan to go to graduate school."

While the program had been in existence in past years, Director of Residential Life Bob Graves explained that it was difficult for a large number of students to benefit from it because all of the events took place within the same week or so. The new one-a-week arrangement should accommodate students' schedules more effectively.

The session held last week entitled "Benefits Packages," directed by Assistant Director of Human Resources Mary Demers, provided insight on the importance of employee benefits when deciding whether to accept a job offer.

"Although they are a major component of compensation, many people do not consider benefits as carefully as they should when they choose a job, so I attempted to emphasize their significance," Demers said.

During her session, Demers also addressed the need to start building a savings for retirement at an early age.

"Students seemed to respond very positively to the session; they were keen and asked a lot of good questions. Life 101 is a great idea; it covers very practical issues that people should think about when they graduate from college," she said.

Bonarrigo mentioned that about 20 students were present at Tuesday's discussion and seemed "eager to ask questions."

Umbrine Khalidi '97, who attended the first session remarked "I found the talk on benefits packages quite helpful—I hadn't considered this aspect of the job hunt before. I plan to go to all of the sessions because they are very practical."

Swelling class sizes incites call to hire more faculty members

Beth Hustedt
Staff Writer

Increasing class sizes over the past few years worry both students and faculty. Although the overall student to faculty ratio has remained relatively constant, departments like government and biology face growing student interest which results in larger classes, especially at the introductory level.

Dean of Academic Affairs Chuck Beitz said that he is "concerned about excessively large classes." Beitz recognized that although there was "no significant change" in student-faculty ratios, some departments were burdened with interest while others were not. "Students' interest in biology has increased faster than our ability to hire new faculty," he said.

Associate Professor of Biology Carey Phillips is very concerned with the growth of his biology classes. When he first arrived at Bowdoin in 1985 his developmental biology class had 21 students. Today it has 70. His two introductory biology classes total 180 students.

"People who pay as much as they should not be in large classes," he said.

Both lab time and course work are limited, he noted. He regrets not being able to assign research papers but it would simply be too cumbersome to read so many papers. "It's become a real problem," he said. "We can teach a second course for a large class, but should 40 people a first-rate course. It's a choice."

Jean Yarbrough, chair of the government department, echoed Phillips' sentiments.

"Government continues to be the largest major on campus. We do not have adequate staffing in all four areas of the discipline," she said.

Beitz targets other areas, too, such as history, chemistry, sociology, anthropology, psychology, Spanish and English as departments that have had a rapid increase of student interest resulting in large introductory classes.

Assistant Director of Human Resources Mary Demers leads a discussion on the importance of employee benefit packages.

(Molly Villamanaj/Bowdoin Orient)

Betsy Yarbrough, Associate Professor of Government, discusses student class sizes.

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Dean of Academic Affairs Charles Beitz is concerned with the size of some classes.

(Office of Communications)

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Blood drive a success

The third Red Cross Blood Drive of the year took place on Wednesday, Feb. 5 in the Colbath Room. According to Co-coordinator Laza Spear '97, the drive was the most successful of those held so far this year—so many people (like the generous student pictured above) arrived to donate blood that some gave up and left others waited for two or three hours. (Molly Villamanaj/Bowdoin Orient)
The budget allocation will be used primarily to pay off loans for projects like the new Howard and Stowe dormitories. (Molly Villamana/Bowdoin Orient)

$500,000 earmarked for Res. Life

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While the Commission on Residential Life has not yet made its final recommendations, $500,000 has been set aside in the 1996-97 budget.

The allocation, which has already been approved, will be used toward the improvement of Bowdoin's residential life, possibly including new residence halls and renovations of the Wentworth Dining Hall. The $500,000 is more a "placeholder" than anything else, said Dean of Student Affairs Craig Bradley. The majority of this sum will most likely be earmarked for payments on loans made for projects recommended by the Commission.

Bowdoin has a "fairly healthy debt capacity," said Bradley, meaning that the College can take out large loans to pay for projects such as the recently completed Howard and Stowe dormitories. The allocation will be used mostly to pay off these loans.

While the final recommendations have not yet been made by the Commission, several projects are under serious consideration. One proposal is to construct additional residential space on campus. Another is the renovation of existing domes, including adding "common space" to several of the brick domes.

The Commission is also looking to upgrade the kitchen and dining facilities at Wentworth. Some of the funds might also be used to pay for maintenance of College facilities.

Since the budget was due before the Commission's final report, the $500,000 was approved even though there are no definite plans yet. More information on the Commission's plans will be available when the trustees review a draft March 1.

Res. Life Staff brings “Week of Love” to campus

ZAK BURKE
OPERATIONS EDITOR

Valentine's Day is a traditionally awkward holiday for college students; a third of the population skips with significant others for romantic dinners complete with candlelight and champagne, another third sits at home with a rented movie and a fifth of Jack Daniels and the rest of the students are soberly they don't have time to care what day it is.

With Bowdoin's admittedly poor reputation for dating in mind, junior Noah Jackson grabbed a bunch of people from the Residential Life Staff (he's a proctor in Winthrop?) and some of his other "crazy" friends and, with the enthusiasm and energy that typifies him, he created the Week of Love.

Things actually started last Friday with events in the Smith Union—a table for making valentines, another set up for sending flowers and a third staffed by the HIV Peer Educators providing free condoms and information about AIDS and other STIs.

Events this week will include nightly appearances by Jackson and his cohorts in the dining halls doing romantic skits from movies and plays like "Romeo and Juliet," reading love poems, playing romantic music and, on Thursday night, setting up a slow dance floor in Wentworth Hall.

"We specifically wanted people to be able to slow dance," said Jackson. "There's just not enough of that anymore." Jackson added that he has even rented Navy uniforms to dress as Maverick and Goose from the movie "Top Gun."

Additionally, the Improvabilities will host a Bowdoin oriented version of MTV's "Singled Out" television show (complete with gift certificates to romantic restaurants) on Thursday night. There are plans to light up the quad with candles and find a giant snake walk through all the first-year students' dorms before the hockey game vs. Wellesley on Friday evening. And then there's the Honey Ball, sponsored by the Afro-American Society that night from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in Morell Lounge.

All in all, it should be a crazy week, and one which Jackson is thrilled to see happen.

"Just hope people really get into things and maybe change the culture of this place," he said. Noting the rather perva- sive apathy that seems to have plagued the campus social scene as of late, he added that people just don't seem to know what to do for a good time any more.

"We didn't really look for [social activities]," he said, "It's always, 'What can I do with my friends or my floor or my building?' I figured, why not try to bring everyone together?"

That elusive campus unity is the main goal of the Week of Love, and Jackson believes it will be a great success. The week's events are open to any and all students and all of them are free.

"We just want it to be fun," Jackson said. "We want people to try different things and things they haven't done before. That's what college is about, isn't it?"

Controversy rises in athletic dept.

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STAFF WRITER

Three weeks before the end of the fall semester, the Farley Field House training room effectively shut down so that attention could be focused on more dangerous sports such as ice hockey and basketball that practice in or around Morell Gym.

Although Assistant Athletic Trainer Aarone McKeen says that "the decision was thoroughly thought out and warranted," it caused tension between teams dependent upon the field house facilities and the training staff.

Starting Nov. 1, the men's and women's track teams and the men's and women's swimming teams make extensive use of the field house. While the track team does not have formal daily practices until Jan. 12, "from November 1 until the beginning of exams... everyone is expected to come out at the field house," according to Head Track Coach Pe- ter Slovener. The swim teams' seasons official- ly begins in early November, so immedi- ate access is all the more needed.

"It is very preferable to have a training room close by because a number of the kids need regular treatment, and just in case any- one gets injured during practice. Sometimes Please see CONTROVERSY, page 4
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awareness is further emphasized by Lisa Dubrowski '97 who adds that "Most people in general, not just at Bowdoin, don't know how insidious the pressures are for women to look a certain way."

Further events are planned throughout the month of February to keep promoting awareness. This year's "Man and the Future" was postponed and rescheduled for Feb. 11.

On Tuesday, Feb. 11th the play "In My Head I'm Thin" will be presented at Westbrook College. A discussion will be facilitated by Mary McCann and Carol Crosby from Westbrook Hospital following the play. Ticket information at the Westbrook College Office. It is open to the public.

Another event was open to the public and was held on Thursday, Feb 12 "Killing Us Softly," by Jean Kilbourne will be shown in Beam Classroom at 7:00 p.m.

Athletic controversy

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The selection of athletes can be a touchy subject. This winter, Coach Charlie Butt was named Coach of the Year in an attempt to be fair to all teams. The next question is, what is the best way to handle the problems that arise?

Certainly, there are problems and needs in the athletic department that must be addressed. The selection of athletes is one of these issues.

There are several ways to handle this problem. The first is to have a well-organized and systematic process for selecting athletes. This involves establishing clear criteria for selection and ensuring that these criteria are followed consistently.

Another approach is to have open forums where students can express their concerns and ideas. This allows for input from a variety of perspectives and helps ensure that the selection process is fair and transparent.

Ultimately, the best way to handle athletic controversy is to prioritize fairness, transparency, and inclusivity. This involves taking the time to listen to student concerns, considering multiple perspectives, and working to create a system that is fair and just for all involved.

The selection of athletes is a complex issue that requires thoughtful consideration and ongoing attention. With the right approach, it is possible to create a system that is fair, inclusive, and supportive of all students.
Safety precautions

When we arrived at Bowdoin, we had many concerns about adjusting to college life, but the threat of crime was not among them. Historic buildings, quaint shops and stretches of wilderness don’t conform to our notions of the big university atmospheres where campus crime is a more visible problem. We should not, however, act as though it doesn’t exist. While a community of students who are enveloped in studying and partying may not attract crime, it facilitates it; we’re too caught up in our every day routines to take necessary precautions.

Students at Bowdoin have a “false sense of security,” according to Security Coordinator Loanne Dustin. Statistics point to a very low incidence of crime (since September 1995 there have been only eight Security Alerts for suspicious persons) and as a result, we often take unnecessary risks.

Numerous students make late night treks back to off-campus apartments—the hike through the woods to the Brunswick Apartments is especially unpleasant. While the shuttle is available until relatively late, most students use it to get out of the cold rather than for safety reasons.

This lax attitude concerning safety has even led to the discontinuation of the Safe Walk program, which was designed by Security to provide student escorts for those requesting company crossing campus at night. Security ended the program because they received so few calls, according to Dustin.

The weekly crime statistics released by Security reassure us—during most weeks there are no incidence of criminal activity, except the occasional fire alarm and bike theft. However, we cannot assume that the campus will always be safe. Last week there was an anomaly in the statistics: a report of an assault on a woman. While that fact alone indicates neither a rise in campus crime nor the threat of another such incident, it should serve as a wake-up call to both students and the Administration.

While students should be aware that they are not immune to crime, the Administration should do more to make the community aware that taking precautions is not merely advisable, but necessary. The quad, for example, is exceedingly dark late at night and contains only one emergency call box. There are no such boxes between the Tower (where the assault occurred) and the Brunswick apartments, and the area is poorly lighted.

We applauded the new efforts to better light the campus, but the length of time it has taken for the Administration to implement such plans is evidence that the students aren’t the only ones who haven’t taken safety precautions seriously.

The Week of Love

The Residential Life staff has taken it upon themselves to turn the often beleagured day of darkness we know as Valentine’s Day into a week long celebration of benign merriment warmly referred to as “The Week of Love.” The pink hearts and red carnations adorning Morrell Lounge last Friday, accompanied by corny 60’s love songs, may be in stark contrast to the cynicism with which many of us approach the season; such a reaction points to a general passivity that seems to come with the mid-winter blues.

It’s admirable that Residential Life, faced with such pessimism, is trying to pull students out of their shells (or the library). Inasmuch as many students will condemn the Residential Life staff for giving undue attention to what can be a rather grisly holiday, we applaud their efforts to accentuate the positive in an otherwise dreary Maine February.

We in no way impugn the legitimacy of cynicism in this season, nor do we claim to have found eternal bliss for ourselves. On the contrary, there are those among us who would prefer to watch a tape of the Super Bowl trouncing of our beloved Patriots before so much as looking at a conversation heart this time of year. We’ve all been down, but most of us have also been up. For those hitting Feb. 14 on the downsie, we offer our condolences but encourage a positive attitude. For those who simply cannot feign any favorable feelings whatsoever, we implore an obstreptic withdrawal from the festivities.

The vast majority of us do fit into the bitter category, but we can’t let that discourage us from following the lead of the Residential Life staff and making the best of our situations. Though we may have lost all hope for ourselves, what better time of the year than Valentine’s Day to try to pick someone up (literally or figuratively). Random acts of altruism, whether they be thoughtful poems or anonymous carnations, hold boundless potential for their effects on the recipients if for nothing more than a flattered smile.

The spirit of Valentine’s Day lies with the individual. If unsatisfied with the state of our love lives, we can let Feb. 14 continue its long assigned role as a Hallmark-invented holiday which serves only to remind us of our desperation, or we can celebrate its capacity to temporarily defeat that despondency through frivolity.

As with all things, it would be easier to complain about our problems than it would be to explore solutions, but most of us have enough to moan about already. So go rent a tux, put on a smile—and try to slow dance...
The lesson that stands out from Van Vliet's experience is clear: students who are unsatisfied with their social life are leading the power to do something about it.

By Paul Kohlhuber
Senior Editor

This spring, the Commission on Residential Life will release its report about social life on campus. Whether or not the students decide to make, the future character of the Bowdoin community will not be decided by the Commission or the Administration.

In 1962, the Committee for Plans For Future Dormitory And Dining Facilities (did themselves the CFPPFDDAPF) issued its final report. The committee had been asked by President James Stacy Coles to address the shortcoming of Bowdoin's fragmented community and to develop plans for confronting planned expansion in the College's enrollment.

The report issued by the Committee, as called for the construction of a three million dollar residence to house all of Bowdoin's seniors under one roof. Architect Hugh Stubbins was hired to develop a plan that would meet the College's needs.

But was the Senior Center, the sixteen story building we now know as Coles Tower. Stubbins' plan was designed to bring a connection between Bowdoin's social and intellectual lives of the College's seniors. The tower had space for faculty offices and apartments for faculty members, including scholars. Chamberlain Hall was constructed to house program offices for the Senior Center and apartments for professors and their families. Seniors were required to take two seminar classes in subjects outside of their majors. These classes were to be taught in classroom space built into the new tower.

The belief behind the planning and construction of the Tower was that a building could bring together members of different groups on campus, including members of different fraternities, the faculty and others, in such a way that the imperfections of campus social life would be remedied.

Although the programs of the Senior Center were generally seen as successful, large increases in enrollment and other changes on the campus, including the advent of co-education, greatly diluted the functions of the Senior Center. By the early 1980's the Administration Office had moved into Chamberlain Hall, many of the classrooms in the tower had been taken over by staff offices, and the senior seminar had been expanded to include students in other classes.

Today, Coles Tower stands as a striking example of what happens when issues of social life are addressed by commissions and administrators alone. Many students living in the tower today barely know their roommates. They live together as the result of marriages of convenience. As a result, common rooms are often unused and the building has all the community spirit of a modern high-rise apartment complex. Instead of serving as a gathering place for seniors, the Tower is mostly a holding pen for sophomores and juniors lucky enough to find another upperclassman with a good lottery number.

We are not, however, doomed to repeat the mistakes of the past.

Some students are not waiting to be told how to reenliven their social lives. They are doing it on their own.

Carina Van Vliet '97 is one of those students. Like many others, Van Vliet was not happy with the social life she found at Bowdoin. "When I got here," says Van Vliet, "This is not satisfying."

Van Vliet's idea of campus social life involves more interaction between faculty and students and a greater emphasis on intellectual discourse than she found at Bowdoin. Along with her friend Sarah Ross '97, Van Vliet developed the idea behind the Classic Theme House, now located in the old Bowdlin across from Alpha Kappa Sigma on Harpswell Street.

Today, Van Vliet's vision is a reality. Faculty members and students regularly are not acknowledged by serious effort on our part to make the situation better, those complaints will be just what they sound like: the whining of a bunch of brats.

The lesson that stands out from Van Vliet's experience is clear: students who are unsatisfied with the social life they are leading the power to do something about it.

Jeff Bedrosian thinks that Don Jesse is a better broadcaster than Howard Stern.
Celebrity criminals: fairness and justice

By Wystan Ackerman

Political Persuasions

In the light of the over-hyped O.J. Simpson criminal trial, many Americans are now ask- ing whether celebrities, when accused of a crime, receive some sort of "special treatment" in court. The answers, of course, vary depending on your view of celebrity status or (2) by virtue of the fact that they can, as Simpson did, hire the very best attorneys money can buy.

An incident recently occurred in my home state of Connecticut, involving the famous Olympic figure skater, Baiul, 19 years old, was cleared of second degree murder when she drove her car on a back road at 100 miles an hour, injured four people, and killed one. Luckily, both she and her passenger survived with relative ease. Despite the minor injuries, Baiul, "a first-time offender," was recently accepted into a pre-trial alcohol education program. Provided she completes the program, the charge of driving while intoxicated (for which, if convicted, she could face a prison term) will be dropped. In addition, she paid a small fine for driving at an unreasonable speed and will do some community service. Her driver's license cannot be suspended because of a legal technicality. She did not refuse or fail a police-administered blood alcohol test, which motor vehicle law requires. Her blood alcohol test was conducted in a hospital, after the accident, on a non-driving citizen, when taking a look at Baiul's case, would probably say that she "got off easy" because of her celebrity status or her celebrity social network.

Did Baiul receive a "fair" punishment?

Absolutely, if you consider fairness to be that which is given to the same crime received the same (or very similar) treatment. Over the winter break, I spent a couple of weeks following around attorneys in Connecticut. I know of a very similar case, in which a young man, about Baiul's age, certainly not old enough to be drinking legally, was drinking and driving and got into an accident involving another vehicle. He is certainly not fa- mous, nor does he (on family) wealthy. He was also accepted into Connecticut's pre- trial alcohol education program. Unlike Baiul, he was not required to do community service or pay a fine. He also was able to keep his driver's license. It was alleged that, when a police officer asked him to take a blood alco- hol test, he refused. However, if it were clear that the young man had a concussion at the time and likely was unable to give or understand "realistic" testing, the vehicle department hearing officer decided to restore his driver's license. So, was Baiul, given her age, and the fact that she is an American society, essentially the same as your average, irresponsible young person who commits the same crime? Yes. She received no evidence preference because she was speeding at the time, while he was not.

Was justice served? That's an entirely different question and essentially a matter of public policy. Justice would allow that drinking and driving is a very serious offense, that should carry stiff penalties, even for first-time offenders. Others, including myself, would say that, in these instances, especially with young people, education (or rehabilitation) is more effective than a large fine and/or a short jail term. However, in my opinion, the Connecticut Legislature ought to get rid of some of the technicalities with respect to the suspension of driver's licenses. Hospital- administered blood alcohol tests should be brought under the same scrutiny regardless of driving record; drivers who are not physi- cally able to give or refuse their consent to a blood alcohol test. My intention is not to make an analogy between the Baiul case and the Simpson one; if such a comparison could even be made.

Instead, I aim to point out that the root of some of the perceived problems with our legal system is not a matter of unfairness built into the system itself. To a certain extent, the problem is not that the rich and famous "get off" because of status or their ability to hire armies of law- yers. In many instances, those who do the "right thing" are the same. The real source of the perceived problems is perhaps the law itself and the way it is constructed, which people, through their representatives, are free to change.

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The State of the Union Address is on target

By Wystan Ackerman

Political Persuasions

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The president's plan are not too dissimilar in regard to how they will be implemented. And they are not too dissimilar in that there is no way on earth that the plan will work. At this point, I must express my dissatisfaction with both Republicans and Democrats.

Both budget proposals ask that entitlements remain essentially untouched and that new programs be created to fund additional education grants, all on top of tax breaks. Furthermore, both proposals suggest that the government should subsidize entitlements. Even more disturbing is that both the president and members of Congress have coddled the idea of investing in the stock market to acquire revenue for such entitlements. What seriously troubles me is that the government will not be containing among the budget costs social programs which utilize these "earned source of revenue. That would be like someone claiming that the short term gain is income! It simply does not make sense that we can offer the tax cuts the president and Congress have proposed, keep Medicare, Medicaid, and social security untouched, and increase education spending at the same time. Congress has a choice to make. Bill Clinton has laid some very nice things before citizens of this country: a better education system, tax breaks, untouched entitlements, and a balanced budget. However, one of these goals will have to be sacrificed for one to possibly be realized by common sense, they are inherently contradictory. My suspicion is that when the Clinton plans do not work, the bipartisan bickering will begin once again, and the spirit of the State of the Union will end.

I admire the president's plan for solving the American people are not in the mood for radical change and that they simply want realistic goals that can be accomplished in three years. Clinton has proposed three goals Clinton issued: educational standards, secure entitlements, and tax breaks are all certainly workable. The only thing that little effort, Mr. Clinton will be able to use them build his "bridge" to the 21st Century. However, he cannot balance the budget by the time of the next budget. Congress will be spending at the same time. One thing is for certain, however. The president will at least be able to grow his within the goals to temporary cap, and this is the tide of ongoing Congressional disputes.

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A new perspective on managing the endowment

By Zak Burke

Operations Editor

Deciding how to allocate a budget is never easy. Even a simple mistake in the fact that we've got more than $67 million laid out for all sorts of projects next year, I have no doubt that we'll get our share from students and parents department chairs alike.

I realize I'm not the brightest economist to come to Bowdoin in the last 20 years and when I applied to be a student representative on the Budget Committee last fall, the interviewer pretty much laughed at me, but I think I've stumbled across a way to raise a little extra cash around here.

It's called the really; North Face stock. Think about it. In just the last three weeks since we returned from the holiday break, I'd estimate that the student body has spent something with "The North Face" nicely stepped on the left shoulder. Or maybe they were the "high"-street sporting equipment right now—hello, Williams, Amherst, hell, Carleton!—so the trend continues we could be in good shape. And when spring sporting goods, and we shed our winter parkas, well then we switch our holdings over to L.L. Bean because you can buy a good glove, and another one when another North Face sock up in an off-threshold polar-fleece-thinsulate-insulated Gore-Tex-lined shell is going to be a pair of those rubber sided boots that made Bean's so famous. And when it's time for those to go too, hey, we invest in Crazy-
What are you doing in preparation for the “Week of love?”

MARISA ZAHLER '99
New York, NY
“Shaggy!”

JASON ROOKE '99
Springfield, MA
“Increasing my magazine subscriptions.”

STEVE LENTO '99
Woburn, MA
“There is a Week of Love?”

SCOTT FREIDMAN '97
West Hartford, CT
“Bikini wax.”

GABRIELE CAROTI '97
Milan, Italy
“Having fun with Mr. Happy.”

Mr. Happy '97
Oklahoma City, OK
“Just hanging around.”

MR. HAPPY'S MR. HAPPY

RANDY LOFFELMACHER '97
Moorhead, MA
“Just being happy.”

“Don’t ask me, I am a pervert.”

Compiled by Brian Billock and Alice Liddell

What you didn’t know about New Hampshire

By Willing Davidson

Over the last few days of winter break, I took a trip with my father. Although our original intent was to travel by RV through New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, Canada, we quickly realized that this trip would require approximately thirty-five hours of driving spread over three days, an unpalatable prospect. With that in mind, we set our sights closer to home, and decided to indulge in our mutual desire to ski, by driving in a more traditional vehicle through Vermont and New Hampshire, stopping at various ski areas, and sleeping wherever we could find traditional accommodations.

Although I have been to both Vermont and New Hampshire numerous times, I had never before been able to conduct such a thorough comparison between these two neighboring, but radically divergent states. I felt qualified to make this assessment as a resident of the greatly detested great state of New York. There are perhaps no other two states in the Union that provide such an interesting contrast as New Hampshire and Vermont. While Vermont is much celebrated, New Hampshire remains almost universally vilified. Critics point to New Hampshire’s right wing politics, its ugly cities bordering Massachusetts, its unfriendly natives and its historic prejudice that would not allow Catholics or Jews to attend Vanderbilt University.

For Vermont, as we all know, is beautiful, liberal, progressive, and animal-friendly.

Therefore, it should not come as a surprise that I hate Vermont and feel farce affection for New Hampshire.

New Hampshire is real. As poet and essayist Donald Hall says, “New Hampshire is inhabited by real people who drive pickup trucks with gun racks and NRA bumper stickers.” There is no sentimentality in New Hampshire. The residents have apparently realized that you can’t run your state as a theme park, and the natives cannot be photographed with small children for tourists’ Christmas cards.

Vermont is the theme park that New Hampshire has successfully avoided becoming. A trip for tourists. New Hampshire is more spectacular that Vermont. It beats the tallest mountain in the northeast. The White Mountains are much more beautiful than the Green mountains of Vermont. However, when one speaks of beautiful New England, one is almost universally referring to Vermont. Donald Hall on Vermont: “Taylor Rental outside Burlington hires Yankees out for parties, each guaranteed to know three hundred amusing rural anecdotes, all of them ending, ‘You can’t get there from here.’ They chew nylon straws, they repeat ‘Ahh’ over and over again, and they cackle hideously until you pay them off.” This is all, presumably, entertainment for the mergers and acquisitions lawyers from Boston who then rhaphasize about how glad they are that the old ways still survive in Vermont.

Fortunately, however, all the Vermont “inn’s” have digital phone lines so their modern work.

New Hampshire is a living, breathing, evolving state, where people have jobs, try to improve their lives, and will not be patronized by jackass flatlanders. Vermont is a place where the main industry is attempting to pretend that nothing has changed, so that those who live in places that actually accomplish things can be treated with feeling that poor suckers maintain the lifestyle of a struggling country.

I think the contrast between New Hampshire and Vermont can be paradigmied by my father’s and my trip. Two ski areas stand out among the ones we visited: Mad River Glen in Vermont and Cannon Mountain in New Hampshire. Mad River Glen is a fancy ski area and Cannon Mountain is a poor old-style Vermont skiing. There are minimal chairlifts, no snowmaking and little grooming. It also has the reputation of being very inexpensive. It’s very difficult and most trails are largely mogulled. Cannon is much less renowned, even though it is twice the size of Mad River, and much steeper. It has many chairlifts, and even a seventy person tram. It is exactly the same price as Mad River. They are both very good ski areas. I really don’t know which I like better. However, Cannon tries to be a ski area. It tries with all its resources, like New Hampshire itself, to be the best ski area it can be. Mad River, however, attempts to be an “old time” ski area. Its pride is in the fact that it has actually tried to not be a great ski area. It has attempted to turn back on itself. In a paradoxical way, even with its tram and grooming, Cannon is the more natural ski area. Unlike Mad River and Vermont, it is utterly not self-conscious.

Willing Davidson is a sophomore.
New York Poets Live!
rocked Pickard Theater

BY LARA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

On Friday, Feb. 7, Pickard Theater welcomed a group of performers unlike any other to have graced this stage in the past. The New York Poets Live is a group of about 15 performers based out of New York City. Bowdoin welcomed five members of the troupe this weekend. Their art is a surprising blend of spoken word, music and comedy. As the posters claimed, this is, "Poetry Like You've Never Seen It Before."

On Friday afternoon performers from the group held a poetry workshop for Bowdoin students. 12 participated. Kai Hiranoe '99, had a glowing review of the workshop. She said, "They were all down-to-earth, nice, friendly, and real. Their criticism was honest and useful." As evidence of how much everyone enjoyed the experience, Hirota said that the workshop, which was scheduled for an hour and a half, ran over because, "everyone was having so much fun!" Four students in the workshop, Hiroto, Ian Duncan '98, Natalie Rodney '97 and Leah Fasulo '99 all gave amazing readings of their own works during the evening performance, holding their own among the professionals.

Shannon Nantan '98 introduced The New York Poets Live as a group that does for poetry what, "Jackson Pollack did for art." Samantha Coebell was the first to perform, speaking about low-low deep assumptions. Later in the evening she struck a chord with many audience members with her poem about the J. Crew catalogue and negative female body images. She was followed by Hal Sirovitz, and his dry, deadpan humorous poems that had the audience in hysteric. Most of the works he read were about his mother, and the things he remembered saying as he grew up in a Jewish family. The warnings about hanging your arm outside a car window, sticking your finger in a light socket, and straying too far from the house hit home with most audience members. Everton Sylvester read two poems, one he claimed that he wrote to "offend everybody." It certainly made everybody think, even if it did not offend them. Emily XZ writes, Please see LIVE! on page 11.

Hot Cajun band to play
Pickard tomorrow night

BY PE-YE WOO
STAFF WRITER

It's time to celebrate Mardi Gras in Bowdoin, Feb. 11th, and to the spirit of this folk and festive celebration, the Student Union Committee is bringing the adventurous and virtuoso sounds of Beau Solesil and Michael Doucet, one of the best Cajun bands around, to the Bowdoin campus. The members of Beau Solesil (French for "good soul") have been performing together for over twenty years, touring world-wide by the very Cajun style of band leader Michael Doucet and the inventiveness of guitarists David Doucet, their music is a re-tro-balance between the traditional and contemporary Cajun styles. Their music is a blend of traditional Cajun music, New Orleans Jazz, Acadian, blues, rock and roll. This is an infectious type of music that will make you dance. Beau Solesil will perform tomorrow, Monday evening, at 9 p.m. in Pickard Theater. Tickets are being sold at the Smith Union Information Desk (7-8.00 for the general public and $6.00 with a Bowdoin College I.D.).

For those who missed this wonderful performance, the Figures of Speech Theater delivers a mature puppet show

Figures of Speech Theater delivers a mature puppet show

BY DOUGLAS E. SILTON
CONTRIBUTOR

Figures of Speech, Speechless is more like it. That's how it left me. This spell-binding performance that took place on Feb. 5, the eve of Chinese New Year, combined drama and humor and projected a wide variety of emotions... all through the use of puppets.

Figures of Speech Theater, founded 15 years ago by John and Carol Farrell, is based in Freeport and has toured extensively from Japan to Broadway. Accompanying the Farrells are Sharon Wilke, best known around campus for her yoga classes, and Zoee Bloomen-Ludoff, a 16-year-old apprentice to the troupe. Together, the group gave life to five intricately carved puppets. The stile facies of the puppets allowed their emotions to be projected only through their finger-tips, directly into the puppets' souls.

John Farrell studied under a Japanese carver and trained in Bunraku, a traditional style of Japanese puppetry. The puppets are visible on stage and "control the puppets without"

The creation of a puppet requires about 150 hours of work

Theatre in Freeport at (207) 865-4335.

As a final note, kudos and many sincere thanks to the Asian Students Association for bringing a wonderful night of culture to Bowdoin.
The cutting room floor

"Fierce Creatures"

The hardest part about seeing "Fierce Creatures" was that we had to walk right past the theater that "Star Wars" was playing in (as John Williams' classic soundtrack was being piped into the theater concourse) and all the way down to the end of the long multi-plex hallway to our "theater." 

Nutfield has a lot of weird connotations, not all of them sexual. For example, does it imply there are nuts in the bottle? We didn't taste any. And we wouldn't admit it if we did.

We stopped by the convoluted home and picked up an Old Man Ale. We Pressed the bottle of the Old Man to our lips and imbibed the character within. The most outstanding quality of this beer is its subtle fruity character. Other than that, this is a fairly weak attempt at a beer. It lacks the hoppy bitterness and strong characteristics that we have come to appreciate. We expected the Old Man to be honest, but maybe a little wrinkly, but we thought he would be more bitter. The fruit is a cute touch, but it does not redeem this remarkable ale. It is worthy of a four on the Silver Bullet scale.

Moving on to the Auburn Ale. There's no Auburn in New Hampshire, although Siggy thinks Auburn is the best beer in the world. Everybody knows that Auburn is something else. We knew a girl once with Auburn hair. She got nabbed. That's true, but Auburn is the reddish-brown color of their ale. Yes, that's exactly what they're referring to. This ale has a sharp, tangy character but it lacks body. It is not as interesting a beer as Nutfield part, and actually leaves you thirstier. But not for Nutfield. But alas can be good, red ales can be good, but not this in-between amber-brown amber-red crap. This distinctive tangy character of the brew along with its hint of brown ale provides some redemption. But only enough for a five on the SB scale.

In conclusion, we are not impressed with the Nutfield line. In fact, it sucks. Kind of like the critics of this column. We occasionally leave The Nutfield (sabbath Sweet Tower, cable-ready and connected to Westworth) and we've heard vicious rumors that we are one of the beers we review and that we're really not that funny anyway. If you agree with this, join our question board. Beer. Be gone. Read the other "beer columns" and neither laugh nor learn. "Have a cold one" instead.

Petes' brews are truly wicked

BY PETER M. WELLES

Ah, Petes' Wicked Ale. The name itself implies a consequence, sweetness, grandeur. My experience with the Pete's family of beers has been a pleasant and enjoyable one all around.

Petes' Wicked Ale has traditionally been one of the more popular, better-selling winter beers. This might be due to its unique character and original flavor combination. But more likely, the beer's success is due to that quality that all great beers contain: balance. This beer's unique and aromatic combinations of hoppy bitterness and fruitiness show that the lighter palate as well as the fan of a more substantial brew. More importantly, however, these flavors within the context of a clear amber ale create a mix of flavors and textures that work together. The amber ale is light enough to cater to a sweeter raspberry flavor, but sufficient enough to support a hint of nutmeg. The end result is a character that is truly worthy a try. This beer gets an "8.5".

The Mardi Gras is a golden-colored brew that discolors as it sits. Enjoying the Wintery, nevertheless a solid beer. While Petes' Wicked is a festive name than it does character, the beer is something else. On the contrary, I found it to be pleasant and flavorful. The body of the Mardi Gras is less substantial than that of the winter brew, but fitting for a lighter beer. The clear golden color and body that the Mardi Gras is as well as its light carbonation, but this beer's most interesting characteristic is the extremely subtle hint of ginger. The taste is pleasantly enjoyable, but adds that little something that makes this beer worthy of the Pete's name. It gets an "8.5." I definitely recommend that you sample any of these beers. Pete's beers are truly, as the name says, Wicked. Until next time, have a cold one. I know I will.

Notice

The Arts & Entertainment section is looking for a few good writers to cover the ever-exciting and constantly changing world of the Bowdoin community. Contact Justin at 721-5237 or jhasslett@arctos for more info.

Winter's Weekend

Friday, 9:30 p.m.
Ebeny Ball in the Smith Union

Saturday, 1 p.m.
Broomball, capture the flag, tug-of-war and snow sculpting on the quad.

Saturday, 9 p.m.
Murder Mystery in the Smith Union
Classic Film Review

"Wild Strawberries" studies self-discovery

By Cristian O. Nitsch
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

My arrival at Bowdoin this semester from my overly extended break has not been far from the ordinary, although my fourth-year friends Elizabeth Ailes, Asami Sato and Jen Rosenholtz have attempted to hijack my classic movie philadelphia with a cinematic marathon to soak my mind with films of the Big 80s, such as "Dirty Dancing" and "The Breakfast Club." I refuse to succumb to the fact that I am not a movie buff, even though there are a few movies that I consider to be stepping stones in the history of the film. Yes, there are a few movies such as Star Wars that I will admit are technical masterpieces, but the dialogue is absolutely inane. I know I will be pay for those choices of words, but in all honesty I think that films in the 80s left too much to be desired.

Nevertheless, I continue my journey within the realm of my classic cinema review with the dissection of the highly acclaimed, "Smultronstället," or "Wild Strawberries." Ingmar Bergman was one of the most influential directors of this century and proved his mastery of movie making with this powerful production of "Wild Strawberries." It was released in Sweden in 1957 and was, and has been, awarded honorary titles of excellence from various film events. The cast includes the great Västerbotten, Ingred Thulin and Bibi Andersson.

"Wild Strawberries" relates Old professor Ingmar Bergman's (Stenholm) journey to Lund, Sweden to receive an honorary doctorate, accompanied by his daughter-in-law, Marianne (Thulin). However, the film represents too many of his egotistical tendencies. The drive is a complete retrospective in time: Berg's embodies the lack of humanity that plagues the typical self-centered man and destroys the very innocence of life's precious moments such as love and beauty. Berg's nightmares and dreams become more frequent and force the man to recall the various treacherous acts he commits and the lives he destroys in the process.

Berg is an old man approaching death while taking stock of his life through the acts that he hated and admired him. At the end, with his mind quite altered, the film draws from the audience a sigh of relief with the passing of Ingmar Bergman. Personally, though, I think that this is a missed opportunity within the movie that inspire me to look beyond Berg's life and into his soul in an attempt to understand the movie's message more clearly. Leaning against the tree while aback of holdin' back, he speaks to Marianne of his childhood. Only the wild strawberries are a window to his past. The death of innocence at the film's closure is represented by the shadow cast of a branch, like a dragon, swallowing Berg's own silhouette.

These are the images that confront Berg in his past and his desire to be human rather than remain emotionally sterile.

The film utilizes extensive dream sequences (particularly his nightmare at the onset of the story) and flashbacks, a Bergman signature, which were especially responsible for the film's technical popularity. One must not think of the film in the context of today's definition of individuality, yet through the understanding of how Bergman's contribution to film shaped today's overly used and quite frequently abused storylines, plots, themes and ideas on reel 40 years ago. Similar to Bergman's ambitious film "The Seventh Seal," "Wild Strawberries" champions Bergman's essential lesson that there are certain hidden beauties in the words of a poem and the images of a film.

WBOR Golden Platter of the Week

Endotruding...DJ Shadow: nuovo hip-hopparadiso

By Gabriele Caroti
CONTRIBUTOR

I consider the giant realm of music to be divided into two groups: there is what I call the "John Cage Faction" and the "MTV Jock Jam Faction." In pure popularity you would probably guess what would win. But if we were living in a world far from ours where good taste, innovation and a spiritual expression prevailed over pure record sales and chart position, John Cage's "4′33″ would clearly dominate.

So, very far from the clods, the windpuffs, the "Natty Lights" and the 80's airwaves lies the DJ Shadow debut album, "Endotruding..." Mr. Shadow, a Bay Area Ph.D., is more of a vinyl junkie than Harper. Imaging that for a second: more records, more 10-inches, beyond the Red Brick House, beyond "Matt & Dave's" and into "Thurston Moore & John "Jordan""...a place where the inductee has an infinite budget and infinite time to wander the earth for all used record stores. Talented Mr. Shadow, take us to Anchorage to the Falklands.

Thus, this mystery man with the vinyl over his head, who has anything. I believe he is second in contention to Thurston at this point, beating Mike Diamond, MC Adam Yauch and King Ad Rock to a pulp. Mr. Shadow does more than "own" records, with them he brews a huge stew of bubbling gurgling textures, chunks of meaty beats and thick soppy bass in the proverbial cauldron of the sampler. Assuming that musical boundaries are breakable rather than elastic, he destroys all our preconceptions of hip hop, a music conditioned to women with all driven by a complexity of overlays upon overlays of sounds found on movie soundtracks, old soul/r&b 45s, new age ambient albums, hard hop LP's, modern classical compositions. As to the British weekly "New Music Express" put it, "DJ Shadow is the Jimi Hendrix or Jimmy Page of the same

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In the second track "Building Steam With a Grain of Salt," Mr. Shadow does just that, declaring through a sample that "from listening to records I just know what to do, mainly taught myself..." The track starts as a simple piano chord progression and creates an atmosphere via a big-foot bass drum, a wah guitar, with a slow snare, chord harmonies, scratches, self-help recordings, a reverberated glockenspiel, a gospel baritone and synth textures. On my favorite track of the record, "Stem/Long Stem," a high-tiat-guides a nostaligic lamenting orchestra of sampled stringed instruments to a frenzy of breakthrough drum fills at 240 bips and then suddenly disappears into the calm quiet echo of ambient synthesizers, reminiscent of Frip's and Nono's "Evening Star." "Creation...What Does Your Soul Look Like?" and "Midnight in a Perfect World" are NuSoal/Acid Jazz tracks la Brand New Heavies/Gapellin with the obvious pinches of Herbie Mann and Jimmy Smith. And on a forty-three second composition, DJ Shadow answers the question "Why Hip Hop Sucks in '96."

Thus, the British label Mo'Wax which spawned the likes of DJ Krush remains on top spreading its invisible tentacles to San Francisco and dripping its wonderful black ink into solid rotating circular platters in every living room, dorm room, bedroom, bar, cafe, igloo, bar/batroom, victorian mansion, chalet, mud hut, cardboard box and frat house all over this earth.

This album is so amazing that if all of music had to be the Cooool video "Fantastic Voyage," DJ Shadow's "Endotruding..." would be the magic wand that turns the bike into the car.

Gabriele Curati listens to records, watches movies, and has never set foot in the exercising rooms in Sargen Gym. He is very pale.
**Weekly Calendar**

**Feb. 11**
- **Club** The Big Easy
  - Mike Hayward's All Star Revue (blues)
  - 416 Fore St, Portland
  - For Info: 780-1207
- **Club** Zoetz
  - Rec Room
  - 31 Forest Ave, Portland
  - For Info: 773-8187
- **Reading** (3:30 p.m.)
  - Canto X
  - Museum of Art
- **Film** (4 p.m.)
  - "Helen Nearing: Conscious Living/Conscious Dying"
  - Main Lounge
  - Moulton Union
- **Meeting** (6 p.m.)
  - Bowdoin Women's Association
  - Coles Tower
  - 1 East
- **Book Signing** (7 p.m.)
  - By Peter Landesman
  - Greater Bookland & Cafe
  - Cook's Corner, Brunswick
  - For Info: 725-2313

**Feb. 12**
- **Activity** (11:30 a.m.)
  - Faculty, staff and student skating
  - Dayton Arena
- **Concert** (12:15 p.m.)
  - Franz Glazer and Duncan Cummings
  - Program of four-hand music at one piano
  - First Parish Church
  - 425 Congress St, Portland
  - For Info: 625-4439
- **Reading** (3:30 p.m.)
  - Canto XI
  - Museum of Art
- **Talk** (4 p.m.)
  - "Beyond Illustration: Mazur's Re-Vision of Dante's Inferno"
  - Irena Makruhka
  - Associated Professor of Religion
  - Museum of Art
- **Meeting** (5 p.m.)
  - Christian Student Union
  - Chase Barn Chamber
- **Activity** (7 p.m.)
  - Climbing Class
  - Sargent Gym
- **Film** (7 p.m.)
  - "Still Killing Us Softly"
  - Beam Classroom
  - VAC

**Feb. 13**
- **Valentine's Day**
  - Activity
  - Cabin Overnight
  - For Info: 721-3346
- **Exhibit**
  - "El Man Alla (Heaven Revisited)"
  - by Dorette Amsel
  - 112 High St, Portland
  - For Info: 772-3182
- **Reading** (3:30 p.m.)
  - Canto XII
  - Museum of Art
- **Concert** (7 p.m.)
  - The USM Chorale and Chamber Singers conducted by Mark Gibbons
  - 25A Forest Ave
  - Portland
  - Tickets: $2 for students
- **Play** (8 p.m.)
  - "Lettuce and Lovage"
  - Acorn Productions
  - 420 Cottage Rd, So. Portland
  - Tickets: $10
  - For Info: 799-7337
- **Activity** (8 p.m.)
  - Singled Out
  - Morell Lounge
- **Play** (8 p.m.)
  - "Nine"
  - Portland Players
  - 420 Cottage Rd, So. Portland
  - Tickets: $10
  - For Info: 775-5103
- **Event** (9:30 p.m.)
  - Ebeny Ball
  - Smith Union

**Feb. 14**
- **Winter's Weekend**
  - **Activity** (1 p.m.)
    - Tug of War
    - Quad
  - **Activity** (1 p.m.)
    - Snow Sculpting
    - Quad
  - **Activity** (1 p.m.)
    - Capture the Flag
    - Quad
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    - Quad
- **Exhibit**
  - "Hidden Treasures"
  - African Imports and New England Arts
  - 28 Milk St, Portland
  - For Info: 871-9277
- **Activity (10 a.m.)**
  - Yoga
  - Aerobics Room
  - Farley Field House
- **Reading** (3:30 p.m.)
  - Canto XIII
  - Museum of Art
- **Play** (2 p.m.)
  - "Guys and Dolls"
  - Mahoney Middle School Auditorium
  - Tickets: $4 for students
  - For Info: 767-0266
- **Play** (3 p.m.)
  - "Valley Song"
  - Portland Stage Co.
  - 25A Forest Ave, Portland
  - Tickets: $18 for students
  - For Info: 774-0465
- **Reading** (3:30 p.m.)
  - Canto XIV
  - Museum of Art
  - Portland Museum of Art
  - For Info: 775-6148

**Feb. 15**
- **Exhibit**
  - "From Monet to Matisse: The Origins of Modernism"
  - Portland Museum of Art
  - Ongoing
  - For Info: 775-6148

**Feb. 16**
- **Club** Zoetz
  - Rec Room
  - 31 Forest Ave, Portland
  - For Info: 773-8187
- **Meeting** (7 p.m.)
  - Executive Board
  - Lancaster Lounge
- **Lecture** (7:30 p.m.)
  - "Strategies of Origins: Chich'en Itza and the Capitol Ruorta of the United States"
  - Linda D'Schele
  - Krence Auditorium, VAC
- **Meeting** (8 p.m.)
  - Quill
  - Mitchell East
- **Meeting** (8 p.m.)
  - Polar Consulting Group
  - Whiteside Reading Room

**Feb. 17**
- **Exhibit**
  - "Post-war British Prints: Patrick Caulfield, Terry Frost, Patrick Heron, R.B. Kitaj and William Tucker"
  - Portland Museum of Art
  - Ongoing
  - For Info: 775-6148
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Last week I reported the women's basketball team was on fire. This week I'm happy to report that the fire has developed into a raging inferno. The Bears, paced by strong, consistent play from six contributors, including Christina Hobson '99 and Tracy Mulholland '99, have extended their current winning streak to 10 games. Tomorrows win over St. Joseph's and Wesleyan last week.

In Monday's win, the Bears shot 50 percent from the field to topple St. Joseph's 76-59. The Lady Monks' match the Bears hands early on with some sure shot three's in the first half. Samantha Dickson's three in the second half led the Lady Monks' accuracy from beyond the arc with two of her own from downtown before the end of the half on her
down to Wesleyan's level. The Bears led at the half 26-23, thanks mainly to Hobson's 12 points. In the second half it was more Hobson as the talented sophomore scored 18 more for a game-high 30 points. Hobson finished 8-15 from the floor and 14-16 from the line, and she grabbed 14 boards for her fourth consecutive double-double. Unfortunately, the rest of the team, with the exception of Mulholland (who was 4-9 and 7-10 for 15 points), could not find the range, as the Bears finished the game with an unimpressive 30 percent shooting from the floor. Nevertheless, Bowdoin completed the rebrending the hapless Cardinals 58-39, 20 of them coming on the offensive rebounding, resulting in six steals, two block attempts in the game, converting on 25.

The Women's Basketball team is now 14-4, looking to lock up a spot in the NCAA tournament. The team has five games remaining, two of them against rivals Bates and Colby. This weekend, the Bears will travel to Lewiston and try to avenge their painful 57-56 loss of Dec. 5. That game was also the last time the Bears played Bates and on Saturday the Bears will attempt to return the favor at 7:30 p.m., immediately following the men's game. Then, on Friday the Bears will host Connecticut College for their final home contest of the year. Don't expect the Bears to show the Carab's much love on Valentine's Day.

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**POLAR BEAR SPORTS**

**Women's basketball on fire**

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**DAVID FISH**
Assistant Sports Editor

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**First-year Alli Marshall's impressive play earned her last week's State of Maine Rookie of the Week.**

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Rowley, men's hoops stamp cards

**CHRIS BECK**
Sports Editor

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Coming off their second consecutive 500 week, the Bears faced yet another problem as they entered the game against Colby. Co-captain Chris Whipple '97, the Bear's second leading scorer over the past two seasons, took a viscious elbow to the face against Middlebury on Feb. 1, in what was first thought to be a season-ending injury. The talented power forward refused to sit out however, and came out of the locker room sporting an eye so black it matched his uniform. Despite the obvious risks of playing with such an injury, Whipple displayed the hunger and determination that earned him the valuable honourable mention in the pre-season All-American poll, leading the team with 18 points on eight-of-12 shooting.

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Skiing closes gap on Colby

NICOLE ROBILLARD
CONTRIBUTOR

In the past two weeks, the Nordic and Alpine Ski Teams have worked to chip away at their deficit from the state championships. But after the last weekend was completed, Bowdoin had closed the gap on Colby and is now within striking distance of the Mules in next week’s events, which will be held at Williams.

In the men’s race, Colby and Bowdoin were tied at the start of the day, but a late charge by several members of the Bowdoin men’s team pushed them ahead of Colby by a margin of 16 places. Bowdoin finished second in the team standings, while Colby came in third. The women’s team also took the second place overall, with Colby coming in third. Bowdoin finished second in the women’s race, with Colby coming in third.

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Comments from the peanut gallery

by Ted Maloney

Bowdoin sports fans are unhappy, but they occasionally fail to come out in large numbers.

In the women’s alpine race, Bowdoin finished third, with Colby taking the top spot. While the Bowdoin team did not perform as well as they had hoped, they were still able to take home several points.

Women’s track falls to Mules

RYAN C. JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Despite losing again to Colby in the State of Maine Championships on Feb. 7, the Bowdoin women’s indoor track team had no reason to be disappointed. In fact, they produced several state champions and some very noteworthy performances.

The late night meet was held at Bates College and the Bears showed their dominance in a number of events. State champions included Co-captain Danielle Mokaba ’98 in the 55 meter dash, Amy Trumbull ‘00 in the 400 meter and Vicki Shen ’00 in the 800 meter. The 4x400 meter relay team also dominated the field with a five second victory.

Many of the Bears’ finishes were come from behind victories. In the 800 meter dash, running after only a 15 minute break from the 1500, came back to blow by the entire field with an impressive kick that left the Bates and Colby runners far behind. Her time was 2:29.65. As for the 1500, Shen (5:49.16) out-maneuvered teammate Caitlin O’Connor ’99 (5:00.18) to finish second.

O’Connor had an impressive night, putting up a good fight for second place in the 3000 meter race with a time of 9:11.48. She then ended the day by anchoring the winning 4x400 team. In other distance races, Jen Roberts ’99 was second in the 5000 meter (19:10.97) and Meghan Goodrich third in the 3000 with an ECAC qualifying time of 10:56.79.

In the sprints, First-year Trumbull displayed a powerful kick that knocked over her opponents and left them staring at her heels as she crossed the line for first place in the 400 with a time of 62.79 seconds. Both Mokaba in the 200 meter and Larissa Pennington ’99 in the 600 meter were barely edged out with times of 23.76 and 1:44.88 respectively. Mokaba continued to dominate in the 55 meter, winning the state title in a time of 7.72 seconds. In the 4x400, Bowdoin finished a close second, as Pennington was chased by a Colby runner and lost by only one hundredth of a second. Corrie Colgan ’97 placed third in the 600 meter. The 4x200 team also finished second with a time of 1:52.23.

As for the field events, Latten placed third in the high jump with a leap of 5’06”, while Julie Smith ’99 finished 4th in the triple jump. O’Connor had an impressive night, putting up a good fight for second place in the triple jump.

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Men’s track falls just shy at Maine State Championships

CATLIN O’CONNOR
STAFF WRITER

The Maine State Championship proved to be a real nail biter this past weekend. The meet ended up being a battle of titans. Bowdoin and Bates with the Bobcats coming out on top, 69-64. Colby compiled 40 points but was never a real threat. The late-night meet proved to be prime time as five Polar Bears were crowned state champs and many others came away with personal bests.

One of the top stories of the meet, once again, was first-year sensation Chris Downe. He not only annihilated the Bowdoin track record but also the field house record by more than three seconds in the 300 meter run. Downe took a commanding lead early and never looked back with a blazing time of 3:22.93. Another impressive performance was that of basketball player Dorian Latané ’97. With the basketball team off for the night, LeBlanc saw the state meet as a perfect opportunity to test out his skills in preparation for spring track. He showed his obvious talent in the high jump winning the event at 6’5”. LeBlanc later placed second in the long jump with a leap of 20’10”.

Another impressive top three performances that rounded out a successful state meet included Michael Peryton ’98 in the 100 (11.07) and Gregg Gaillo ‘99 in the 400 (45.23).

This past weekend ended the regular season for the Polar Bears. The teams will begin to deplete as the crop of the rains to the top when the men travel to Boston University next weekend for the Maine Division III Championships. Some of the champions from this weekend hope to add more impressive credentials to their Maine State honors with possible All-New England recognition.

Men’s Basketball

Bowdoin right fire against Wesleyan on Feb. 7, scoring 32 points on 11 of 17 shooting. The senior shooting guard also set a new Bowdoin men’s basketball record by burying eight three-pointers on only 13 attempts.

Pictured above are the five members of last semester’s intramural wiffle ball championship team: Matt Steuterman, Steve Kerrissey, Jason Johnstone, Mike Nakashian, and Jeff Devlin. (Molly Villamana/Orient)
**Sports**

**Men's Hockey**

**Polar Bears blow out Norwich**

After a near upset of fifth ranked Middlebury, the men's hockey team came back strong to trounce number four Norwich.

DEBORAH SATTER
STAFF WRITER

The Bowdoin men's ice hockey team ended the weekend on an extremely high note after routing Norwich University 7-2 on Saturday at Dayton Arena in their most important game so far this season. Norwich entered the game with a 16-2-1 record and was riding a seven game unbeaten streak. The Cadets were ranked first in the most recent ECAC East Standings and fourth in the NCAA East Region Poll. Norwich arrived in Brunswick after handily beating the Colby White Mules Friday night.

The Polar Bears wasted little time getting down to business as Senior Kevin Zifcak scored the first Bowdoin goal less than two minutes into the first period. Zifcak ended the game with a pair of goals. Norwich tied the game with a minute and a half left in the first period on a deflected shot. Bowdoin wanted to enter the locker room with control of the game, so with 26 seconds left in the period, Dave Cataruzolo '98, who finished the night with two goals and an assist, streaked down the ice and put the puck in the net to give Bowdoin a 1-1 lead.

In the final two periods, the Polar Bears just continued to put the pressure on and capitalize on their offensive opportunities. Scoring goals for Bowdoin were John Parni '00, Jon Cavanaugh '98 and Jed Sheehan '00. Also helping out the Polar Bear cause were Senior Captains Andrew Poska, who had two assists, and Stu Logan, who stopped 33 shots in goal. Norwich had not allowed more than four goals against them in a single game in their last 20 outings until Saturday's blowout.

Much of the Bear's inspiration for their spirited win against Norwich came from their Friday night game against Middlebury. Bowdoin lost 2-1 but outplayed the Panthers for most of the contest. Middlebury (12-3-1) also rolled into Dayton Arena boasting a seven game unbeaten streak and had outscored its opponents 37-7 over its previous five games. Middlebury is currently the two-time defending NCAA Champion and is ranked second in the most recent ECAC East standings as well as fifth in the NCAA East Region Poll. The Panthers certainly did not step all over the Polar Bears, for they scored the winning goal to break a 1-1 tie with just over three minutes left in the final period. The Polar Bears tied the game in the second period as Cataruzolo took advantage of the power play to score his 16th goal of the season. Logan provided many important defensive stops for the Bowdoin and finished with 35 saves in the losing effort.

On Tuesday, Bowdoin travels to Manchester, NH in hopes of avenging an earlier loss to St. Anselm's, which is ranked fifth in the ECAC East standings, only two places above Bowdoin. Since it is the second meeting for the two teams this season, it will not count as a conference game for either school. Next weekend, NESCAC rivals Wesleyan and Trinity will roll into Brunswick. The Polar Bears take on Wesleyan Friday at 7 p.m. and Trinity Saturday at 3 p.m.

**Swimming**

**Swimmers ready for New Englands**

Personal bests during the season have set the tone for this season of outstanding individual performances.

JEREMY STREETFIELD
STAFF WRITER

On Saturday, the women's swim team defeated Wesleyan, but the men lost a close contest to the Cardinals. It was not only a team effort that astonished many spectators, but several outstanding individual performances raised eyebrows as well.

It is no small feat to swim a best time during the season because swimmers are worn down until the New England championships. This past weekend numerous swimmers did just that. Missy Powell '99 swam the 200, 500 and 1000 freestyle, of which resulted in personal bests. Sarah Holt '99 also swam a personal best in the 200 individual medley and was very happy with her swim in the 100 and 200 breaststrokes. For the men, Eric Buxton '99 dropped more than a second off his time in the 50 freestyle, qualifying him for the New England's. Eric Ebelin '98 swam three bests, as did Tim Dwyer '00. Brian Williams '00 swam a best time in the 50 breaststroke to qualify for the New England's. Charles Gray '00 swam personal best times in the 100 and 200 breaststrokes, and Ferry Lawrence '00 accomplished his best time in the 200 breaststroke, 200 breaststroke and the 200 individual medley.

One of the most important aspects of a swim season is the final meet—the New England Championships. In order for the team to place well at this meet, it is crucial to have a lot of swimmers qualify. Recent qualifiers include Leigh Hoening '00 in the 200

backstroke (her time was slightly off her bests), Julianne Reynolds '99 in the 50 and 100 breaststroke, Matt Needelman '00 in the 50 and 200 breaststroke and Kris Pangburn '97 in the 100 butterfly.

Liz Davis '00 won the 50 free and was an integral part of the 200 free relay. Kate Johnson '97, who was on the same winning relay, also swam in second place in the 50 meter and the 200 freestyle, and placed first in the 100 freestyle. Trenice Gregory '99 had an excellent swim in the 1000 freestyle for her best time of the year. Stewart Mackie '99 had more excellent times in the 100 and 200 breaststrokes. Rob Ervin's '00 improvements were astounding this season and his times were no deviation from that course.

Kelsey Abbott '00 used to be an accomplished backstroker but is confident that her switch to the breaststroke has helped the team. In addition to her performance, other great times were achieved by Julie Bent '00 and Maggie Nowak '97. Nowak won all three of her events. Janine Caputo '99 finished third in the 200 breaststroke and did very well in the 200 freestyle. She also swam the 500.

Butterfly is generally considered one of the hardest events, and Kate Miller '97 and Pangburn have achieved great success in these two events. Miller won the Please see SWIMMING, page 15
Anonymous attacks appall campus

Michael Mella
News Editor

On the heels of the College's Eating Disorder Awareness Week, several members of the College community were sent anonymous, offensive packages regarding issues of self-image and health.

At least five Bowdoin women received unsolicited packages through campus mail containing either diet pills or condoms last week. Amanda Norejko '98 received a manilla envelope on Monday containing diet pills, an application for a subscription to Weight Watchers, and a typed note which encouraged her to follow their suggestions. A friend of Norejko received a similar package containing condoms, and three individuals not associated with either Norejko or her friend received packages with diet pills on Wednesday.

According to Dean of Student Affairs Craig Bradley, "This is one of the meanest things I've seen at Bowdoin to date. I find anonymous harassing statements to be cowardly and mean-spirited, they have no place at Bowdoin."

Aside from the personal attacks, a number of the posters around campus recognizing

the National Eating Disorder Awareness Week were vandalized. Professor of Romance Languages John Turner found one such poster particularly appalling and verified it for all his students to see. Beneath a section of the poster which revealed the percentages of women who have been or currently are dieting, a handwritten note reads: "Ninety percent need to be." "It's better to know the evil than to be hidden from it," says Turner. "Going day to day you can forget the mentality that's there. Women don't forget it; Bowdoin's not a friendly place for minorities or women. It's no worse than the outside world, but it ought to be better."

According to Norejko, "I didn't take it as a reflection on me, I took it as a reflection on the person who sent it." She worries, however, that someone who might be in the same situation would not be able to come to the same realization. "Others may have had trouble eating, they could take it as an honest criticism because their low self-esteem makes them susceptible," she said.

Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Betsy Maier and Bradley are doing everything they can to find out who mailed the packages and to deal with their violation of College standards. "It's the cowardice of it. Issues of body image are facts of life for everyone, particularly college women," stated Bradley. "Hundreds of thousands struggle with it every day and to make light of it is just appalling. There's nothing funny at all about that. They target it at individuals, it's downright mean." Norejko hopes that the individuals would not have sent the packages if they had known how dangerous such messages can be. "I've gotten to the point where it doesn't reflect me, but I don't want it to hurt anyone else. They're playing with fire, and it's very dangerous," she said.

Bradley echoed the sentiment in likening someone struggling with a self-image problem to an AIDS sufferer: "They live with this constantly. I hope we wouldn't take it as something everyone in our community struggling with AIDS," he said.

The anonymous backlash to the Eating Disorder Awareness Week was particularly discouraging for the Counseling Center's Mary McCann.

"The backlash arises out of fear. Women will become more vocal about it, but if you read those standards, the ideals in this culture of beauty that are impossible to live up to. Self-consciousness keeps people silent," she said.

"It makes you think less of the College, you'd expect more, you'd certainly expect more of Bowdoin. It makes you wonder who's here," concluded Bradley.

Panel openly discusses affirmative action

Kim Schneider
Assistant News Editor

In honor of Black History Month, a panel discussion on affirmative action was held Wednesday night in Smith Union.

The panel consisted of one student, David Ocasio '97, and four faculty members: Africana Studies Professor Eddie Glade, Romance Languages Professor Christian Martin, Economics Professor Rachel Connolly, and Romance Languages Professor John Turner.

Each of the panelists gave a brief introduction as to why they were in attendance. Then the floor was open to questions from the audience with a request for "not a night of debate, but of discussion."

For approximately two hours the ideas and circumstances behind affirmative action were discussed. The panelists talked about their own experiences with affirmative action.

Ocasio said he had never thought about his cultural identity as a Latino male until his second semester at Bowdoin. Glade expressed his belief that America "is still fundamentally racist" and that affirmative action was a form of redress. Martin described himself as a "situation" and said he was very interested in this open discussion on an issue that has not yet reached his native France. Connolly offered her experiences as the only female graduate student in her program and related the difficulty of working with professors who resent her presence.

Turner talked about his experiences with affirmative action in the faculty hiring process at Bowdoin.

The audience participated in the discussion as much as the panelists. Most of those in attendance were students, but professors and other staff members were present and offered comments as well.

Many different issues were raised in the course of the discussion. Audience members questioned the definition of commonly used terms such as "affirmative action," "reverse discrimination" and "diversity." The concept of an ideal "class-based" affirmative action as opposed to the current policy based on affirmative action was discussed. Panelists and students differed as to whether affirmative action addressed the fundamental issue of "lack of access," or whether it was merely a "band-aid" that failed to address the problem.

In addition to examining the larger aspects, affirmative action in the microcosm of Bowdoin was also discussed. Students and faculty members both on the panel and in the audience shared personal stories. The role of affirmative action in the hiring of staff members and in the application process was also mentioned. One admissions official stated that the affirmative action process in admissions is "not a number-based system." Turner explained that in the hiring of faculty members in his experience, the number of finalists is whittled down to two or three unique individuals and then a decision was made based on all of their qualifications. He also added that he doubted "it's any the worse for not having sixty white men from Harvard" instead of the more diverse faculty members.

Minister of Education for the African-American Society Wisam Muharib organized the event. "The idea for the panel came from the fact that it was Black History Month," he said, noting its goal of expanding understanding of "people of the black Diaspora."

He explained that an understanding of affirmative action would be important in many of the decisions Bowdoin students will need to make in the future.

The panelists were recruited through an all-employee-mail involving members of different departments to share their views.

"I think [the audience] was as involved as I had hoped for... of those who were there," said Muharib, noting the smaller attendance than had been anticipated. He was also disappointed that few people "opposed affirmative action" in their comments. All in all, though, he thought "the discussion went very well."
'96 senior survey speaks

GREG SCHELBLE
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The sense of community on campus and academic advising are seriously lacking at Bowdoin, according to respondents to the class of '96 Senior Survey. The annual survey, which is matched with a parallel survey of the first-year class, also brought forward the issues of race and gender on Bowdoin's campus as potential problems.

The Senior Survey is given to members of the College's graduating class every year as part of the Administration's ongoing re-evaluation process. In the survey, students are asked to rate their satisfaction with their Bowdoin experience, individual aspects of the College, their own abilities, and finally, their goals after graduation. For some sections of the survey, responses are compared with the responses to the same questions by the same students three years earlier.

Only 29 percent of respondents were "very or somewhat satisfied" with the sense of community on campus. This lack of community "is the most striking number in the survey," according to Dean of Student Affairs Craig Bradley. This figure also represents a marginal drop from the 1994 survey, in which 36 percent of students were satisfied with the school's sense of community.

The number is even more disturbing in light of the College's recent efforts to promote the sense of campus community. "For a small liberal arts college, this number seems too low," lamented Bradley. Nevertheless, he is optimistic that the efforts of the new Committee on Residential Life will be fruitful.

The survey also cited a deficiency in academic advising. Just 40 percent of students reported they were "very or somewhat satisfied" with the academic advising they received, compared with 30 percent in 1994. Even worse was the number of students who reported that they "were provided advice about their educational program," which turned up at only 28 percent. These percentages, Bradley conceded, are indeed too low, but he noted no specific changes that would be instituted to address the problem.

In the area of leadership ability, the changes over four years were alarmingly different for men and women. As seniors, 13 percent of men felt they had moved from below average in leadership ability to "above-average or top 10 percent" since their first year of college. In comparison, two percent of women described themselves as having fallen out of the above-average group in this category. This problem could be passed off as common for colleges across the country.

In the "General Activities" portion of the survey, a remarkable 11 percent of students responded that they had "felt excluded due to race," and an identical number of students reported that they had "felt pressured to exclude other races." On this, Bradley is mystified, saying only that the numbers are "disturbing." The numbers represent a problem, but the exact nature of the problem is still unclear, making any direct action difficult.

Other noteworthy responses came in the area of personal skills. Despite the College's recent efforts to improve students' writing skills, only 35 percent of the seniors stated that they have "much stronger writing skills" since entering college. Similarly, only 11 percent of students reported improvement in the area of mathematical skills. The most popular major of graduating seniors was the field of "Biological Sciences," claiming 22 percent of the last year's senior class, up from 13 percent two years ago.

Winter’s Weekend ’97

A Nor’east'r headed our way could provide the perfect final touch for an action-packed Winters’ Weekend.

CAROLYN SAGES
STAFF WRITER

This year's Winter's Weekend, what Program Advisor for Student Organizations Lila Holden calls "a celebration of the winter spirit and the Bowdoin community," kicked off on Thursday night. This year's theme is Bowdoinopolis.

Thursday night featured dinners at five fraternities. Alpha Delta Phi served Korean food, while Theta Delta Chi had Chinese and Beta Sigma served Cajun entrees. Pi Upsilon offered Italian cuisine and Kappa Delta Theta served Mexican. At any one of these dinners, raffle tickets, which closely resemble the seids to Monopoly properties, were distributed for the Saturday night drawing.

First prize in the drawing entitles the winner to free parking on campus for a designated period of time. The second place prize is a gift of $100 in Polar Points and the third place winner is entitled to a free day of skiing at either Sunday River or Sugarloaf/USA.

Friday's events begin at 11:30 a.m., with ice carving at Moulton Union. At 6:30 p.m., students can meet on the quad, which will be illuminated for the occasion, and join Snake Dance that will travel first to Smith Union and then to the men's ice hockey game against Wesleyan, which starts at 7 p.m.

The festivities will continue during the intermissions of the hockey game, during which there will be shoot-out competitions on the ice and face painting. Prizes will be awarded, and Bowdoinopolis t-shirts will be distributed to the few fans to arrive at the game, and also to lucky fans during the game.

At 9 p.m., the African-American Society will host its annual formal dance, the Ebony Ball, which lasts until 1 a.m. in Morrill Lounge. The last event on Friday evening is a bonfire which will begin at 11 p.m. by the Polar Bear.

On Saturday, the last day of Winter's Weekend, brunch will be served and t-shirts will again be given out to the women's ice hockey game, which starts at 11:30 a.m. At 1 p.m., the outdoor games on the quad will begin. This year, the first in many, there will be enough snow to sculpt.

There will be nine piles of snow and sets of shovels and snow and tools will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Other activities include capture the flag, tug-of-war and broom ball.

At 9 p.m. on Saturday night, the weekend finishes in Morrill Lounge, with the Murder Mystery. A script has been written specifically for Bowdoin's Winter's Weekend and it will be up to the students to solve the mystery with the clues provided.

Winter's Weekend has been planned by a committee comprised of members of the Inter-Fraternity Council, the Student Union Committee, the African-American Society, all four classes, the Residential Life Staff and the Student Activities Organization which has worked with Lila Holden and the Acting Director of Smith Union Shannon Murphy.

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Facilities maintenance: an ongoing priority

Director of Budgets Jerry Boobyh (Adam Zimmam/Bowdoin Orient)

Facilities maintenance is an important part of any college's operations. It ensures that the campus is well-maintained and safe for the students, faculty, and staff. However, maintaining the facilities can be expensive, and decisions about how to allocate funds can be complex.

According to the College's Facilities Management Department, the annual budget for facilities maintenance is approximately $1 million. This budget includes costs for repairs, preventive maintenance, and replacement of equipment.

In recent years, the College has seen an increase in the number of maintenance requests, particularly due to the aging of the campus infrastructure. The maintenance team works tirelessly to address these issues, but there are always more requests than they can handle.

One of the most pressing issues is the aging of the campus's heating and cooling systems. The College is currently in the process of replacing these systems, which will cost several million dollars. This project is expected to take several years to complete.

Another challenge is the maintenance of the College's computer and information technology systems. With the increasing reliance on technology in all aspects of campus life, the demand for maintenance and support is constantly growing.

Despite these challenges, the College is committed to providing a safe and comfortable environment for its community. The Facilities Management Department works closely with other departments to ensure that all maintenance needs are addressed in a timely and effective manner.
Juvenile pranks disgraceful

Last Wednesday, five women were confronted with evidence of the disgraceful, base intolerance that still exists on the Bowdoin campus. In an apparent reaction to Eating Disorders Awareness Week, the students received malicious, unsigned packages with diet pills, Weight Watchers forms and condoms enclosed. As if to aggravate the helplessness of this anonymous backlash, posters around campus recognizing the week were also defaced.

While these incidents cannot undermine the progress made by last week’s discussions, the Bowdoin community must condemn such malevolent behavior. As students, faculty and administrators, we need to make it very clear that such behavior is indicative of larger attitudes that do not belong here—or anywhere.

The premeditated, intentionally hurtful nature of these packages is appalling. Twisted reactions like those displayed by these anonymous pranksters perpetuate the cycle of body image problems. Is attempting to ruin someone’s self-esteem worth a good laugh among a group of friends?

Dean of Student Affairs Craig Bradley decries those who initiated these pranks as “mean-spirited,” but they are much more than this. Not only are their actions juvenile, the mind-set which inspired them indicates a much larger, more disturbing problem.

As Mary McCann of the counseling center explains, “The backlash arises out of fear. Women who feel insecure believe they are more powerful if they reject those standards.” As a result, insecure people such as those who participated in this prank feel intimidated those women who are not beholden to stereotypical and destructive body images.

The fact that some continue to view women in such a manner is evidence of a value system that views women as threatening when they are not bound to traditional roles of femininity and sexuality. For this reason, these misogynistic pranks must not be brushed aside as isolated incidences of stupidity. Unfortunately, they reflect a culture on campus and in society as a whole which continues to be uncomfortable with the changing role of women.

It is appalling to see individuals who work, study and socialize with women everyday responding to an issue as serious as body image in such a childish manner. Such cowardly pranks are not only destructive on an individual level, but they undermine a working environment dependent upon tolerance, respect and acceptance.

Board plans need revision

The Bowdoin Dining Services typically get rave reviews: great food, friendly service—they even respond to most of the comments they receive. The staffs at both dining halls, despite a poorly understood urge to serve okra and kale, do a pretty good job of consistently providing palatable vegetarian entrees and they’re remarkably good about preparing meals for students with restrictive diets as well. But while we’ve come to expect nothing but the best from the chefs working behind the counters, the policies governing meal plans aren’t student-friendly and our suggestions are often ignored.

The reasons for these shortcomings with the way our dining services are managed. The first is that board plans, for no apparent reason, are tied to living arrangements. Students residing in the first-year dorms or any College-owned houses are required to pay for weekend board while students living off-campus or in apartments can choose any plan they like. This is ludicrous. Students living at Wellness (with a full kitchen) and in Stowe and Howard (with kitchensettes) are forced to pay for weekend meals which they may not want to use. It has been argued that kitchen facilities, where they do exist, could not support the amount of use they might see if every student in that house dropped week-end board. To prevent such a problem, no students are permitted to drop full board. But this is not a problem for Dining Services; the kitchens are in residential areas of the College and should be for Residential Life to worry about in the unlikely event that the problem arises.

But that is beside the point: even students living in the bricks or the Tower—without any access to kitchen facilities—should not be bound to a board plan of the College’s choosing. If the Administration can find some reason to require a specific plan for the fall semester of students’ first years here, fine. Beyond that, just as we have a choice about where we live, so too should we be able to choose when or where we eat. And so what if students in the Tower choose no weekend board and theoretically have nowhere to eat? It’s none of the College’s business.

The second major problem with the Dining Services is the lack of flexible meal plans. Students with visiting friends are forced to use their Polar Plus Points to pay for the hefty costs, and students planning to leave for the weekend lose weekend meals without being able to eat extra meals earlier in the week. The way board plans should be managed, the current options would continue but with a few modifications. First, instead of providing a specific meal on a specific day, a student with 14 meals a week should simply be allotted seven lunches and seven dinners, each meal usable on any day of the week. This would allow students with friends to use two meals to dine on campus one night and—as would likely be the case—to leave campus for dinner on another night.

Additionally, there should be a block meal plan available, meaning that, for example, 100 meals would be allotted for use at any time during the semester. Because of the difference in cost between various meals, the price per meal of this plan should reflect an average of current the prices.

Incorporating these changes will show that the management of Dining Services is as committed to students as its staff is and will continue to encourage students to believe that the Administration is finally beginning to recognize our wants and needs.
Make no mistake, public school teachers are paid very well

To the Editors,

Mr. Arenl’s defense of public teacher pay fell considerably short of the mark. Students considering teaching in public schools shouldn’t care much about the following formula: length of teaching contract, usually 280 days (base contract rate ranges from $23,000 to $30,000), plus $500 to $1,500 for teacher development & training plus reduced professional expenses (i.e. free parking, parent’s group/gifts, etc.), averaging an annual salary of $25,000 to about $30,000. The benefit packages are extremely lucrative as well, typically including retirement, medical and dental insurance plus value of retirement benefits a stipend rate for ancillary areas like coaching and mentoring. Sixteen of the state’s 16 teacher development & training programs plus reduced professional expenses (i.e., free parking, parent’s group/gifts, etc.) average annual salaries of $25,000 to about $30,000. The benefit packages are extremely lucrative as well, typically including retirement, medical and dental insurance plus value of retirement benefits. I should consider teaching as a career and not be put off by the union driven propaganda about low teacher salaries. In most of Maine, public school teachers make between two and four times the surrounding community. I plan to graduate from the University of Maine, have a job in the summer and even on weekends or after school; so the annual compensation can be as low as $40,000 or more.

By the Editors

Salary and benefits, are adequate in what many analysts believe are grossly inflated, unionized teacher compensation packages. It is no wonder that Teachers’ Magazine, sponsored by the NEA, is targeted at public school teachers and their families, making a strong case for the contract (EDWEEK. Indeed), Charter schools are feeling their way through new institutional innovations in compensation and introducing unheard of business concepts like flex scheduling and differential pay rates.

This is one of the most exciting and attractive opportunities for successful professionals and requiring them to absorb professional expenses as well as holding them accountable for their performance in the classroom. The teachers union strongly opposes any measure holding public and charter school teachers accountable for their performance or their progress in improving the performance of their students. The teachers union strongly opposes any measure holding public and charter school teachers accountable for their performance or their progress in improving the performance of their students. Teachers union strongly opposes any measure holding public and charter school teachers accountable for their performance or their progress in improving the performance of their students. The teachers union strongly opposes any measure holding public and charter school teachers accountable for their performance or their progress in improving the performance of their students.

The Maine School of Science & Mathematics (MS&S) is a magnet school that is a prototype of the enabling legislation, not a magnet school. Please don’t confuse the two. It is a very good school and the only school of its kind in the state. Its model is destined to become the place in the intellectual life of Northern Aroostook County. Hopefully, Bowdoin will begin to compete and build the program. Alas, Whitaker is Director of Admissions and can be reached at 1-800-325-4484.

F.J. Heller

THE BOWDOWN OPINION
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1997
Support South Africa's future

For the past 12 years, the Bowdoin College community has generously supported two black South African college students through the Open Society Scholars Fund. This year, South African Bowdoin Scholars are Melanie Toussaint, studying at the University of Western Cape, and Kgosakale Motubatse, a student at the University of Witwatersrand.

I am writing to ask you to join Bowdoin once again in helping underwrite the cost of scholarships for these two promising scholars, which remains $6,000. If our effort falls short of the goal, it may mean that we will have to limit our support to just one student. I ask you to join me in ensuring Bowdoin's historical commitment.

This admirable program was begun as a tangible way for concerned American colleges and universities to make a contribution to a future South Africa. The news from there, as you know, is one of good and bad, with the overall trend of this new multiracial democracy steadily upward, as it becomes a stabilizing political and economic force in Africa. But the need for educated South Africans, from the black- and colored communities, is steady. The need, however, and it is clear that our contribution will make a difference. It is a program I heartily endorse and I seek your help in continuing to make Bowdoin's contribution strong.

A check made out to Bowdoin College and addressed to my office will help Bowdoin meet its commitment for 1997.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Robert H. Edwards

By Doug Fleming

Student Opinion

Please define your terms

One of the first lessons that I learned writing papers is, "Define your terms." In fact, I had a high school teacher who gave me a "D" on a paper because I didn't do this. Luckily, I got through the class with an "A." But still, the "D" was a real shock to 13-year-old me. Thus, whenever I write a paper now, I make sure I have my terms clearly defined.

What bothers me is that I attended a meeting in which a policy advisory council [sic] to this school did not define their terms. The issue they addressed was affirmative action and whether Bowdoin should adopt such a program. Please don't get me wrong — I don't believe affirmative action to be inherently bad, as many suspect I would believe. I believe it to be something that has to be carefully considered and thoroughly discussed before it is implemented. Furthermore, I believe that if implemented correctly, affirmative action has some potential benefits. However, one cannot institute affirmative action as a solution to a problem unless the problem has been defined.

First, Bowdoin has been criticized for not having enough "diversity." In fact, that theme rang throughout the discussion quite a bit. Thus, towards the end of the gathering, I walked to the front of the panel discussion and I asked, "Please define diversity." There was a very long pause, some mutters, some discussion and what I perceived to be a board that didn't do their homework. Finally, I got an answer. One particular gentleman said it is "the exposure to different beliefs, different perspectives, different religions, etc." Not once did the gentleman mention skin color in his definition. At this point, I found it strange that diversity, as part of the problem, be dealt with, was colorblind, yet many people in the audience and certainly the board were advocating a solution based on color.

What I object to is the fact that many students in this school feel alienated since they are among certain minorities. All of this was due to what many students in the audience and many on the board called racism. During the time I was at the meeting, I did not hear a single definition of racism as it pertains to Bowdoin. In fact, I did not hear one concrete example of racism as it pertains to Bowdoin. Thus, except for, "Many students at this school feel alienated since they are among a minority." It is quite easy to say in nebulous terms that an undefined affirmative action policy is bad, but where is the concrete and factual argumentation?

What I am saying is that minority students don't feel alienated. Many say they do, and if they feel that way, that is a problem that needs to be addressed, but I would not necessarily term it racism. Perhaps the problem might be better addressed under the issues of self-esteem or homesickness. I might also add that all too often people of non-minority descent feel alienated to a very large degree. I can attest to this based upon personal experience.

The third term that went undefined-was action. What action is this board [sic] proposing to undertake, or what Bowdoin policy changes are they currently being considered? Certainly, the board [sic] must have thought about this, but as far as I know, no specific or concrete changes to Bowdoin policy were even alluded during the time I was at this meeting. As a student who is paying $30,000 to attend this school, I want to know the specific policies that might be changed by this board. All too often I feel that students in this school are kept out of crucial decisions made by the Administration.

Beyond the fact that certain terms were undefined throughout the affirmative action review session, there were some additional problems. One of those problems was the fact that nobody considered input against affirmative action. I have been told repeatedly when writing an effective essay to consider both sides of the argument. Otherwise, there are gaping holes in the logic of the paper. Those holes can be very problematic. What I saw at the panel discussion was a very one-sided board [sic] that had made already up its mind regarding the issue. In any argument against an affirmative action policy, I would either shoot down or simply dismissed by the board and the audience. I came to this meeting with the assumption that both sides of the argument would be heard on an equal basis.

Instead, people at the meeting seemed to advocate a very one-sided, narrow-minded, reductionist approach to the issue at hand. I also find it ironic that as one-sided as this meeting was, it was designed to, among other things, advocate diversity.

I suggest that Bowdoin seriously review this particular advisory board [sic], and I suggest that they model it after the Behavioral Life Commission. Attending the various Res-Life sessions that have been held this year, I must say that I was surprised to hear different people with different experiences and different backgrounds expressing different ideas. In addition, I was delighted to see what I perceived to be a very non-partisan, non-judgmental advisory board consisting of alumni, students from various backgrounds and walks of life. I have no problem with this school considering an affirmative action policy. I just wish that they would consider it in an appropriate manner.

Doug Fleming likes carefully considered policies.
The Festival of Student-Written One Act Plays promises quality entertainment for next weekend

BY SARAH ROSS
STAFF WRITER

Alright folks, here is the moment for which we have all been waiting: It's One Act time! This year's fare will be particularly exciting, because Masquer and Gown has transformed from a type of choosing plays from that of a competition to that of a festival, so we get to see works that people wrote because they felt compelled to do so, not because they were trying to win something. We have three great plays to look forward to in our beloved G.H.Q. Playwright's Theater on Feb. 21, 22 and 23 at 8 p.m. Plays are as follows:

1. Plan (Katie Davis '00), a one-act play about a couple of tea/coffee, sit down and get your highlighter poised to make a great yellow streak or two over the names of directors, actors, technical theater personnel and the works themselves, who will soon be famous. This is almost Oscar material.

Kevin Newbury '00 has taken upon himself a true directorial challenge in undertaking the Adam Blackman '98 play "Home Court Advantage." He gave the playwright the ultimate compliment when he earnestly said, "I feel privileged to be able to do a play by a great writer." Essential to the story is a cast of four characters, Big Ed (B.J. Bernard '98), Eddie (Jason Robin '00), Charles (Michael Cadette '00) and Sarah (Katie Davis '00) who are all attempting to deal with the painful process of forming an identity in the inner city. The central theme is that of basketball and what "control of the court" really entails. The question which the play poses is whether or not the great life that Big Ed espouses really is the way out or not.

Newbury stressed that he wanted not only to convey dramatic tension, but also, as he put it, "the fragility of it all. No matter what decisions the characters make by the end of the play, the struggle is just beginning... the ending could be ambiguous, or it might not. We are working with changing the expression and we may be more explicit, but that's still in the process of forming now."

Newbury raved about his actors, particularly in their ability to modulate their emotional energy and take it to varied levels of intensity. He said that, "At this point these are the only four people I can see in these roles, which is great because they weren't what I had envisioned when I had read the script." Newbury boldly stated that the audience is "going to see a show they can really sink their teeth into... a show which is very different throughout. There are different emotions at play. They're going to see fine actors really working together in lots of different relationships. There are separate interconnections between all of the actors. "It seems that the real showcases of this play are the actors themselves. The set is minimal, just a plain fence down the center of the room and the setting and the actors will be more than enough to keep the audience rapt.

The second play, directed by Justin Haslett '98, takes the audience from the urban jungle to the more gentle lands of the imagination. "Mina Darling," written by Rebecca Nesvet '00 is roughly based upon the story of Peter Pan, but focuses upon the mother of the children and what she does while they are away. Haslett excitedly said, "There are so many layers which aren't necessarily apparent when you first look at the script, which are my job and the actors' job to make clear." Working with Andrew Jenner '98 (Inspector), Rachel Stroud '99 (Mina), Chad Alcott '99 (Dr. Bradley) and Lisa Kroener '00 (Jane), Haslett characterized as a truly natural, collaborative and creative process. He dubbed his whole cast "spectacular" and repeatedly stressed the risks they took.

BeauSoleil played raging Cajun music

BY RYAN C. JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

I'd only been to one concert in my life, so I wasn't too enthusiastic about covering some Cajun Band that was coming to Bowdoin to play for Mardi Gras. In fact I couldn't even recall the last time I had been to a concert, much less name my favorite song on my favorite Neil Diamond album. Another word, I'm not much of a music man.

BeauSoleil blew me away. The Cajun band that performed Tuesday night at Pickard Theater wasn't just "some" Cajun band; they were BeauSoleil, the highest Cajun band in the U.S. and one of the hottest in the world. They are six-time Grammy nominees who had played during the Super Bowl halftime show and even had produced several records. And they were at Bowdoin!

BeauSoleil put on quite a show. The Band is celebrating 21 years together and they know how to get the audience involved. Before the fourth song had even started, some concert goers were already on their feet, dancing and swinging to the tunes of the jazzy beat of the Cajun songs. The place was rocking hard-core.

BeauSoleil played Pickard Theater for Mardi Gras on Tuesday. (Adam Zimmam/ Bowdoin Orient)

BeauSoleil, French for "good sun," opened with the hit "Newscrel," from their new album. I was immediately drawn in by the sound of a guitar playing double time in the background. BeauSoleil's lead singer, vocalist and fiddling of Michael Doucet, the Cajun accordion of Jimmy Breaux, a versatile array of talents including bass and tenor guitar from Al Tharp, percussion from Billy Ware and drum beat from Tom Alesi. All six members played and worked together extremely well and the music flowed out in the truly traditional Cajun style.

Speaking of tradition, Cajun music originated deep in southwestern Louisiana, where bands were drawn together to record music for RCA Victor in the early 20's. Cajun music has a strong French influence, and some of BeauSoleil's songs were interesting, upbeat combinations of Caribbean music and French. Some songs were even a creative mix of Cajun with the nostalgic Elvis style rock n' roll.

Much of the music included French themes and songs. One song was about two men courting the same woman; another about a strange French custom of keeping brides and grooms who had married a second time up.

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The festival continues with prints from both Europe and the United States by such masters as Albrecht Durer, Jean-Honore Fragonard, Ernst Barlach and Leonardo da Vinci, and spans the last several centuries. Though many of the subjects are biblical, Benneford's goal was for the varied styles and prints to be contrasted, and united simply by their visionary aspects. "Two of the prints have the Jacob's ladder theme, so there are visual juxtapositions of the contemporary version with the 16th century one, which is a direct interpretation and not abstracted at all," she said.

Benneford's most difficult task was writing the labels for the prints. For each she had to condense all her work and ideas into 50 words or fewer. (Fortunately, a picture is worth 1000 words) "I tried to fit for an hour about each one," she said, "but I had to decide what would have the most impact: What's the point of the print?"

For Benneford, who is an art history minor and a studio art major, the project was inspirational as well. "It's taken me all term to printmaking, and that helps me appreciate the detail, refining and technicality that goes into the process. It was a lot of work, but I've worked hard with the collection, it's fabulous, you have no idea how much there is in the back rooms. And I enjoyed learning the process of cutting an art show, with deadlines, and getting everything done," said Benneford.

Though display in the Museum was an ultimate goal for Benneford, it was not part of the term project. "I had no idea if it would be put up, and I was very excited when Susan Wegner submitted the proposal for a gallery exhibit. I hope a lot of students go down and see it," she added.

"Visions in Prints" happens to coincide with the Dante show, also at the Museum of Art, and one of the prints was even an illustration of Lucifer taken from Dante's Inferno.

"The exhibits share the theme of visions, mystery and the spiritual realm," said Benneford.
Another got building that, ours film Center said is as main as both after happening. However, when, "True Coffees, & Name, of Hollywood studio, would see the grand- many years, I thought they were incredible. So music really took me away and I just want to jump up and dance," he said. Matt didn’t jump up, but the emotion was enough to please him.

Each band member had a unique way of creating his own sound, yet all of these sounds flowed together and closing my eyes, I thought I was inside a CD player. Most of all, Michael Doucet stole the show. He really got into the performance. So did banjo and tenor guitarist Al Tharp, whose long, mop-like haircut (much like mine before I was threatened with a shaving) danced its own beat to the Cajun tunes filling up Pickard Theater.

The drummers, Alton and Ware, hidden in the background, also performed extremely well.

Even though many of the songs had French lyrics (my translator Tilden Daniels, was ill) it was the music that moved me. Before long into the concert I was off in Cajun land, sitting in the bayous and plunking away at my banjo. Thumbs up to BeauSoleil for an excellent performance at Bowdoin and thumbs up to anybody converted to a Cajun lover. I sure was.
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**Polar Bear Sports**

Men's hockey falls to St. Anselm's

- The Bears failed to follow up their big win over Norwich by losing to St. Anselm's, 5-2.

**Deborah Satter**

*Staff Writer*

'Highs and lows and peaks and valleys are naturally a part of every athletic team's season. The men's ice hockey team can attest to these fluctuations as they went into Tuesday night's game in Manchester, N.H. against St. Anselm's. Bowdoin was sky-high after beating highly ranked Norwich on Feb. 8. The spirits of the Polar Bears were much more subdued, however, on the bus ride home, as they lost the contest 5-2. The fatigue factor was apparent from the beginning, as the Polar Bears were playing their third game in five days, all of which were against highly ranked teams. Another determinant that worked against Bowdoin was a number of injuries early in the game that left three key players sidelined.

The Hawks took advantage of Bowdoin's weaknesses and jumped out to a 1-0 lead on a goal early in the first period. Junior Dave Catauro's dish to Rick Vallarelli '00 led to a power play goal for the first year that evened the score for Bowdoin at 12:24 of the first period. St. Anselm's then exploded for three goals in a seven minute span in the second period to take a commanding 4-1 lead.

The Polar Bears were able to muster only one more goal in the contest, which came with 31 seconds remaining in the second period as Jim Cavagnaro '98 took advantage of the power play and scored a goal. The Hawks scored the final goal of the game less than a minute into the third period to make the score 5-2. Stuart Logan '97 continued his excellent play of late, making 31 saves in goal for the Polar Bears.

**Men's Hockey**

Period 1 2 3 Total
Bowdoin 1 1 0 2
St. Anselm's 1 0 0 1


**Women's Hockey**

Period 1 2 3 Total
Bowdoin 0 1 0 1
St. Anselm's 0 1 0 1


**Women's Squash**

11/17/97 vs. Colby
Colby 0 1 2 3
Bowdoin 8

Totten tled Goodchild-Bow, 3-2; Dugan-Bow. 0

**Bears too much for Bates**

- Men's Hoops from page 12 scored in the final two minutes to seal the victory, 90-74.

- Unlike Bates' one-man show, the Bears were the perfect example of balanced scoring. Rowley led the team with 21 points and five steels, while Whipple and Studt each had recorded double-doubles. Whipple finished with 20 points, 10 rebounds and four assists in nine-of-15 shooting. Studt shot eight of 12 from the floor for 20 points and grabbed 11 boards, including six off the offensive glass. At the point guard position, Smith finished with nine points, seven rebounds and four assists, while Maletta chipped in with eight points.

- David Lovely '99, who had been on fire for the Bears, got into foul trouble early, but still managed to score seven points. McKinnon rounded out Bowdoin's scoring with his clutch five.

- Whereas the last two games have been fairly easy wins for the Bears, tonight's contest against Connecticut College should prove to be more challenging. The Camels are currently 15-4 and are ranked among the top five teams in the ECAC East. The game will be perhaps the biggest home contest for Bowdoin so far this year, as the Bears shoot for good position in the playoffs. The game starts at 8 p.m. in Morrill Gymnasium, immediately following the women's game.

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**A bite from the Big Apple**

Sports Commentary by David Fish

Hello! The savior has arrived. The circus formerly known as the New York Jets has finally landed one of the greatest coaches in NFL history, Bill Parcells. That’s right. Parcells, two-time Super Bowl winner with the New York Giants and former coach of this year’s Super Bowl losers, the New England Patriots, has left for his former stomping grounds in the Meadowlands of New Jersey.

Now why, you might ask, did Parcells jump ship from one of the best teams in football, a team he helped develop from the cellar team in the league to the second best in just four years? Actually, Parcells’ divorce from the Patriots was written long before New England began their stellar Super Bowl run. Before the season began, Parcells demanded control over the Patriots’ personnel decisions. However, team owner Bob Kraft (whose ego rivals the size of Parcell’s) never relinquished the authority to Parcells, who is perhaps the best in the league when it comes to evaluating front office talent. As a result, the disgruntled Parcells is rumored to have spoken with the Jets earlier this year in preparation for his departure from New England.

Immediately after the Patriots lost Super Bowl XXXI, the Jets and Parcells made their intentions known. However, a problem remained before the Jets could anoint their new coach. They had a year left on their contract with the Pats. If Parcells was going to New York, New England and Kraft were going to need someone else. So, they immediately demanded the Jets number one draft pick, the first pick overall. In an attempt to keep that first pick, New York countered by hiring Bill Belichick as their head coach, and Bill Parcells as a consultant, who would have waited in the wings to take the Jets’ helm in 1998. New York rejected; they had the first pick in the draft and the Patriots, although they’d have to wait a year, and they had a quality coach for 1997 in Belichick. Meanwhile, New England cried bloody murder.

The Jets move was crafty, a little too crafty, and commissioner Paul Tagliabue did what a commissioner is supposed to do: he settled the dispute. New England and New York met for six hours on Monday and emerged with an agreement. Parcells could begin his job as head coach and chief of football operations immediately, in exchange for the Jets’ third and fourth round draft picks on April 19, as well as another round pick in 1998 and their first round pick in 1999.

So what? The Jets got Parcells, a proven winner, a man with a plan who I can almost guarantee will bring results to the beleaguered organization. The Patriots don’t get this year’s number one pick, but do receive four quality picks. Overall, the Patriots will be drafting some excellent talent in the next three years. Considering Tedy Bruschi, the Pats third round pick in last year’s draft, also consider the fact that the Jets third and fourth round picks this year are positioned at the top of the round. Also remember that at the age of the salary cap the Pats would have had a hard time affording their new number one pick, given the salaries they’re paying their veterans stars in the years to come. I wonder Bob Kraft agreed to the deal.

So did the Jets give up too much? They lost a lot of future talent, players they might need to climb out of the depths of the NFL basement. However, what Parcells brings to the organization cannot be underestimated, as his track record speaks for itself. After arriving in 1982 to the hapless Giants, Parcells led the Boys in Blue to Super Bowl victories in the heavily favored Buffalo Bills. Then in 1993 Parcells took over a 2-14 New England club and four years later was in the Super Bowl again. Is the man a genius? Yes. Will the Jets be in Super Bowl XXXV of XXXV? How would you say no? Parcells equals football god, and New York knows it gets the best of this deal. In any way do the picks that the Jets gave up approach the value that Parcells brings to a franchise. The Patriots should be happy with the picks they get, but in no way will those four players match what Parcells had with New England. The real travesty for New England is that their owner didn’t give Parcells full control of the team. Hello, anybody home? Bob Kraft, you should have put your ego aside and let the man do what he does best. Do you really think that Pete Carroll is going to lead you to the Super Bowl? Granted you’ve got a squad stacked with pro-bowlers, but the Jets found out four years ago that Carroll can’t get the job done. Instead of continued excellence in fashion, Patriots fans will be forced to watch the resurgence of their divisional rivals, the Jets, and the return of glory to New York.
**Men's Basketball**

**Men's basketball cages Bobcats**

- Back to their winning ways, the Bears head into tonight's crucial game against Connecticut College with a full head of steam after blasting Bates.

**CHRISS BUCK**

**SPORTS EDITOR**

It appears as if the roller coaster ride may be over for the men's basketball team, who have had several tough road losses in the past three weeks. The men displayed their dominance of old on Tuesday night at Bates by hammering the Bobcats 90-74. The victory improved their overall record to 14-5, a mark which should get them safely into the post-season.

The first meeting between these two teams back on Dec. 4 resulted in a 91-74 win for the Polar Bears. Despite their 4-13 record, the Bobcats came into Tuesday's match-up hungry for revenge. Bates was led by their star forward Matt Garvey, who scored 36 points, including eight three pointers, against the Bears in their previous contest.

Center Ed Siudut '97 started things off for the Bears by hitting the first basket of the game. Bates answered with a quick 12-5 run to take a five point lead. This would turn out to be their largest lead of the game, however, despite suffering two painful injuries this year, power forward Chris Whipple '00 has remained solid for the Bears. (Shelley Maguire Bowdoin Orient)

**Women's Basketball**

**Bears lose heartbreaker**

- Down by 15 with just over seven minutes left in the game, the women's basketball team came all the way back before finally losing to the Bobcats, 70-67.

**DAVID FISH**

**ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR**

Before Tuesday's contest between Bowdoin and Bates, the women's basketball team had not lost a single game since they fell to Kings College in the Springfield Holiday Inn Tournament on Jan. 5. Riding a 10 game winning streak, including key wins over Middlebury and Colby, the Bears looked to be in prime form to avenge their Dec. 5 loss to the Bobcats. In that contest, Bowdoin led by 18 points with 10 minutes to go in the game but lost 57-56, as the Bobcats scratched their way to a comeback win at Morrell Gymnasium.

On Tuesday night, the Bears found themselves in a similar position, down by 15 points with only seven minutes left, and to their credit almost pulled off an even more spectacular come from behind victory at Alumni Gymnasium in Lewiston. Any match-up between Bowdoin and Bates is a big game. However, Tuesday's game was not only played for school pride and the Colby-Bates-Bowdoin title, but also for good position in the playoffs, as both teams were sporting impressive records (Bates was 15-3, Bowdoin 14-4). Add those circumstances to Bowdoin's collapse on Dec. 5 and this was not just another game for the Bears. Bowdoin was pumped to prove they were no longer to be a joke in Maine, and played hard in the first half. Senior Captain Tracy Mulholand, playing in her last game against Bates, was up to the task, scoring Bowdoin's first four points and leading the Bears at the break with eight points. She would eventually finish the night with a team-high 16 points. T.J. Methven '00, Bowdoin's first player off the bench, also made a significant contribution with eight points in the half on her way to a career-high 12 points on six of seven shooting. Bates matched the Bears' intensity and seemed to have an answer for every Bowdoin shot as the half ended in a 37-37 tie.

In the second half Bates took control of the game midway through when they went on a 20-6 run to take a 65-50 lead over the Bears with seven minutes left to play. During the run, the Bobcats pushed the ball up the floor quickly, beating the normally stogy Polar Bear defense in the transition game for easy lay-ups. On the offensive end, the entire team was cold except for Raegan LaRochelle '00, who had nine points in the second half on her way to a 13 point performance.

Then, with seven minutes to play, the Bears pulled a jocket and Hyde as they began to play like the team that had won 10 consecutive games. Bowdoin went on a 13-3 run, virtually unable to miss, to cut the Bears to lead to 68-63 with 1:40 remaining. Then Mulholand took charge, as the captain scored twice at 58 and 20 remaining on court to coast exclusions that were reminiscent of her game winning basket against Middlebury on Jan. 25. After the inbound, Bowdoin was forced to foul and Bates made the ensuing free throws to make the score 70-67 with 1:32 seconds remaining.

After the Bears had trouble setting up the game tying three pointer for Samantha Good '00, Christina Hobson '99 put up a last ditch three from the top of the key that fell short as Bates escaped with the 70-67 victory. No doubt the Bobcats were happy that games are only 40 minutes long as they had hit only one field goal in the last seven minutes and were being completely outplayed by Bowdoin. The Bears appeared to need only one more minute to take the lead, but time ran out and the incredible 10 game winning streak come to an end.

After tonight's game against the Connecticut College Camels at 6 p.m., the Bears will take to the road for their final three games of the regular season. The season finale will come against Colby on Feb. 17. Bowdoin blew out the Mules 80-62 in the first meeting between the two schools on Feb. 1.

10 points over the final seven minutes of the half to give Bowdoin a 42-34 advantage going into the locker room. Of those 62 points, only four belonged to Colby. Bates met Bobcat '97, who is the team's leading scorer this season. Of course, his presence was not felt, as he and guard Justin Masetti '97 shut down Garvey, holding him to only six points in the first 20 minutes. Not only was the Bates star shooting poorly in the first half, but he was also gripping with officials, as he continually drove to the basket to draw contact. The referees were not biting, however, and as a result, the strong Polar Bear defense managed to stop Garvey out of the game.

In the second half, Bowdoin pounded the Bobcats inside. Whipple and Siudut took control, scoring 13 of the Bears' first 17 points to take a 59-47 lead. As his team's chances of winning began to slip away, Garvey started launching from outside, scoring five straight points.

Bowdoin answered, as he started an 8-0 Bowdoin run with a three pointer from the top of the key. After a lay-up by Masetti, Rowley took the ball away from a Bates player and drove to the hole. Three Bobcats converged on the senior, but he split the defenders with an unbelievable windmill scoop shot for the hoop and the harm.

Following the three-point play, the Bears held a commanding 70-57 lead. Bears would eventually pull within eight in 4:58 remaining, but Bowdoin was just too strong, as Rowley, Whipple, Smith and Siudut all Please see MEN'S HOOPS, page 10

**Hobson receives multiple awards**

Sophomore Christina Hobson received not one, but two prestigious honors for her outstanding back-to-back efforts with the women's basketball team this past week. The power forward was named the New England Small College Athletic Conference Player of the Week and the Maine Women's Basketball Coaches Association Player of the Week for the period beginning Feb. 2 and ending Feb. 9. During that stretch, Hobson averaged 28.5 points and 13.0 rebounds per game as she led the Polar Bears past St. Joseph's on Feb. 3 and Wesleyan on Feb. 7. Against St. Joseph's, Hobson hit nine of her 17 shots from the field for 19 points while at the same time grabbing a team-high 12 rebounds. She also added four steals and dished out three assists as Bowdoin rolled the Lady Monks 74-59.

Four days later, Hobson outdist her previous performance with a career-high 30 points on eight of 15 shooting. She also hit 14 of her 16 free throws, placing her third on Bowdoin's all-time record list for foul shots made in a single game. In addition, she also added seven steals and also pulled down 14 boards and recorded three more steals as the Bears smoked the Mules 80-62 for the School of the Week.

Hobson currently leads the Bears in scoring with 16.7 points per game, placing New England Small College Athletic Conference and the State of Maine in that category.
Tenure brings security, criticism

**KIM SCHNEIDER**  
**ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR**

---The first of a series on tenure---

When students apply to Bowdoin and are accepted, their position at the College is assured as long as their grades are adequate. Professors, on the other hand, endure a more arduous process to secure a guaranteed position at Bowdoin.

The process of obtaining tenure, which assures a professor that they will not be dismissed without adequate cause, is often the goal of faculty at colleges nationwide.

Alien L. Springer, a professor of government at Bowdoin and chairman of the Committee on Appointments, Promotions and Tenure (CAPT), described tenure as a "long-term contract...a lifetime commitment to a faculty member.

Each college has its own procedures for granting tenure. In most cases, a professor who has worked for a college for five or six years undergoes a series of evaluations by the respective department, a college-wide committee, a dean, the president and the trustees. Factors considered often include research and scholarship, teaching ability and service to the college and/ or community.

At Bowdoin, the process is very similar. Faculty members begin their careers as assistant professors, usually for three years, or "instructors," if their doctorate or professional equivalent has not yet been completed. A review of the professors is completed before the end of their second year by their respective department. The department chair submits the evaluation to the dean of Academic Affairs, who decides whether or not the professor should continue for a second three-year term.

The tenure review occurs in the professor's sixth year at Bowdoin. A dossier with the candidate's record is presented to CAPT. CAPT is made up of three full professors and two associate professors, all of whom are tenured. The committee spends about six to eight hours on each candidate, in addition to individual members' time reviewing the dossier.

The committee focuses largely on two aspects of professors' tenure candidacy: their teaching record at Bowdoin and accomplishments and prospects as a scholar. A candidate's department contributes to the evaluation of teaching quality, using such measures as classroom visits, course evaluations and course materials. In addition, members of CAPT ask between 75 and 100 students of the professor to write assessment letters.

A candidate's scholarly record is considered, including published or in-progress research or other scholarly work. Between six and 10 scholars in the candidate's field from outside Bowdoin are asked to contribute their own assessment of the professor's standing and expertise in his or her respective field as well as his or her potential for contribution. CAPT members then make a recommendation and submit it to the dean for Academic Affairs. The dean reviews the recommendation and submits it to the president. The president makes his own recommendation to the board of trustees, who make the final decision on granting tenure. At this point, the assistant professor is granted tenure and is promoted to associate professor.

When an associate professor has served five years in the position, the candidate can apply for promotion to the rank of professor. The process is much the same as for tenure, except the requirements are more stringent and only the three full professors on the CAPT make a recommendation.

"Tenure has recently come under attack nationally as an institution that has outlived its usefulness. The American Association for Higher Education announced in March of 1995 a two-year project to re-examine the concept of tenure and explore alternatives, more flexible career paths for college professors."

One of the main criticisms of tenure is that it protects incompetent or incompetent professors while punishing the creative and/or controversial ones. It took four years for the City University of New York to convince an arbitrator to allow them to oust a tenured professor who was accused but not convicted of sexual misconduct prior to his appointment to CUNY. On the other hand, professors popular with students for their dynamic teaching styles often are denied tenure for a lack of research deemed "adequate" by tenure boards.

Tenured professors at Bowdoin can only be terminated for "gross neglect of duty, serious misconduct, or physical or mental incapacity," according to the 1996-97 Faculty Handbook. However, in the tenure evaluation process, teaching ability is one of the two major areas evaluated. Research is also heavily considered, both at Bowdoin and at larger universities where it often can take precedence over teaching ability.

Other service to the Bowdoin community is also taken into account, but is not considered nearly as significant as teaching and scholarship. Candidates, the Faculty Handbook warns, "should not become immersed in institutional functions at the expense of either their teaching or their professional status."

"Additional research compiled by Arkady Libman

Study away office implements fee

**BETH HUSTEDT**  
**STAFF WRITER**

Students who choose to study away will pay an additional fee beginning next year. The cost is $600 for a semester and $750 for a full year abroad on the same program. Stephen Hall, director of off-campus study, explained that the fee replaces a grant that was designed to get the study away office on its feet when study away became so popular and needs were not being met within the individual departments.

The fee covers needed expenses like resource materials, correspondence, salaries of student assistants and the general maintenance of the office.

The fee can also fund trips to various programs so faculty members can get a sense of what a program is like before they send Bowdoin students there.

Some students are concerned with the new fee. Greg Scheible '99 commented, "It seems strange that they [the administration] would want to discourage students from studying away, but I realize there are administrative costs."

Hall said the purpose was not to discourage students from going abroad, but to cover necessary expenses. He explained, "The money has to come from somewhere and if students studying away don't pay this fee it basically comes out of the general fee that everyone pays. It doesn't seem fair to those students who aren't studying away that are paying tuition to subsidize those who aren't paying tuition who are studying away."

Bowdoin has a direct affiliation with certain programs for which the fee is waived. These include the Intercollegiate Center for Classical studies in Rome, EIE in Sri Lanka, SITA in India, the Swedish program in Stockholm, Taras Shevchenko in Kiev, and the Twelve College Exchange.

These programs cost more than the majority of the programs Bowdoin approves. Hall explained, "The idea is not to punish people who are going on more expensive but rather good programs."

For the vast majority of study away programs students will be paying significantly less than their Bowdoin tuition even with the added fee.

Hall noted that, "Nearly every school has a study away fee. Colby charges $1000 per semester, and $2000 for a year abroad. Bates charges 1.5% of the annual comprehensive fee per semester, and 2% of the annual fee for a year abroad. Currently, Bates charges $25,000 a year to attend, so the study away fee for a semester is $420, and $660 for a full year."
President enumerates financial priorities

ZAK BURKE
OPERATIONS EDITOR

When the Board of Trustees gets its look at the recommended budget for the 1997-98 fiscal year next week, the explanations and rationalizations for the $67 million dollars in proposed expenditures will represent more than a simple statement of the College’s needs for the coming year.

Although the budget certainly reflects current priorities, President Robert Edwards and members of the Budget Committee note that the annual budget actually reflects not only the current priorities of the College but also its history and its future.

Four years ago, the budget was balanced for the first time in several years and although it has either balanced or run a surplus ever since, Edwards said he believes the budget planning process is just now beginning to reflect this trend.

Once given the directive to balance the budget, Edwards is concerned about the infrastructure of the College. "The process below the gross level is really determined at the local level," he said. "The people on the ground are the best to determine where the cuts should take place."

His role in the past, then, has essentially been that of an overseer, focusing attention in some areas of the budget-cutting process but generally remaining absent elsewhere.

Because the status of the College is more stable now and because its future is less uncertain, the possibility is greater to examine specific interests and goals.

Over the last few years, some of these priorities have become increasingly clear: residential life and information technology are obviously hot items in this year’s budget.

Past trends have included substantial increases in funding for buildings and grounds, a persistent emphasis on faculty and staff salaries as well as a constant buoying of financial aid.

According to Edwards, the New Century Campaign, aimed at raising $132.25 million dollars in the next few years, has also provided the opportunity to fund projects that might otherwise have been postponed or neglected altogether.

With the benefit of funding through capital funding, he said, "it suddenly becomes possible to match needs we otherwise couldn’t otherwise attend to."

He noted the construction of the coastal studies facilities and the new science complex as prime examples of that type of funding.

Lacking the single motivation the budget process had before it was balanced, the current process is both more fluid and more complex. Thus, despite the financial stability of the College, Edwards said he is still a bit ill at ease with the prioritizing which has taken place. "I am intensely aware and am myself feeling tremendous pressure and ambivalence," he said.

Noting what has appeared to be a lack of any emphasis on the arts, Edwards described a "constant anguish." Concerning how to prioritize budget items, "The budget process is a plastic affair concerning the general direction of the College’s common will, exigency and rationality," he said.

President Robert Edwards (Office of Communications)

Infamous “rape drug” suspected at Bowdoin

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Rohypnol, more commonly known as "the rape drug," is sweeping college campuses nationwide and Director of Health Services Robin Beltrami is concerned about the drug’s presence at Bowdoin.

Imported illegally from Mexico or Colombia, Rohypnol tablets are generally sold for recreational use; one tablet sells at a street value of two to five dollars, making it a “cheap high.”

The drug is most often ingested orally in conjunction with alcohol to exaggerate the sensation of lubrication and to further eliminate inhibitions.

The drug is also used to enhance low-quantity heroin, to increase the effects of marijuana or cocaine or to offset the effects of withdrawal from other drugs.

Although the drug is commonly abused for such recreational use, there has been a recent surge in the number of incidents in which unsuspecting students are subjected to sexual assault after unknowingly ingesting it.

According to Beltrami, the colorless, tasteless and odorless nature of Rohypnol makes it easy to slip into drinks without detection. Rohypnol tablets are round, white and slightly smaller than an aspirin giving them a deceptively “safe” appearance. They are single or cross-ordered on one side with “ROCHE” printed on the other.

Beltrami notes that while there have been no confirmed cases of sexual assault in conjunction with Rohypnol at Bowdoin, she has been suspicious in a few incidences.

There have been a few situations here this year involving women and alcohol that just don’t make sense... [there has not been] enough alcohol to cause the behaviors witnessed," she said.

Beltrami advises students take precautions such as watching their drinks when they are out, refusing drinks from strangers and making sure that friends are looking out for one another.

Rohypnol’s effects begin to take place within 30 minutes of ingestion and may persist for eight hours depending on the person and the dosage.

Once ingested, individuals experience a black-out period and may awake in unfamiliar surroundings with distinct signs of sexual assault.

The drug may also cause nausea, numbness, hallucinations, delirium, coma and seizures. In combination with alcohol or other drugs, Rohypnol has been linked to a number of deaths due to coma.

Rohypnol can be detected in blood up to four hours following ingestion and more adverse effects include decreased blood pressure, memory impairment (for up to 24 hours), drowsiness, disinhibition, slurred speech and lack of motor coordination. Rohypnol can be detected in urine for up to 48 hours.

Consequently, individuals who suspect they have been sexually assaulted while under the influence of this drug are advised to provide a urine sample for testing as quickly as possible.
Efforts to remedy chapel towers underway

JEB PHILLIPS
STAFF WRITER

Two years ago members of the Facilities Management Department at Bowdoin noticed cracks in both towers of the Chapel. Last year, they saw that the cracks had become worse. These observations set in motion a series of planning sessions and improvement efforts which might not end for several years.

The current work on the nearly 150-year-old building came as a result of a study made by the Boston consulting firm Simpson, Gumpertz and Heger, Inc., and Director of Facilities Management William Gardiner. The school hired the firm after the observations of last year seemed to show that the towers of the Chapel had structural flaws.

The tower walls are composed of three layers. Eight to ten-inch thick granite slabs show on the outside of the edifice, followed by a layer of rubble and another layer of stone. According to Gardiner, the cracks were found in the joints that hold the outer layer of granite slabs together. After decades of water seeping in, expanding with the cold weather and contracting with the warm, the outer layer had begun to pull away from the middle layer, producing a "bowing" effect. Most of the improvements presently occurring are focused on the North Tower of the Chapel, where the bowing effect is most pronounced.

Gardiner calls the current work "an immediate fix." Workers are fashioning six stainless steel bands around the North Tower to stabilize the wall of granite and avoid a collapse. The bands are being put in place in the Chapel, not so much because of danger but to prevent a piece of the wall from being thrown off, and to preserve the building. Said Gardiner: "We need to take care of this as soon as possible, but he have to be very deliberate and conservative. We only want to fix this once."

—William Gardiner
director of Facilities Management

Non-credit courses return

CAROLYN SAGES
STAFF WRITER

For the second time in the past two years, the Committee for Student Activities is offering non-credit living courses. In recognition of what Acting Director of Student Activities and Smith Union Shannon Murphy calls "the need for lifelong learning at Bowdoin," these courses are intended to teach "some skills students need [that are] not offered in the classroom.

Murphy has been working with Student Executive Board Representative Kalena Alston-Griffin '98. The Board subsidizes these courses. The classes, four of which are offered this year, will cover cooking, automobile repairs, massage therapy and art appreciation.

Two of the courses, automobile repairs and massage therapy, were offered last year. Due to their overwhelming popularity they are offered again this year. The introduction to the Healing Arts: Massage Therapy will be held in Lancaster Lounge in the Moulton Union on February 18 and 25 and March 4 and 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. The course costs ten dollars which will go to the instructor, Bette Thibeault, a certified massage therapist with previous experience in teaching.

Ray Dall, the lead mechanic at Bowdoin, will be teaching "Basic Automotive Repairs."] Each of the four sessions will take place in Rhodes Hall at the Physical Plant Garage from 4 to 6 p.m. on four consecutive Tuesdays beginning February 18. Dall, who taught this course last year, intends this class to be a quick safety reference that will increase the students' knowledge of cars. "Jump-starting can be very dangerous if you hook the batteries up wrong," says Dall, who will devote the first class to that topic. The second class will be a complete reality check, which entails checking the muffler, shocks, lights, tire pressure and antifreeze. The third class will cover tune-up, the curriculum of the last class will be left up to the students. The cost of this course is fifteen dollars.

The "ABC of Art," a three session course taught by Professor of Art Cliff Olds in the Beam Classroom of the Visual Arts Center, meets Feb. 18 and 25 and on March 6. The first session is entitled "How Art Looks" and will focus on the actual formal aspects of looking at a work and will try to teach students how to read a work based on its color and composition. The second class, "What Art Means," will focus on the content of the work, including symbolism and religious or historical significance. The debate over whether art matters in society is the topic of the final session. Olds will be discussing the function that art plays in the society that produces it, examining such aspects as its role as propaganda and the issue of censorship. Olds said that this course, which is not designed to be an art history course, should address common questions about art and will do so by studying works that span different cultures, time periods and artistic movements.

"Simple Entertaining" is the cooking course that will be taught by Associate Director of the Dining Service and Executive Chef Ken Cardone. The classes will be conducted in Moulton Union's kitchen at 7 to 9 p.m. on February 26 and March 5 and 12 and will cost fifteen dollars. Cardone says this class is "a fun thing to do," and useful, because "you can use this just about anywhere for eight people or 25 because the methods are the same." Hors d'oeuvres are the focus of the February 26 session. Cardone will be teaching the methods used to prepare finger foods such as shrimp cocktail, puff pastry and beef jerkyaki. Different types of bread: oatmeal, white, French and pizzadough will be used during the second class. The final class will teach students how to prepare a Maine lobster bake.

These four classes were chosen based on input from last years participants and student opinion. The curriculum of each class was determined by the instructor with attention to the general guidelines about time and content from Student Activities.

Af-Am Society welcomes alums

BETH HUSTEDT
STAFF WRITER

The African American Society is hosting a panel of Bowdoin alumni who will speak of their experiences as Bowdoin being students of color. In celebration of Black History Month, Melvin Rogers '99 explained the panel should give students the opportunity to "look to figures of the past who have paved the road."

Twelve alumni make up the panel including Geoffrey Canada '74, CEO and President of the Canada Centers for Children and Families, George A. Kahlil '73, Deputy Director of the Education Centers, Robert Johnson Jr., Esq. '77, Professor of African studies at the University of Massachusetts at Boston, Richard Adams '73, Executive Assistant to the Dean, Allegheny University, and Douglass Lyons '73, Staff Writer for The Sun Sentinel.

Rogers expressed hope that the panel would educate people about what it was like to be at Bowdoin when there "was still heat on the campus from the Civil Rights movement.

He stressed the importance of recognizing African-American achievement because "there is not a strong presence of African-Americans here." Rogers noted, however, that the event was aimed at "providing a sense of community for everybody. We want people to come and be a part of this," he said.

The panel will be held on Friday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m.
"Career Explorations" brings trustees and students together

An expanded career day will expose students to a wide array of high-profile careers held by trustees.

On Feb. 27, the Moulton Union will host "Career Explorations." This event will bring students and trustees together for an evening of focused discussion followed by an informal dinner reception.

The event represents a collaborative effort by Junior Class Officers Pete Sims '98 and Chris Jeffers '96.

The purpose of the event is to promote greater awareness of career options and inform students of the necessary preparation for a variety of career paths.

Members of the Student Affairs Committee of the Trustees, Trustee EB Shaw-Ruddock and Ben Beach '97, raised the idea of expanding the scope of the career day the Committee had sponsored the previous year. The two groups and the staff of the Career Planning Center organized the event that will bring together students and trustees from a variety of backgrounds.

"We were eager to provide students with an opportunity to gain exposure to an array of career fields," said Beach '97.

The event will include four round-table discussions, each focused on a set of professions. Each discussion group will involve between three and five trustees and a student moderator. Students will have an opportunity to pose questions and to share their own concerns and interests. The trustees, many of whom hold top positions in their fields, will share their experiences both as professionals and as students on the road to their current occupations.

The four discussion groups featured are "Arts & Communications," "Business/In- ventment Management," "Law/Public Service" and "Science and Medicine." Participants will include Leslie Walker '85, a Television Consultant and Producer for ABC News and 20/20, Leon A. Gorman '56, the President of L.L. Bean, Inc., Elizabeth Woodcock, Esq., '76, a Judicial Fellow on the U.S. Sentencing Commission and Dr. Marc B. Garnick, '88, a Professor at Harvard Medical School.

"One of the important aspects of the program is the involvement of men and women active in their professions-especially in rapidly changing areas like science," said Jeffers.

"Career Explorations" will enable students to speak with high-profile professionals. It's not every day that you get to interact with the guy who publishes your textbooks or with a dean at Yale Medical School," notes Jeff Rohde, '98, a biochemistry major.

Students may sign up until Feb. 25 in the Career Planning Center.

Sociologist speaks of need for positive identities

Christopher P. Hourigan
Staff Writer

Addressing a wide range of contemporary cultural issues, Becky Thompson associate professor of sociology at Simmons College delivered a lecture entitled "Subverting Racism from Within: Linking White Identity to Activism" to the college community last evening at 6:30 p.m. in Krenge Auditorium.

As part of the year-long celebration of 25 years of women at Bowdoin, the event was sponsored by the Bowdoin Women's Association, the Women's Resource Center, the President's Office, the Women's Studies Program, the African American Society and the Counseling Service.

A former visiting assistant professor in the sociology department at Bowdoin, Thompson teaches African-American studies, American studies in sociology and women's studies courses. She is acclaimed for her work on eating disorders, multicultural education, feminist theory and racism. Her publications include "Names We Call Home: Autobiography on Racial Identity," "A Hunger So Wide and So Deep: A Multiracial View of Women's Eating Problems" and "Beyond the Dream Deferred: Multicultural Education and the Politics of Excellence."

She focused Thursday's discussion on the development of white identity.

Beginning with a narrative about her experience in South Africa as a woman and her observations of the anti-racist activism among whites in this country, Thompson traced the history of the strong, but little-known, white anti-racist movement in the United States.

She also outlined the process by which she gradually came to accept her "whiteness" as "anti-racist and multicultural her roots are in the centerpieces of [her] life." More generally, she spoke of the need for whites to "develop positive identities that are not based on the oppression of non-dominant cultures and not rooted in denial of this oppression."

Following the lecture, Thompson inquired about the audience concerning their struggle with questions of race and identity.

"A lot of the things she said resonated with me," said Australia native, Cliff C. "I'm not that equal. But you could say the same for anyone in any class or activity. Some need a lot more attention, but you still charge the same thing." Hall doubts that the new fee will greatly affect the study away interest level on campus. Schible agreed, "I am not thrilled that I have to pay more money, but it didn't affect my decision to study away."

Bowlodin-In-Brief

Eight bills have recently been introduced in the Maine State Legislature that could affect Bowdoin's tax exempt status as a non-profit organization.

Director of Public Affairs Scott Hood said that among groups like the Maine Municipal Association "there are efforts underway to impose service fees on non-profit organizations to ease property taxes on individuals."

Currently, 65% of all municipal revenues in Maine come from property taxes. Maine residents pay 29% more property tax as a percentage of their personal income than the U.S. average.

According to Hood, Bowdoin makes financial contributions to the city and state governments which makes the school the equivalent of the fifth largest tax payer in Brunswick. If the legislature enacts the proposed bills, Bowdoin could have to pay as much as $60,000 in additional fees.

Security is now offering a new service entitled "Operation ID" to help keep your valuables safe. To use the service, call security at 23314 and leave your name and number and Officer Sean Smith will get back to you and set up a time when he can come to your residence and engrave an identifying mark on your valuables. Smith will make a record of your valuables to be kept in the security office.
A dangerous new drug

Rohypnol, better known as “the rape drug,” may have arrived at Bowdoin. Although there is no direct evidence that the drug has been involved in sexual assaults on campus, Director of Health Services Robin Beltrami is suspicious. What does this mean for the security of women on this campus? How should we react?

If the drug is sweeping college campuses, there is no reason to assume that Bowdoin will be an exception. While reports of violent crime in Brunswick are rare, and assault, high-profile drugs like cocaine and heroin appear to be worlds away, Rohypnol is far more accessible. The street price for one tablet is only two to five dollars, and its effects seem relatively mild when used recreationally. The drug is tasteless, colorless and odorless, and causes individuals to black out within 30 minutes, providing for a dramatic increase in the opportunity for sexual assault.

Once again, this is a reminder that we are not immune to the darker reality which looms outside the Bowdoin Bubble. Women, enveloped in what appears to be the security of a small-town college campus, are not immune to such risks. Unfortunately, the process of becoming increasingly associated with situations in which personal security should not be in the forefront of their minds. It is natural to take precautions while walking home alone late at night, and many women have also learned to look after one another at parties, especially when alcohol is involved.

However, with the introduction of a drug like Rohypnol to the campus, women must become even more aware of their personal welfare in more informal social situations. While students generally choose for themselves whether or not they want to take Rohypnol, it is a shame that this possibility of must now pervade the minds of women in many social settings.

Although students may be tempted to remind themselves that the drug has to be taken in a certain way, it is hard not to think about the possibility that this may be even more precautions, perhaps if there is an aggressive effort made at determining the pervasiveness of the drug on campus, and the College will be better able to protect the lives of its students. It owes them that.

Studying away simplified at last

Two years ago, the College implemented changes in the way in which the study away program was administered at Bowdoin. While there is still room for improvement, this decision seems to have prompted the creation of a more efficient and responsive process. The study away office was once associated with the position of senior class dean, a post which has been reduced under the new student affairs hierarchy. With this change, the study away office has been given a more independent dimension, allowing it to more clearly provide for the needs of students wishing to spend the summer away from Bowdoin. In past years, students were critical of the office, which many felt pushed them into certain programs, especially those in countries in which a foreign language was spoken. New students have also commented about the application to be extremely confusing and found it difficult to make appointments with representatives of the office.

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However, some aspects of the study away process could still be improved. While the office staff is readily available to answer questions, students unfamiliar with the procedures often find it difficult to determine the appropriate questions to ask. The office would benefit from a clearly defined list of steps which students are expected to follow when applying to various programs. A general information session for interested students would also help to articulate these guidelines and clarify the process in general.

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Campaign reform is citizens’ job

This past week, yet another public official was accused of questionable use of campaign finance laws. New York Senator Al D’Amato, chairman of the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee, apparently funneled $1.9 million in soft-money contributions from the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee to New York Governor George Pataki and other local Republican candidates. Though not illegal, many Democrats have questioned the propriety of his actions.

D’Amato is not alone. House Speaker Newt Gingrich lost much of his credibility after admitting that he funneled money from a political action committee, GOPAC, to the Southern Baptist Convention, which was used to fund a televised college course he taught. The Clinton administration also has been disturbed by questions about its connection with Asian business elites. They also considered the process of application to be extremely confusing and found it difficult to make appointments with representatives of the office.

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Maine vs. the inner-city: apples and oranges

To the Editors:

I was greatly amused to read F. J. Heller's recent essay in the Opinion section. I was glad to read that Heller believes school teachers in Maine can enjoy a high standard of living due to satisfactory compensation plans. I do not believe, however, that this argument, augmented with salary figures, justifiably proves that my point "fell considerably short of the mark." I apologise for the word cliche: Heller should realise that apples were compared to oranges.

I know relatively little about Maine but I do know from casual observation that it is vastly different from the areas which Mr. Bedrossian and myself were referring to. My first point in response to this letter is that while the salaries cited may be satisfactory here in Maine, the same amount of money affords considerably less in other areas. The cost of living is much higher, and I did not, when I lived in an affluent area, refer to the Philadelphia Main Line where the cost of housing (or automobile insurance) costs by my crude estimations 30-60 percent more than it would here. Public school teacher's salaries are embarrassingly low because their

salaries are only marginally higher than those in Maine while the cost of living in my area is significantly higher.

The familiar statistic comparing hecpele to Maine to an inner-city requires an absurd stretch of the imagination. Public education and the compensation rates for public school teachers may be very progressive in Maine and I would be glad to know that they were. That teachers in Maine enjoy ancillary benefits for coaching and counseling and receive parents group "gifts" must be very satisfying, but such luxuries are unheard of in many inner-city public schools. Perhaps Maine school teachers would be shocked to hear of city teachers who, for example, on weekends and at their own expense, come into school to repaint their classrooms because the board of education has eliminated the funds for maintenance. Hopefully Heller recognises that there exists a world outside Maine where public education is much less well-funded and generous with its teachers and students than so boasted to exist in Maine in last week's letter.

My intention, as Heller feared, was not to discourage Bowdoin students from potential careers in Maine's public education system, it was far from it: I encourage all students, from Bowdoin or wherever, to take an active part in education. Truthfully, the prospects of teaching at an inner-city school are not as laudable as Heller would have us believe, and it is hoped to augment Mr. Bedrossian's position that public education is in many areas a dismal affair and that such performance must be raised in accordance with a greater awareness of the problems of inner-city public schools. I had also hoped to suggest, in contradiction with Mr. Bedrossian's opinion, that infusions of money, public or private, could certainly be of benefit to public education in cities if wisely spent. Money will not solve all of the problems which confront inner-city public schools, but at least it would go to give them the opportunity to begin restructuring, rebuilding, and reorganising to meet needs which are increasingly being ignored.

I know little about Maine and practically nothing about its public education system or its Charter schools. I was very interested to read Heller's letter and found it very informative, however, I believe it is preposterous to contrast my statements using examples which are irrelevant to the original assertions. It is no secret that Maine is, by large and not a

wealthy state. In this respect, and in a few others (regarding poorly maintained infrastructure, funding shortfalles), Maine is not in the same class as Maine, and I refer the comparisons, fortunately for Maine, end there. I invite Heller to dispute this if it is not true. I also believe the breadth of the band is very different, and should Heller choose to visit any inner-city neighborhood, I think that it would be agreed upon that Maine's schools in nearly every instance have the advantage. Regardless of the situation in Maine, I think that the lack of positive attention and funding being directed at inner-city public schools is shameful. Part of this stems from the idea that teachers are poorly paid, and in my opinion, in the inner-city schools they are very poorly paid indeed. Once all of Maine's education problems are remedied, perhaps Heller would like to join us in the cities and help instigate positive reform there as well.

Grieg Arendt

Immature pranks have no place at Bowdoin

To the Editors:

Every year they happen: isolated incidents of vulgarity, sexual assault, and homophobic backslash, anti-Semitic symbolism, physical violence. This year, it was the delineation of Eating Disorders Awareness posters meant to enlighten and heal the anonymous delivery of diet pills to certain women on this campus.

I believe that the purpose of inflicting pain. To be sure, violence, prejudice and misogyny are international societal problems. Nonetheless, I find them particularly abhorrent and disingenuous when they arise at Bowdoin because membership in the "colony" is not random. All of our students were deliberately and methodically selected to be a part of this campus based on their social, their previous accomplishments and their potential for both personal growth and positive contribution. I should know, as assistant dean of Admissions, I helped to select them.

Incidents such as these consistently and appropriately invite outraged speculation as to how such cruelty and ignorance can exist within a population so carefully evaluated. How could the admissions staff have taken these people? It's easy to imagine that behavior so blatantly incongruous with both our institutional values and with the values of the majority of the individuals on this campus must have been reflected somewhere in the admissions selection process.

I'd feel better if this were true; at least my expectations would be lowered. Unfortunately, these incidents serve as jarring reminders that the admissions review process, though considerably more thorough and character-oriented than those of many other institutions, is literally not fool-proof. Although we actively seek and embrace diversity and opinion and experiences, we also take great pains to try to ensure that both of these elements are accompanied by the qualities of integrity and open-mindedness. My knowledge of just how carefully we scrutinize each essay, each letter of recommendation and each interview report

for even hints of immaturity or intolerance only serves to make each hateful incident that occurs on this campus feel like a personal betrayal. Did I advocate for those students? Did I believe that they would become leaders on this campus, that their classmates would benefit from their presence? Did I welcome them to campus in the fall with pride and delighted anticipation? It's very likely that I would have advised them not to do so; the odds are good that their letters of recommendation were packed with phrases like "academic enthusiasm and maturity, leader among peers, outstanding scholar and person," and the ever-confidence-inspiring, "one of my best students in X years."

I address the rest of this letter to the sender or senders of last week's anonymous diet pills packages: Congratulations. You fooled us into thinking you belonged here. You willfully misrepresented yourself to our staff and to your high school teachers who believed in your integrity, and we all fell for it. Your utter failure to take advantage of the opportunities for personal growth and contribution made available to you at Bowdoin and your premeditated decision to cause harm to those who do come as professed disappointments to those of us who hoped for better for you.

It is very likely that you will never be identified nor will you ever face disciplinary proceedings. In their absence, I issue you a challenge: write down the names of those women, and store them in a place where they won't be discarded. My fierce hope for you is that at some point in your life, whether it be next week, five or 50 years away, you will acquire the maturity and depth of conscience to fully appreciate the significance of your actions for these women and for the entire Bowdoin community. At that time, I hope that you will choose to make amends and to pass on your newfound wisdom as a legacy for others.

Karen Gutтенberg

assistant dean of admissions
Dying is a private thing

By K. Hussain

Sometimes I smoke. Sometimes I don't. Most of the time, I don't. But I do. Not nearly as much as I would like to. And when I do, I often feel guilty about it. I used to smoke cigarettes and I've tried to quit a few times, but I always end up back at it.

The rigors of life and the rigors of death are not so clear to me anymore. I think I might be dying and numb to petty pain. When I smoke, I hurt, but something it can hurt more not to die. So I die or should I die a year or two before my time then maybe that's not my time. It's not I'm not sure about that. Except that I die myself die you know. I smoke to stay alive.

Bad days are like bad food, they can give you indigestion. Smoke raises high like falling seltzer; it does keep me safe from the consequences. I actually like the smell of smoke, doesn't bother me. It's not as damaging and far more private. It's like the lonely smell of a birthday cake unattended by guests. It's a little bit like the smell of death, but not quite. More like the smell of an un-lived life. Anyway, smoke smells nice to me those times 'cause forever and ever I wanna live longer. I just says mighty nice things too. It tells me to live and live and not to die. When I smoke I don't wanna die. I smoke to stay alive.

I've sensed a trend in this place. Everywhere I feel it actually hold here for now and here I feel it most. The sneakers hear I mean loud and too clear at times. I hear them with my ears and with my own eyes I see them too. And I feel them in the smoke I inhale and in the mark I carry with me. When you smoke you inhale the words can come one layer at a time.

Smoking kills your lungs you know. It's kinda like lascivious graffiti on some ancient sacred art. But I guess I don't know too much about such things. I do know that if you smoke too much your lungs start looking and smelling and tasting and shrinking and that you don't throw up weird stuff through your nose in the morning. You might have trouble breathing as well and your immune system is pretty anymore. No pretty inside for me I guess, no nice and pretty lungs. But I say —

Smoking infects your lungs like some big fat worm, clals and all, that eats at your lungs and leaves no words can come one layer at a time.

More words said in passion in pain, words well meant but misguided can kill your lungs too. You feel the mind inside yourself when your mind is tormented from the shock of unexpected, unkind words, it's like never see a Surgeon General's warning on the hearts of cruel people who say nasty, cruel things. Words that kill your mind never come with a warning and when your mind hurts and you inhale to hammer hard, well they say you are dying a pretty evil death, I mean really ugly all that smoke! Oh how they wanna die, oh why they wanna die? Oh? Oh what?

Smoking is an evil thing they say; smoking is an evil thing.

We seem to be living in a society obscenely obsessed with the body. It is a society that cannot appreciate the comfort in breathing. The body has been made into a temple of obscene sacrality and life is meaningfully just present in your flesh. You die only to your grave, to the pit in which your body descends. All other deaths are so cruelly denied. You don't die from heart or emotion—maybe you die from bad days descending into your stomach like ugly rotten food. But you from the same smoke you've been inhaling and you do die to joints. You die from your flesh rotting beneath sacred ground but a rotting mind in paralytic death is quite irrelevant?

Sometimes I cry to write. Most times I try not to but sometimes I do. It can be a gentle caring feeling crying to yourself, like the creamy shadow of an afternoon window. Sometimes I cry to smoke as well for no particular reason. Pointless crying can be very cathartic. Sometimes my lungs cry too and I relate. Sometimes my lungs cry too and I relate. Occasionally.

Honesty is a prerequisite for spiritual growth. Every since I became open with my struggles with anorexia in my sophomore year, and through my hospitalization and recovery, I have always been vocal and public with my story. I have gone through several stages of my honesty, at one point using it as an admittance of my problem and at another as a basis for my relationships with people. At times I have struggled with my honesty because it made me feel too much in the spotlight, too externally bound. I felt the need to prove to others that I was am capable of recovery. The exposure of being honest made me aware that I had this role bestowed on me.

As a result of my openness, I have sometimes been made out to be this perfect model of recovery, by my peers and by others who know me. How do I hope to maintain this in myself in this way, nor do I want to be seen as any type of perfection because I am not perfect. I am realistic, human, and honest with myself and others. Like any other person, I have bad days when I might hate parts of my body when I feel that I am not thin enough or too fat. And sometimes I do feel like a hypochondrist, as if on these days it is bad for me to champion positive body image.

And I have downfalls like subscribing to advertisements and occasionally reading women's magazines. I think of "bad" women's magazines with their unrealistic portrayal of women. I truthfully think that it would be like to be like such magazines or embrace their glossy, fabricated beings, but sometimes I do buy them for amusement or entertainment.

Like a recovering alcoholic, an individual recovering from an eating disorder never, ever is completely 100 percent recovered. Part of recovery is the awareness of the fact that your alcoholism or your eating disorder will lurk within you forever, even if it is not an outstanding aspect of your life. Although I have been "well" for almost two years, I am a recovering anorexia patient, because I still have not been able to completely give up the food restricting habits that mark me. However, I am much more open about it.

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The imperfections of perfection within one's self

By Meg Hall

Real World Ramblings

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STUDENT SPEAK

What do you think this week's Student Speak question should be?

CHRISTA JEFFERIS '98
Loveland, CO
"Who is in charge of the landscaping around Edwards Hall?"

BARB BLAKELY '00
Denver, CO
"What is the meaning of life and does it involve Jello?"

PETE SIMS '98
Canada
"Why would anyone pay to see Evita?"

MIKE SCHULLER '98
Nebraska
"If you guys can't come up with a question for student speak, what makes you think I can?"

BILL CLINTON
Washington D.C.
"Why is Madeleine Albright more popular than I am?"

ANDREA HELLMAN '97
Littleton, CO
"How much food do you think that you can actually get into a bagged lunch brown bag."

THE INVISIBLE MAN
(TIGER CRAFT '99)
(With food in his mouth.)
"bladkliklik dohewi dahs!"

Compiled by Brian Billock and Alice Liddell
Question by Professor Dennis Corish

Our national standards

By Wystan Ackerman
Political Persuasions

President Clinton, in his State of the Union address, proposed that we adopt national standards for education in the United States. Such standards are long overdue. Yet, unfortunately, due to the fact that many Congressmen are staunch supporters of state's rights and advocate the "devolution" of power to the states, such standards will probably not be enacted.

The United States is, I believe, the only so-called "first world" nation in which basic, public education is controlled almost entirely by state, local boards and committees. Granted, at the state level, legislatures have some authority, and in some cases have enacted state-wide standards. Even at the national level we have a weak Department of Education which is basically in the business of sending grants down to states and individual local schools. However, unlike Great Britain, France, Germany, Japan and the vast majority of major nations, the United States has no national rules for what constitutes a basic education.

Now, just to make myself clear, I'm not arguing that Congress ought to tell teachers around the country exactly what to teach and how to teach it. Congress should not be in the business of developing curriculums and textbooks and stipulating whether or not students should be reading Huckleberry Finn or whether they should view Christopher Columbus as a bold, innovative discoverer or the exterminator of native peoples (or both). The idea that, I think, Clinton is proposing is that there be a national conception of what a high school diploma signifies.

50 years ago, if someone earned a high school diploma in the United States, that meant that he could certainly read a newspaper (written in English), write English with good, if not perfect, grammar and be able to do arithmetic and at least elementary algebra. In addition, they knew at least the very basics of geography, American history and government. Today, there are high school graduates who cannot read their own diploma. Some cannot even write a coherent sentence, place China in the proper continent or tell you who George Washington was.

The idea is, and I believe Governor King has proposed something like this in Maine, that students be required to pass a very basic national standardized test before they are eligible to receive a high school diploma. This would ensure that they can read, write and do arithmetic. They would also be required to demonstrate a very basic knowledge of geography, American history and government. A good number of sixth graders could probably pass such a test, and the vast majority of students would be able to complete it by the tenth grade. A prestigious charter or private school would probably give the test as part of an entrance examination.

Yet, this would, at the very least, restore some credibility to a diploma which has come to virtually worthless piece of paper, at least as far as most employers are concerned. Now I'm going to propose something which is "very radical" and which many liberals would be up in arms in order to prevent. Passing this "basic competency test" should be made a voting requirement. We already require immigrants to pass a test of this sort (probably more difficult) in order to achieve citizenship and the right to vote. There is no reason why natural born American citizens should not be required to demonstrate a similar, basic knowledge of English, American history and American government. Such knowledge can no longer be assumed simply because someone is born here. Many Americans, including registered voters, do not know even the very basics of their nation's history, how their government works, etc. Certainly, nearly every natural born citizen should be able to pass this test by the time they reach voting age. After all, every democracy depends on an educated electorate.

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One acts feature student talent

BY SARAH ROSS
STAFF WRITER

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This trio of plays hits a person with four well-aimed punches: one at the heart, one at the head, one in the gut and each give us one right between the eyes.

The Meddiesbempsters qualify for semi-finals

BY DOUGLAS E. SILTON
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On Friday, Feb. 7, the Bowdoin Meddiesbempsters qualified for the semi-final round of the CASA (Contemporary A Cappella Society of America) tournament. The Meddies competed against five other a cappella groups at UNH, where each group was allowed a 14 minute set. The Meddies, ably led by Bobby Gupill, were the first group of the evening to perform. They opened with "Heart of Gold," "Shy Guy," and "Drift Away." Their set won them the award for best original arrangement, but they were not able to win the overall award.

The cast of Butcheln's "Mina Darling". (Adam Zimmam/ The Bowdoin Orient)

Finally, we move to the inner-city—the sparseness of a lone chain-link fence on an empty stage. This is the "Home Court Advantage" but as the play unfolds, we are

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The Meddies are hoping to qualify to play at Carnegie Hall. (Adam Zimmam/ The Bowdoin Orient)

recorded at the end of this year and released in the fall of 1997. And you can even catch the Meddies on the road if you'll be in Europe next winter break — their itinerary is currently being set up.
Absolute Power

Clint Eastwood stands apart from the slimy morasses that is Hollywood today. "Absolute Power," a film which Eastwood directed, produced, as well as starred in, was finished three weeks ahead of schedule and came in significantly under-budget. This is already "An Anxieties of Seeing "Absolute Power" the week after we saw the bloated, meaningless fluff of "Diane's Peak" made us realize that the concept of rooting and restrained story-telling is that typical of Eastwood's films.

"Absolute Power" is, basically, anti-Clinton propaganda. It is the story of a philandering, dishonest President (played by Michael Douglas), seen through the eyes of the "Conversation" Hackman) whose skirt-chasing habits become violent. Pop-culture has recently been alive with the not-so-subtle idea that government is not be trusted. From "The X-Files" to the upcoming "Murder at 16," (another mystery involving a dirty President), the message the audience receives is that the federal government is corrupting, dishonest and ineffective. The net result of this media saturation is a drumbeat of support for the anti-government, anti-tax, message of divisiveness espoused by Republicans today. Maybe Doug Flehmig should lay off the T.V. show. After the Secret Service kills one of the President's bed-mates during a drunken tryst that went wrong, the President accuses the Secret Service of the borrowed love den and cover up the crime by blaming it on a cat burglar, played by Eastwood. Eastwood has a hunch that his wife (played by Patricia) is seeing someone else in the house at the time. Enter Ed "The Medicine Forehead" Harris who plays a lecherous, but lovable lawyer in a scene that reminds us of the bottom of the whole sordid affair. Laura Linney, who played somebody in "Congo" (but it's the one of the characters in that disaster are believable) plays Eastwood's estranged daughter whose romantic subplot with Ed Harris' character is nipped in the bud by a well-timed tumble off a cliff in her late model Oldsmobile. In the end, Clint kicks a little ass and brings the appropriate parties to justice.

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In spite of all of this, the film's entertainment value is not compromised. Eastwood's snappy direction and deft, but simple development of characters and plot keep "Absolute Power" from being bogged down and becoming unbearable. This is a problem that has become epidemic among other action films of late. For example, instead of delaying the progress of the story, Eastwood shows the audience the arrest of the President's chief of staff in one quick, three-second shot. All we need to know is captured in a split-second glance. If only more directors realized that, as Eastwood does, that simple is usually better. We give "Absolute Power" four glasses of Multo-Plus. If you are bored this weekend and have already seen the newly re-released "The Empire Strikes Back" six or seven times (as is your duty as a good American), then we recommend "Absolute Power." It's affirmation of the whitemale power structure in "Absolute Power" a great Bondo film.

One Acts pack a punch

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forced to question—often held by the neck by Big Ed. (Katie Davis) Big Ed "(James Bond) "00" willing to pay for a reprieve from a ghastly real home and a future that only look at "Dirty Harry," the most reactionary film of all time. As in many of Eastwood's films, the audience of "Dirty Harry" is exposed to flagrant violations of constitutionally protected civil liberties and a might-makes-right mentality. All of this is portrayed in the most positive possible light by a hero who delivers justice the old-fashioned way: by killing the hippie freaks he decides are guilty.

"Absolute Power" is the celebration of old, dirty, white men. We will be old, white men some- day. Some of you will not, but that's okay. Just keep pretending the power structure's not there. Wink wink, nudge nudge. We paraphrase what Randall said in "Clerks," "I believe in the concept of the ruling class because a crooked nobleman who can make himself most respected is most emolliended in the film's climax when E.G. Marshall marches his 80-year-old frame into the White House to kick the living hell out of the President. Imagine Strom Thurmond chewing the President around his desk from behind a walker while raving incoherently about the revival of the Confederacy and slavery. It worked for us. As Sherman said on his plantation-march ing to the sea, "Burn it all!"

When most every Hollywood action film today tries to involve women and minorities in some culturally sensitive, contrived fashion, "Absolute Power" goes out of its way to make the point that women and members of minority groups should be merely spectators in the white man's game. In one scene an Asian water, played by a stereotyped figure straight out of a movie from the 1940's, slurs and stutters his way through a scene only to be made fun of by Ed Harris'. Despite actually uses the word "Chinaman" to refer to him. Women fare little better. Instead of being the source of the President's embarrassment, his enemy's character is maimed after trying to get involved and the film comes to an end with a weak, frail lump who needs protection from her daddy as she lies in her hospital bed. The backlash is almost well-intentioned. "Absolute Power" but the offensive racist/sexist subtext of the film betters us, it is certainly consistent with Eastwood's track record.

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And the nominees are...

—A C T I N G R O O M F L O O R special presentation—

Best Supporting Actress: loaf Allen, "The Crucible"
Best Supporting Actor: Lauren Beaul, "The Mirror Has Two Faces"
Best Actor in a Leading Role: Julianne Moore, "The Portrait of a Lady"
Best Actress in a Leading Role: Margarita Jean-Baptiste, "Secrets and Lies"
Best Actor in a Supporting Role: Juliette Binoche, "The English Patient"
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Restaurant Review
Coffee karma: a quest for comfort, convenience and caffeine
By Adam Blackman
Staff writer
Today I went to talk about faith. However, since my room possesses a computer and not a soapbox, I shall write instead about the composition of my own conviction in the omnipotent authority of coffee. As I see it, these topics (two in one column) "I'm feeling staccato," the column will be entirely inseparable. Allow me an example.
You have a paper due in 10 hours. Minus emotional pressures and extraneous writing problems, that gives you about six hours to write seven pages. Sympathizing with the sun on the floor of the Union, you feel the feet of strangers dance upon your painted humor. Quite honestly, you do not care about the effects of Chinese panda dancing on 18th century English tourists. The meaninglessness of your existence pervades your soul. At least the panda have made the history books.
The question here is not existential. Life, of course, has no end. You're fingernails once inhabited a chicken which came, after a long series of technological explosions, into your life. Currently, it's flying down the Discovery Channel, from the will of, as Mal Brooks says, the "elastically know-it-all." In determining your next course of action, you embrace the essence of life itself. The question, then, is where do you look for inspiration? Is it a spiritual pilgrim in an idolatrus building? You are looking for faith. You are looking at the café.
In this instance, coffee is a utilitarian means. But, then again, why else to imbue a god, for an inability to accept meaninglessness? Coffee, as I see it, is an adequate parallel for the intricacies of religious faith. One does not drink coffee simply in order to stay awake. As Richard Brautigan writes, cramming so much meaning into such little space, "a spiritual life is merely a matter of coffee and what ever intimacy a cup of coffee affords."
In the story that follows, Brautigan visits old friends, asking them for a cup of coffee though he knew not why. Brautigan's cup of coffee, like faith, comforts because of its habitual nature. Though satisfaction eludes, the action remains. Thus, demanding more revelation than the Café's indifferent brew-shop could provide, I found myself searching once again for a satisfactory off-campus haven.
Ignoring the infidels who claim sanctity for Dunkin Donuts coffee, I walked onwards, coat turned to the wind, until reached the faded Bohemian Coffee House. I had been there once before, when, but as a student, with my dad and I were gassying up for the 10 hour trek home. I am convinced, however, that the establishment closes when it heats I am walking downtown, wondering to myself if anything which calls itself Bohemian can actually be Bohemian. To conclude with direct address: It takes more than inconvenient bears, Mr. and Mrs. Coffee House, to make oneself Bohemian. Thus, in my indignance, I came to know Wild OATS. I am drinking coffee, I imply, because of the coffee house. Arriving in the sixties, coffee houses sought to actively create a community according to the utopian ideals of the times. But then the boomers grew up and bought Mercedes because they managed to squeeze their ideals into the restrictive hours of nine to five and now all we get to watch the generation of eternal youth acknowledge the irrelevancy of age. Now we have yuppy houses. Now we have Wild OATS.
It is no wonder, then, that I am drawn to the place. I harbor the luxury of a pretentious taste for gourmet coffees like an adolescent can only harbor for cigarettes. More importantly than the coffee itself is, as Brautigan says, the intimacy which it affords. This is my companion with my OATS. Perhaps I demand too much of a communal place. Yet, sitting there, sipping Sumatra and Raymond Carver stories, I know there is something missing. Perhaps it's the atmosphere, perhaps my perception, but I am unable to sit in the cross-fire of its aromas (if varied) conversations for fear I might bite my tongue so hard as to sever it from the rest of my collection. No problem, I thought, even though eye contact reveals an intimate understanding between myself and the bit- terly sweet coffee above my head back. But does he even like coffee?

Beer Review
Katahdin beers are sour
By Peter M. Welles
Staff writer
This week I decided to check out a few beers from the Katahdin clan. As they are named after Maine's greatest mountain, I expected to find some beers with features that spoke of this greatness. Wow, was I wrong. As I lifted a bottle of Katahdin Red, I realized that I probably just didn't like drinking beer. Getting it on, if you know what we mean.
That's our life, and we're . . . obscure? unclean? keen? vasseline? whatever. So in the spirit of seasonal cheer, we present some winter beer.
The first beer we imbibed was the Shipyard Petite Holiday Ale. The Shipyard people intend this to be a Christmas and or. Hannukah brew. There's no better way to celebrate the birth of Christ or the Festival of Lights than with a good ale. We're little late but it's all good. We're still celebrating the holidays. It just never ends. New Years Valentine's Day, President's Day, blub blab blah, Ash Wednesday; shut up and pour us a Shipyard's Holiday Ale. I am sure you would immediately know that this ale was a Shipyard; it has the distinctive stored in the barrel, bent, slightly bitter taste of Shipyard. Also, you would expect from a winter ale, it is fairly hearty, aromatic and edgy ale. The Shipyard's Holiday Ale is a spicy, nutty flavor. Shipyard has succeeded in balancing the winter beer characteristics with its traditional style. However, compared to other winter beers, this ale is not as heavy or spicy as we expected. Overall, this is quality product and we give it a seven on the Scale.
Next we imbibed at gratty's McCaff's Winter Wheat Ale. Upon pouring, our first thought was, "Where the hell is the wheat?" This beer is an attempt to bridge the space between Peter's time era. Gratty's has managed to create a ale is not hearty and does not have the traits of a true winter brew. However, we're feeling generous so we'll give the Winter Wheat a seven-sixths. This limited search has not revealed some of the better winter beers that are available.
Next we imbibed at an Adams. Harpists, not the Gratzy drink up hearty winter beers that will surely warm the body and spirit. Those of you with a mild palate, full-bodied ale should sample these various winter beers. 

Search For The Holy Ale
by siggy and blunt
"An Ode to Winter" Winter at Bowdoin College A fine time to hone your beer knowledge. You can't go outside because it's so slick You fall, you slide, you look like a . . . jerk. Instead you stay in the dorm When it's too damn warm.
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Blunt (left) and Siggy (right) beer columnist and poets—true modern Renaissance men. (Paul Sprungmeyer/ Bowdoin Orient)
### Weekly Calendar

**Compiled by Wendy Zimmerman**

#### SATURDAY
- **Event (12 p.m.)**
  - Music in the Library
  - Series Winter Concert
  - Music Library
  - Gibson Hall
- **Activity (2 p.m.)**
  - Jazz Dance Class
  - Dance Studio
  - Smith Union
- **Reading (3:30 p.m.)**
  - Dante Reading
  - Canto XVII
  - Museum of Art
- **Film (7 p.m.)**
  - "Rumble in the Bronx"
  - Smith Auditorium
  - Sills Hall
- **Plays (8 p.m.)**
  - A Festival of One Acts
  - GHQ
- **Event (8 p.m.)**
  - Contradance
  - State Street Church
  - 159 State St., Portland

#### Sunday
- **Activity (10 a.m.)**
  - Yoga
  - Aerobics Room
  - Farley Field House
- **Gallery Talk (2:15 p.m.)**
  - "Monotypes and the Illustrated Book"
  - Thomas Cornell
  - Walker Art Building
- **Meeting (6:15 p.m.)**
  - SJC
  - Whiteside Reading Room
  - Coles Tower
- **Meeting (6:45 p.m.)**
  - Drushly
  - Chase Barn Chamber

#### Monday
- **Activity (3 p.m.)**
  - Faculty, Student Student skating
  - Dayton Arena
- **Meeting (7 p.m.)**
  - Executive Board
  - Lancaster Lounge
- **Talk (7:30 p.m.)**
  - William Pepper, aide to Martin Luther King, Jr., speaks on King's assassination
  - Smith Auditorium
  - Sills Hall
- **Film (6:30 p.m.)**
  - "Blonde Venus"
  - Smith Auditorium
  - Sills Hall
- **Meeting (7:30 p.m.)**
  - Debate
  - Whiteside Reading Room
  - Coles Tower
- **Meeting (9 p.m.)**
  - Polar Consulting Group
  - Whiteside Reading Room
  - Coles Tower

#### Tuesday
- **Reading (3:30 p.m.)**
  - Dante Reading
  - Canto XX
  - Museum of Art
- **Event (4 p.m.)**
  - "A Household of Jung in Seminar"
  - Reverend Davis E. Moore
  - Main Lounge
  - Moulton Union
- **Meeting (6 p.m.)**
  - Bowdoin Women's Association
  - 2 East
  - Coles Tower
- **Film (8:30 p.m.)**
  - "Blonde Venus"
  - Smith Auditorium
  - Sills Hall
- **Meeting (9 p.m.)**
  - Circle K
  - Chase Barn Chamber

#### Wednesday
- **Meeting (5 p.m.)**
  - Catholic Student Union
  - Chase Barn Chamber
- **Film 6:30 p.m.**
  - "Roger and Me"
  - Smith Auditorium
  - Sills Hall
- **Lecture (7:30 p.m.)**
  - "Anadromous Fish of the Kennebec River and Merrymeeting Bay"
  - Bean Classroom
  - VAC
- **Activity (8 p.m.)**
  - Ballroom Dancing
  - Sargent Gym
- **Meeting (6 p.m.)**
  - Mithra
  - Coles Tower
  - 2 East
- **Lecture 7:30 p.m.**
  - " Tibet Medicine"
  - Krenge Auditorium
  - VAC
- **Event (8 p.m.)**
  - Career Exploration: An Evening of Roundtable Discussions
  - Main Lounge
  - Moulton Union
- **Exhibition "The Inferno"**
  - Monotypes by Michael Mazur
  - Bowdoin College Museum of Art
  - Ongoing

#### Thursday
- **Reading (3:30 p.m.)**
  - Dante Reading
  - Canto XXII
  - Museum of Art
- **Meeting (6 p.m.)**
  - College Republicans
  - Moulton Union
  - Private Dining Room
- **Meeting (7 p.m.)**
  - BCLAD
  - McKean Study
- **Event (7:15 p.m.)**
  - Black Alumni Panel
  - Smith Auditorium
- **Recital 7:30 p.m.**
  - Davis Lesner, guitar
  - Krenge Auditorium
  - VAC
- **Event (9:30 p.m.)**
  - Tribute to the Black Arts
  - The Pub

#### Friday
- **Meeting (6:30 p.m.)**
  - Bowdoin Christian Fellowship
  - Coles Tower
  - 2 South
- **Reading (7:30 p.m.)**
  - Dante Reading
  - Canto XIX
  - Museum of Art
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#### Upcoming Events
- **March 1, 2 p.m.**
  - "Shakespeare's King: The Discovery of Martha Ballard"
  - Augusta Civic Center
- **March 8, 7:30 p.m.**
  - Concert Band
  - Pickard Theater
  - Music Dept.
- **April 11-12, 8 p.m.**
  - "Dionysus Taur" by Carol Churchill
  - G.H.Q. Theater
  - Directed by Professor Simonetta Pedrotti, Drama
  - Theater and Dance Dept.
- **May 2, 7:45 p.m.**
  - Theatre Dance XVII
  - Quad
  - Directed by Lisa Rona, Theatre and Dance Dept.
- **May 2-4, 8 p.m.**
  - Motion & Sound Present "The Woods"
  - Pickard Theater
  - Directed by Lisa Rona, Theatre and Dance Dept.
Women's hoops upssets Farmington

The women's basketball team came from behind to defeat heavily favored UMaine-Farmington, setting up a potential run at its first ever NCAA Division III Tournament appearance.

DAVID FISH
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The excellence the women's basketball team has demonstrated all year was replicated this past week in wins over Connecticut College and the University of Maine at Farmington. The two victories raise Bowdoin's record to 16-5 with two games remaining. Tomorrow the Bears will make the five-hour trip to Williams in hope of averting last year's two-point loss to the Ephs. Next week, the Bears will close out the season against Colby in Waterville. Wins in these two games could set up Bowdoin's first ever appearance in the NCAA Division III Tournament.

Alli Marshall '00 has been a key part of the Bears' run at the NCAA Tournament. (Shelley Magier/Bowdoin Orient)

Tournament Championship. Judging from the team's 12-1 record in their last thirteen games, the Bears seem more than capable of accomplishing this goal.

Bowdoin's only loss this semester was to Bates on Feb. 11. The Bears rebounded from the heartbreaker nicely last Friday when they disposed of Connecticut College 63-45. Before opening the game sluggish play, the Bears appeared to have more than their share of the Canons as they turned up the defensive pressure and outscored Connecticut 35-16. After the Canons shot 39 percent in the first half, the Bears held them to an amazing four of 37 in the second half, a more than 10 percent drop on the floor. The team's three-quarter-court press and relentless pressure on the ball have been trademark all year and the big reasons that the Bears are 16-5.

At the offensive end of the floor, Christina Hobson '99, and Captain Tracy Mulholland '97 once again lead Bowdoin. Hobson had 20 points and 11 rebounds, while Mulholland posted 14 points and Samantha Good '00 put in 11.

On Tuesday night, the Bears went up against an 18-3 UMaine-Farmington club and pulled out an impressive victory. Bowdoin experienced a mismatch inside as Filler's six-footers posted four players over 6',1" while no Bowdoin player was above 6',0". Nevertheless, the Bears battled and contained UMaine's inside game. At the first intermission Bowdoin lead 30-29. In the second half, Farmington built a six-point lead with only six minutes to go. However, the Bears came up with big defensive stops, and Coach had a big three in the closing minutes to help the Bears regain the lead. Alli Marshall '00 tied the game with a pair of free throws for the 55-51 upset-win over Farmington.

Good and Marshall were key in the victory, hitting for 17 and 12 points respectively. Ragan LaRochelle '96 tied the team with nine rebounds, and it was business as usual for Mulholland as she put in 18 points. A remarkable feature of the team's recent success has been the relatively few players who have had significant playing time. Bowdoin is currently utilizing a six-person rotation, with the five starters consistently getting 30 minutes a game. Attributing this position Good has been playing the entire game regularly. The extra time on the court has certainly benefited the Bears, who finish their games strongly.

The wins over Connecticut College and Farmington were huge for Bowdoin, which is fighting for its first ever NCAA appearance. However, wins in the final two games against Williams and Colby may not be enough to guarantee a trip to the NCAA. Coach Rough is focused on having his team ready for the NCAA and he is "not thinking about the NCAA."

Women's track stays strong

Despite a ninth-place finish, the women's indoor track team performed well at the New England Championships track meet. The Bowdoin women's indoor track team may have faltered behind the eventual champion Williams College, but several individuals and relay teams ran excellent races. Even though the Bears finished with only 62 points and tied Trinity for ninth place, Coach Slovinsky was more than pleased.

"The 4x800 has been a strong event for us over the years," he said, "and I'm glad we were still able to run well even though we lost the entire 4x800 team from last year. Indeed they did run well, as the Bears posted a 9:56.62 for the 4x800 relay—good enough for second place and well ahead of other league powerhousees like Brandeis and Williams. Bowdoin's other relay teams also fared well, as the 4x400 team placed sixth (3:57.37) and the 4x100 group placed eighth (4:33.20). Slovinsky also praised the Bowdoin runners in the 5000 meter. "The 5000 got us off to a great start," he commented "but Bob Redfield's and Josh Groothius have been so strong for Bowdoin in the big meets ever since they started running for the college." Roberta '99 finished strong with a third place in 18:43.79 and Groothius '97 took fifth place on her heels in fifth place at 18:45.08. First-year Erienne Stockton had her best race of the season, running an amazing 15:59.7, good enough for eighth place. The Bears continued to place runners in the 5000-meter, backing them up in traditional cross country fashion. Overall Bowdoin had six finishers in the top 15. In the 3000 meter distance, creamy Veen '00 ran a big personal best in the 1500 (4:53.07) for a prestigious sixth place in New England, once again edging out sophomore distance superstar Katie O'Connor '99 (4:53.55). But O'Connor wasn't through yet, as she came back in the 1000 meter hungry and more determined than ever. Coming off a blistering

Athlete Profile

Lukas Filler and Kate Miller running the show by James Johnson

Swimming, four years at Bowdoin may be one of the most rewarding college experiences. For Seniors Kate Miller and Lukas Filler, swimming has been a major part of their lives for the past four years, they have proven themselves to be team leaders and dedicated athletes.

Currently they are the only two swimmers on the team who swim twice a day, three times a week. "There used to be four of us, but it just been the two of us for the past two years," said Miller.

Filler, who has been swimming competitively for the past 17 years, has proven her dedication as a talented athlete and is a tremendous leader. Coach Charlie Butt says of the top recruit from Columbus, Ohio, "[Miller] has reached higher than most for her potential."

An outstanding butterfly swimmer, Miller is closing in on several Bowdoin swimming records. Her personal best of 59.49 seconds in the 100 yard butterfly, set last year in winning the New England championships, is only 0.34 seconds off the school mark. This weekend she will defend her 100 yard butterfly and medley relay titles here at Bowdoin. Hopefully, she will get second and be able to improve this year.

Miller is also chasing her dream to represent as an All-American for a third consecutive year. She has met the standard only a few elite swimmers belong. Having already obtained the RBS provisional qualifying standard for nationals, she is striving for the full standard this weekend. Miller has placed 13th and 11th at nationals the last two years, and is hoping to improve this year.

In addition to being a terrific athlete, Miller is a government and sociology double major and hopes to fulfill her competitive drive in a sports-oriented career with a major company such as Reebok or Nike.

Also swimming towards nationals is Lukas Filler. Butt describes Filler as both a "leader of the team" and a "live wire, who is always leading the charge. His enthusiastic determination and effort are at the highest level on the team."

Filler, who lives in North Potomac, Maryland, is a remarkable "backstroke swimmer. He holds the Bowdoin record in the 200 yard, and has been within 0.3 seconds of the 100 yard record already this season. This has been a comeback season for Filler who suffered from mono last year. After only three weeks of training last season he managed to place second in two races and third in another at the New England Championships. His times barely missed qualifying him for nationals. Now, as a senior, Filler will attempt to make the national cut. As a sophomore, he won the New England Championships in the 50 yard backstroke. He will compete again in the New England Championships next weekend at Williams.

As well as being an outstanding swimmer, Filler is a geology major who sees himself living in Australia next year while continuing to swim.

Neither swimmer can imagine life at Bowdoin without the pool. Miller says she can't imagine life without swimming, and Filler adds that "swimming is everything."

To back up these statements, Butt says "there are two of the most dedicated [athletes] we've had at Bowdoin. They deserve great success and I think they'll get it."

Now the only thing left for Miller and Filler to do is shave their legs and heads, and have faith in the magic taper to achieve their goals.
Comments from the peanut gallery  by Ted Maloney

I love sports. I love to play sports. I love to watch sports. I love to write about sports. However, despite all of the love, there remain several things that I hate about sports. And guess what? You get to hear all about them.

My first gripe is rather ironic. For the most part, I hate sports journalists. They’re always complaining that this athlete is paid too much; that coach made the wrong decision late in the game; this baseball player dumped a bucket of water on his head, that basketball player dropped-kicked me. I mean, who do these guys think they are? What right do they have to sit at their computer and whip out complaints left and right while the real athletes are out busting their butts to entertain us.

My second gripe is not at all ironic. In fact there is absolutely no contradiction involved in saying that men driving cars around in a circle is not a sport. Unfortunately, despite its non-sport status, NASCAR is always clogging up every sports channel on television. Now the sick people who enjoy this spectacle make two feeble claims in defense of their “sport.” Their first claim is that the technical proficiency of the men and extremely few women involved in the sport is astounding. Alas, but Bob Villa displays amazing technical proficiency, and I don’t see him taking up three prime time slots on ESPN.

The second weak defense of NASCAR is that the drivers are in fact athletes because of the tremendous amount of heat that they must endure in the car. My first question is, why can’t the technical geniuses in the pit crew figure out how to put some air conditioning in there? Secondly, President Edwards endures a lot of heat. Should we put him on ESPN as well?

For my final gripe, I’m going to shamelessly follow the herd and complain that professional, collegiate, high school, middle school and pee-wee sports have forgotten about their fans.

After all, as a sports writer, all I really care about is myself. I want all professional and collegiate sports to raise taxes (for everyone but me) to pay for stadiums, and for every professional athlete to play for $10 dollars an hour so that I can pay $2 for front row tickets. I mean, what good is the free market system if it doesn’t work to benefit me, the all important fan? I think that athletes at all levels should go to every single spectator at their respective athletic arena and thank him or her for attending the competition. But most importantly, I think that those darn pessimistic, whining and griping sports writers should just stop complaining.

Men’s basketball needs two more wins for shot at Big Dance

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this, there cannot be any major upssets in any of the remaining games. This is because the four teams that win these tournaments are automatically invited to the NCAA Tournament, regardless of their overall record. That leaves the four remaining spots for the top-ranked teams that didn’t make it. Ideally, all the top ranked schools should win their respective divisions, opening the door for the Bears. However, if a team ranked below Bowdoin wins a league tournament, then that will be one less spot available for the Polar Bears.

All of this tournament talk may seem a little complicated, but what is plain and simple for the Bears is that they absolutely, positively must win both of their remaining contests. If the men can defeat Lyndon State tomorrow, then that would set up what could arguably be the biggest game of the season in any sport at Bowdoin so far this year. Colby comes into the igloo on March 11, sporting the best record in the NESCAC. The White Bears met the Polar Bears on Nov. 30 at the Maine Event by a score of 76-66, and then again on Feb. 5 in Waterville, 76-69. The latter contest was much closer than the score would indicate, as Bowdoin had several opportunities to tie the score late in the game and just couldn’t convert. Things will be different this time around, however, as it will be the White Men, not the Polar Bears, who have to face not only an excellent basketball team, but also a very hostile crowd.

Skiing places sixth at Williams

CYNTHIA LODDING CONTRIBUTOR

At the Dartmouth Carnival on Feb. 7 and 8, the Polar Bears raced to a combined ninth place out of 12 Division I/II teams. Highlights included a fourth place for the powerful Nordic men’s slalom, which came from Senior Nicole Robinson’s 3rd place finish in the 10 K classic, second place again solidified her spot in the NCAA rolls. From the men came a 3rd K freestyle relay eighth place finish. The relay team was composed of Nate Albroek, ’97, Matt Klick ’98 and Doug Bruce ’97. Other nordic scorers included first-year Erica Riley (4th), Senior Sarah Holmgen (46th), Klick (41st) and Bruce (48th).

On the steeper slopes, the alpine team raced down the Dartmouth Skiway at high speeds led by top scorers Amanda Newton ’00, who placed 3rd in the giant slalom and 38th in the slalom, and Cynthia Lodding ’96, who placed 41st in the giant slalom and 23rd in the slalom. After a disappointing day at the giant slalom on Friday, the men pulled together a solid team finish in the slalom event with Ted Wells ’98 finishing in 31st, Palmer Emertson ’98 in 34th and Ryan Hurley ’99 in 42nd.

With just two races left in the season, the alpine team has climbed out on the book of Love and spent Valentine’s Day in the snow and freezing rain atop Jiminy Peak at the Williams College Carnival, a carnival that turned out plenty of personal records for both alpine and nordic races. Despite battling a flu all weekend, Lodding placed a personal best of 23rd in the giant slalom with Newton just a few behind in 26th. The course claimed three victims including the men’s second place, Mike Prendergast ’00 and Hurley being the sole finishers. However, the Bears proved themselves to be a threat placing an unprecedented and impressive sixth-place team finish for both men and women in the events at Jiminy, beating several NCAA schools such as St. Lawrence, Colby and UNH. Lodding placed 17th, a finish that may help her earn a spot on the A team. In March, while other season best finishes in slalom were Newton in 25th, Cynthia Needham ’99 in 38th, Jayne Okino ’00 in 40th and Anne Chalmers ’99 in 54th. The men, not to be outdone, had amazing finishes by Emmitt with a career best 19th Wells with a 26th-place finish and Hurley with a 35th-place performance. Rounding out the Bear’s best weekend yet was the nordic team led by Robinson in 11th on Saturday and Albroek, who took home a 16th place overall on Saturday and 36th on Friday. Dave Thomas ’00, Bruce, Mike Johnson ’00 and Klick all finished in the top 50 at the K 10 free event on Saturday to round out the Bears high steering weekend.

The Polar Bears are busy gearing up for the NCAA championship at St. Cloud State next weekend, their last curtain call of the 1997 season, and hope for another strong showing after a week of good snow and great training.

Men’s track catches Bates

CAITLIN O’CONNOR STAFF WRITER

Last weekend the men’s track team traveled to M.I.T. to compete in the New England Division III Championships. In the final results, the team tied for eighth place with Bates behind NESCAC teams Williams, Amherst and Tufts. This was the closest Bowdoin has come to Bates all season.

Bowdoin had one New England Championship to bring back to Brunswick in its distance medley relay team. The race consists of a 400 meter, and 800 meter, a 1200 meter and is anchored by a 1600 meter. The team crossed the line in 10:36 with the successful performances of Greg Galiot ’99 (400 meter), Kevin Green ’99 (800 meter), Michael Peyron ’98 (1200 meter) and Ben Beach ’97 (1600 meter).

Beach and Beach scored individual points for the team as well. First-year Downie continued to impress those on the collegiate level with his third place performance of 51.33 seconds in the 400 meter. Running a stellar race, he was in sixth place after the first lap, and passed two people on the back stretch to edge out a Wheaton College runner by two-hundredths of a second. Beach also continued to chase improving performances with his third place finish in the 1500 meter. His time of four minutes flat was a personal best.

Dave Khalil ’98 had an outstanding day in the pentathlon, placing third. Bowdoin’s track and field “recommends” two out the fourth place athlete by three points, 3094 to 3091. Khalil also competed separately in the pole vault with an eighth place performance of 13’6”. Other notable performances were turned in by Josh Andre ’98 with a seventh place leap in the long jump (20’8”), and speedster Scott Schilling ’00 with a 12th place finish in a very competitive 55 meter dash. Bowdoin could very well have been placed past Bates in the final results, but, unfortunately, captain and distance god James Johnson ’97 could not compete in the 5000 meter due to the flu.

A select few from the Bowdoin squad have qualified for the NCAA championships at Boston University this weekend. The Open shows some of the top talent in New England, including athletes from Division I, II and III schools. Next weekend, a large number of the men end their indoor season at the ECAC’s, which will also be held at B.U. on March 1.

The Week in Sports

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Bears still best in the East

The women's ice hockey team hopes their first opponent will be their last. Their wish is to meet Middlebury, a team which they have not played since the commencement of the season, in the ECAC Alliance championship game.

On Saturday, they clinched a 2-0 win over Colgate, and on Sunday they fell to Hamilton with a score of 2-0. According to Assistant Coach John Cullen, although the outcomes were different, the game scenarios were the same. "We were struggling a bit offensively, but we controlled play convincingly and shots were one-sided, our way."

Against Colgate, the team was able to put their shots into the net. At 1:28 of the second period, Corby Jo Bauman '90 scored for the Bears. Amy Steel '99 followed up with another goal in the third. Kate Connelly '00 made her debut in net and turned away eight shots to record the shutout.

On Sunday, the Bears were not able to follow through offensively. They had 34 shots for Hamilton's 17, but Hamilton scored both a shorthand goal and a power play goal in the last six minutes of the game.

The loss, although disappointing, does not affect the team's standings in the ECAC Alliance. They continue to lead the Eastern Division with a record of 11-3-0 while Middlebury remains atop the Western Division.

According to Cullen, the team is working hard as they are prepared for the playoffs on March 1. "We're trying to find our scoring touch," he said, "We want to make practices as intense as a game situation."

On Tuesday, the Bears will travel to Boston where they will play Boston College, a Division I team. In their last meeting, Boston College prevailed 2-0.
Men's basketball on the bubble

**Men's Basketball**

**Bears caught in must-win situation**

As the playoffs grow closer, the men's hockey team must win their final two games to clinch a spot in the ECAC Tournament.

**Men's Hockey**

Four points. That is what is up for grabs this weekend. Not a lot if one is talking in terms of points in a basketball game, but the stakes here are much higher for the Bowdoin men's ice hockey team.

Bowdoin heads into the final weekend of the regular season with a 12-9-3 record overall and 22 points in the ECAC East Conference. Bowdoin travels south for their final contests taking on the University of Massachusetts at Boston Friday night at 7 p.m. and Babson College Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. Babson is 10-11-1 overall and needs two victories to guarantee itself a spot in the playoffs.

The Polar Bears also must win both games, thus earning all four points in order to assure their place in the conference tournament and avoid competing in a play-in game with the ECAC's new 10-team format.

An interesting feature of Friday night's game against UMass-Boston is that Bowdoin Head Coach Terry Meagher will be opposing his former assistant Kevin McGonagle, who is now the head coach of the Beacons. Coach McGonagle was influential in the success of the Polar Bears in recent years, especially last season, when they advanced to the NCAA Division III National Tournament.

"With Kevin coaching it is going to make the games with UM-Boston even more fun," said Meagher. "I'm looking forward to the game and I know the players are looking forward to it as well. Traditionally it has been a good game and a lot of our players are from the Boston area, but the most important part for us is this weekend means four huge points in the conference standings. We have to play well because they are going to be well coached."

The Beacons' record is 7-13-0 which eliminates them from playoff contention, thus making this game one purely for pride and bragging rights.

"It is going to be interesting," said McGonagle. "I went down to Wesleyan to play against my alma mater, and that was great, but this is going to be even more special because it will be against players I have coached. Once the game starts, I know what they are going to try to do because we try to do the same things. We have been in just about every game we have played this year, so hopefully we can keep it close for the first two periods and then pull something out in the last twenty minutes."

This weekend the Polar Bears hope to overcome the inconsistency that has plagued them in their last two games. Bowdoin outscored Wesleyan 10-6 Friday night but then outscored Wheaton 62-37 in the second half to claim the 110-81 victory. Whipple scored a team-high 33 points on 12 of 18 shooting to become only the 14th player in Bowdoin men's basketball history to score 1000 points. Rowley added 26 points and four assists, while Staudt chipped in with 14 points and seven rebounds.

The men then traveled to Farmington on Tuesday night and surprisingly defeated the University of Maine by a score of 78-56. Whipple hit nine of 15 shots from the floor to pace Bowdoin with 28 points. Whipple poured in 19 points, while Lovely grabbed a career-high 13 boards. Staudt had an excellent all-around performance with six points, eight rebounds, and a team-high six assists.

The Bears will remain in the friendly confines of the Igloo for their final two games, both of which are crucial. With victories over Lyndon State and Colby, Bowdoin would finish the regular season with a record of 19-5, which is slightly better than last year's 18-5 mark that propelled the team into the NCAA tournament. Things are a bit more complicated this year, however, as many Division III teams finish their regular season this weekend and their league tournaments begin, thus making the main problem for the Bears is currently seven ranked Western Connecticut, which must lose in the league tournament if Bowdoin is to qualify for the Big Dance. In addition to

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**BOWDOIN TIDE SPORTS**  FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1997

**Chris Buck**

**SPORTS EDITOR**

Entering this week with a 14-5 record, the men's basketball team saw its chances at an NCAA Tournament birth slipping away. However, after an incredible week in which they won all three of their games, the Bears' hopes of making the big dance are still alive, as they sport an impressive record of 17-5 with only two regular season games to go.

Bowdoin is currently ranked eighth in the NCAA East poll, tied with Connecticut College, where the Bears beat last Friday at Morrell Gymnasium. Therefore, if the Bears win their final two contests of the year, the first coming tomorrow at home against Lyndon State and the second next weekend against Colby, then they will finish no lower than eighth and will have an excellent opportunity to make the tournament.

The win over Connecticut College may have been the most exciting victory of the year. The Camels led at the half 44-41, thanks to a powerful inside game. A late second half surge brought Bowdoin back into the contest, as the two teams traded baskets until less than a minute remained in regulation. With the Bears trailing by one, Ed Stauf '97 stepped to the line for two close free throws. The senior center hit the first but missed the second, tying the score 87-87 and sending the game into overtime.

During the extra session, Co-Captains Chris Whipple '97 and Chad Rowley '97 took over. Rowley connected for five of his 28 points in the extra frame, while Whipple, who finished with 23 points, nailed four huge free throws down the stretch to give the Bears a 98-95 advantage. Then, on Connecticut College's final possession of the game, small forward David Loyola '98 stripped the ball from the Camel's point guard as time expired to seal the victory. The win not only improved the Bears' record to 15-5, but also gave them the advantage in the event of a tie with the Camels for position in the playoffs.

Mentally exhausted from the previous night's nail-biter, the Bears hosted Wheaton College on Saturday afternoon. The Bears came into the game with a record of 5-14, not exactly the high level of competition the Bears were accustomed to. However, after the first twenty minutes, many spectators wondered whether or not they were watching the right game, as Wheaton shot 50 percent from the floor in the first half to trail Bowdoin by only four heading into halftime.

The second half turned out to be a reality check for the upset-minded Lyons, who would get absolutely obliterated in the final twenty minutes. The Bears, led once again by Whipple and Rowley, went on a tear as they

**Ryan Giles '99** is one of the many young players who have helped the Bears to a 12-9-3 record. Other Backed-Bounders of 5-14, came out cold Saturday dropping a 5-4 decision to a Trinity team that struggled to stay near 500 this year.

Along with the barrage of goals for the home team Friday against Wesleyan came several milestones. Dave Cataruzolo '98 dashed out three assists which put him over the 100 point mark in his career. It also marked the first collegiate goals for Chris King '00, who would finish with two, and Kevin Karlberg '98.

Senior captain Andrew Posa also netted two goals in the winning cause. Others contributing goals for Bowdoin were Stewart Strawbridge '98, Rick Vallarelli '00, Hubie Hutton '97, Jared Pfeifer '99 and Ryan Buckley '00.

A different team appeared on the ice at Daytona Arena on Saturday afternoon against Trinity. The aggressive, relentless Polar Bears from the night before were absent as the Bastards immediately jumped out to a 1-0 lead only 1:42 into the first period. Scott Fox '99 evened the score five minutes later, and then Strawbridge added another one soon after to give Bowdoin a 2-1 lead.

Trinity answered with two goals of its own to take back the lead. The Polar Bears were able to even things up before the end of the second period when Kevin Zifcak '97 netted a power play goal.

The third period saw Bowdoin's attack put relentless pressure on the Trinity net, yet the Bears could only capitalize once on Pfeifer's goal at 5:29 to put his team up 4-3. The Polar Bears did not hold strong, however, and saw the victory slip away as Trinity scored two goals in the last seven minutes to down Bowdoin 5-4.
Trustees to vote on Residential Life

EMILY CHURCH
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The members of the Commission on Residential Life have kept their lips sealed this week in anticipation of the Board of Trustees adjournment today. While the College community waits in anticipation, the Board is discussing the Commission’s interim report this afternoon and will continue on Saturday morning, when the report will come to a vote.

The Commission finished the report last week and copies were express mailed to trustees on Tuesday. Pending approval of the report, the student body will receive individual copies over e-mail and in their mail boxes on Saturday afternoon.

The report, which is a summary of different recommendations, will touch on issues of residential life ranging from student housing to the role of fraternities and outcomes of "philosophy of residential life." While the question of the fraternities' existence has dominated much of the campus discussion over the last year, Commission member and Professor of Sociology Craig McKewen stresses that the Commission has maintained a broad perspective.

"The central issues of residential life go well beyond fraternities," he said. "There is no question, however, that the recommendations aim to plot a new course for the future of residential life at Bowdoin. Dean of Students Affairs Craig Bradley, a member of the Commission, admitted that the Board is "really going to wrestle with this." Students are anticipating the report as well, especially those with a vested interest in the outcome. Nat Wyser '97, president of the Inter Fraternity Council, said that while the fraternities have already made their case to the Commission and the College community, they are bracing for a new role.

Amit Shah '99 chats with trustee Leon Gorman '86, president of L.L. Bean, during the Career Exploration reception. (Adam Zimmerman/Bowdoin Orient)

"We'll see whether that means something as simple as putting proctors from fraternities onto the Res. Life staff, or as complex as abolishing the fraternity system," Wyser said. Students will have a chance to voice their reactions and concerns at an open forum on Sunday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Morrill Gymnasium. McKewen noted that the final phase of the Commission's project will encourage the open discussion that dominated the Commissions work during the fall semester.

"It can't be implemented from the outside," he said. "This has to be a product of the good ideas and involvement of the Bowdoin community." The Board decided to keep the report strictly confidential (only members of the Commission and the Trustees currently have copies) in order to facilitate open discussions during the meetings. Director of Public Affairs Scott Hoad said that the Trustees do not want to be pressured by students or alumni before a vote is taken.

"The only reason now (that the report is confidential) is so that the Trustees can deal with it in a deliberate process without all this agitation," he said.

The report is also subject to change by the Board, so that releasing the recommendations before the Board's vote might lead to confusion. The members, however, do not anticipate that the Trustees will make any major modifications and there is not a solid contingency plan if the report itself is rejected.

"I would be amazed that the Board wouldn't accept this," said Chair of the Commission Don Kurot. He explained that the Board would be more likely to reject certain recommendations, or send pieces back to the Commission for additional work. The Commission will meet next Friday to assess the Board's reaction and to plan for the future.

Security director Loring departs sorely

MICHAEL MELIA
NEWS EDITOR

Last Wednesday Donna Loring, director of Security for the last five and a half years, announced her decision to put Bowdoin in her past and focus on other interests.

Effective March 14, Loring's decision to resign was not the result of any one particular incident, but the feeling that her energy would be better spent elsewhere.

"What I've accomplished is basically all I can do. I want to go into another career, working for the tribe, possibly doing some diversity training," said Loring, a member of the Native American Penobscot tribe. She's also currently co-authoring a mystery novel based on the Penobscot tribe.

"I'm not being forced out. I'm leaving at the time of my choice and I feel good about it," she said. "I've been older and if I didn't do it now, I probably wouldn't even." Though her abrupt resignation came as a surprise to most, Loring made her decision in December based on a number of personal and Bowdoin-related issues. She found the transition from her previous job as police chief of the penobscot nation to her role as Security Director at Bowdoin extremely difficult.

"I had a rigid sense of right and wrong when I came, but here at Bowdoin you can't last long with that attitude. You have to learn to be flexible, to go with the flow. After a while it takes its toll on your self-esteem and self-respect. Leaving is the beginning of a healing process for me."

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and self-esteem among the officers that came with the change in department philosophy. She acknowledges that the shift was probably a good thing despite the department's difficulties, but also attributes some of Security's self-image problems to a lack of respect on campus. "In the past year or so, there has been a lot of abuse. It stems from a strict parking enforcement policy and a strict alcohol policy... These things had to be done and we weren't very popular for them.

Regarding the College's alcohol policy, Loring feels that "The key has always been for students to take responsibility. The new policy is still being played out, but there's no change in incidences that would tell me they're being more responsible. I'm going to start listening when it comes to alcohol." Reflecting on her overall career at Bowdoin, Loring states: "When I first came to Bowdoin, it really struck me that the previous security director, Mike Pander, was so attached; I never was. I never felt that attached and I never wanted to."

She insists, nevertheless, that the experience was not a negative one. She plans on staying very close with the friends she has.
**Exec board all campus e-mail policy**

**Greg Scherble**

STAFF WRITER

Beginning March 31, messages currently sent out to Bowdoin students via the “all_students” alias will be posted on an electronic bulletin board called “UseNet News” where students will have access to them through a group called “tin.” This change is the result of Tuesday’s decision by the Student Executive Board to approve a new policy on e-mail regulations.

The decision marks the end of a month’s work by the Student Executive Board to subcommittees on communication regulations to research and draft a new policy. The absence of a comprehensive policy was called to scrutiny last semester after an inflammatory message about the “quad chalking,” and the ensuing debate.

In the absence of a formal policy to deal with such a problem, “all_students” moderator Beth Levesque forwarded each message to faculty, that followed prompted Dean of Student Affairs Craig Bradley to ask the Student Executive Board to form a committee to draft a policy that could deal with such a problem in the future.

The foundation of the new policy is a nation-wide Internet service called “UseNet.” Users of the service are given access to thousands of “newsgroups,” which list subject headings ranging from announcements ranging from “announcements.general,” “forsale,” to “opinion.general.” The program that will allow anyone the ability to access the “local groups” is called “tin.” Under the new policy, all messages sent from students that are currently sent to the “all_students” alias should be posted on the appropriate UseNet group after March 31. Likewise, any message sent to “all_students” will be returned to the address of the “all_students” moderator, Dean of Student Affairs Secretary Beth Levesque. She will provide instructions on how to properly post the message on UseNet.

Three groups will, however, still be permitted to use the “all_students” alias. Security Administration (such as Residential Life, Dean’s Offices and the Registrar) and the chair of the Student Executive Board may still post messages in the individual accounts of all students on the assumption that these are subjects pertinent to every student.

Operation of the “tin” program is simple. To access the “local groups,” students must type “tin” at the arctos prompt, instead of “elm.” The screen will then show a list of Bowdoin’s “local groups” in a format similar to ordinary messages in a student’s account. Each “message” is instead a subject heading. A student can then select a heading and read the “articles,” (posted messages) under that heading. The “local groups” not only act as bulletin boards, but also as discussion groups where students will be able to respond to messages. All messages will be formatted and organized by the “tin” program.

In a manner similar to “elm,” each student will have their own semi-personalized “tin” account. Once a student has read an article, the article will automatically be shifted into their own “read” folder, similar to their regular e-mail accounts. To post a message on UseNet, a student will simply select the designated “local group” and mail a message, a process similar to regular e-mail. Students will also be able to personalize their “tin” account by subscribing and un-subscribing to the different “local groups” as well as national groups. The rest of the commands and options involving the operation of “tin” are, according to the subcommittee chair Jared Liu, “really straightforward.”

To instruct students on how to use the new system, the Executive Board is working with Computer and Information Services (CIS) to offer short workshops on how to operate “tin” and UseNet in the upcoming weeks. Additionally, a list of commands for the program will be posted at e-mail terminals around campus. According to Liu, the program is no more complicated than “elm,” which most students learn with relative ease. Other schools that have adopted “elm” have found it both efficient and user-friendly. CIS conducted extensive research into possible systems and found this to be the best option available. An additional benefit of the UseNet system is that it allows faculty and staff access to the same information as students.

In acknowledgment of the problems that could potentially arise, the new policy has been designated as a trial version. In late April, the Executive Board will reconvene to discuss the success of the policy and implement any changes that are deemed necessary. Additionally, CIS will be monitoring the system carefully during this first month and making technical changes as problems arise. They will also add “local groups” to the system as the need arises. The “local groups” that the College will offer are as follows:

- bowdoin.announcements.Dining
- bowdoin.announcements.general (administration, meetings, and events)
- bowdoin.announcements.sports
- bowdoin.announcements.new
- bowdoin.announcements.female
- bowdoin.student-orientation
- bowdoin.student-opinion
- bowdoin.student-general (for all other opinions)
- bowdoin.personal
- bowdoin.rides
- bowdoin.SUN
- bowdoin.UseNet.help

**Tenure based on realistic balance**

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Not every professor hired for tenure-track position is granted tenure. Each school has different criteria and qualifications for a professor to be given tenure.

At Bowdoin, the two main factors assessed in the evaluation are publications in their public and teaching credits. Each Department is evaluated and candidates are called to presentation. Candidates also can submit additional student opinion forms, self-evaluations and course materials.

Research is the other major criteria. The Faculty Handbook only briefly mentions “professors research on a regular basis” with the lengthy passage on teaching reviews. Scholarly achievement and potential are based on a combination of: a publication list, the curriculum vitae, and review of publications, artistic works, and other performance achievements appropriate to the academic discipline.

The balance struck between research and teaching in the tenure process is a controversial one at colleges and universities across the country. Schools have been accused of granting tenure to highly rated researchers with below-average teaching abilities, while refusing tenure to professors who have more of a knack for exciting students but who may not have done as much research in their field.

At Bowdoin, as the Faculty Handbook states, “the Committee on Appointments, Promotions, and Tenure (CAPT) takes what is given in the Handbook and applies it to individual cases.” The evaluation criteria at Bowdoin are “not as clear and precise as other places.”

Chairman of the CAPT Allen Springer (Adam Zimmam/Bowdoin Orient) and chairman of CAPT, noting the almost "numeral, quantity" criteria often found at other schools. CAPT, he said, strives to reach a "realistic and even balance" between the two.

David Vail, an economics professor and chairman of the Faculty Affairs Committee which makes recommendations for changes to the Faculty Handbook, insisted that "both [research and teaching] are necessary for tenure.

The balance between teaching and research is not readily predictable, according to Vail, because departments put different weight on the factors in their evaluations. "Some departments will recommend professors for tenure as long as they are good teachers," he said. "Others have their own mechanisms that puts emphasis on good scholarly accomplishment. Better scholarship makes a better scholar." But, he added, "my research was more exciting about teaching," he added.

The Faculty Handbook also says that "candidates will be judged in part on their service to the College, including college and departmental committees," but that such service should not come at the expense of teaching or research. Springer said that "community service figures into the mix," but it is considered secondary to the two main criteria. In the past, he said, community service was weighed equally with professional status and teaching ability, but the Faculty Handbook was amended to give it lower status.

Vail suggested that community service was not as valuable an indicator in the tenure process. Professors seeking tenure usually have only been at Bowdoin for five years which is not enough time to have made a significant contribution to Bowdoin in terms of committees and other opportunities for service. Community service is weighed more heavily when a tenure associate professor applies for full professorship, he said.

Nationally, there has recently been heightened concern with discrimination in the tenure process.

In December 1994, Fred X. Hall, the only African-American sociologist professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, was denied tenure. While having only one year of teaching experience, he believed his teaching record and service should have made up for his lack of research, and that his membership in the Nation of Islam contributed to the rejection.

At Smith College, a women’s college in Northampton, Massachusetts, no-female professor has received tenure in the chemistry department since 1919. Last year Sharon Palmer was denied tenure despite the unanimous recommendation of her department and she was the third woman denied tenure in the department since 1985 based on Smith’s concern with her “rate of scholarly productivity.”

Some schools have chosen to deal with this issue by making affirmative action policies a factor in the tenure process. Ohio State University, which in 1994 was forced by a court order to open its tenure files, takes affirmative action into account.

At Bowdoin, while affirmative action may play a role in the hiring of professors, it is not a major factor in the granting of tenure. "It would be a mistake to say that affirmative action plays a significant role in tenure decisions," said Springer. The CAPT applies "one set of standards ... equally to every candidate," he said.

Vail added. "We don't have a double standard."

"It was a mistake," he said.
Trustees interact with students and faculty

**Michael Mella**

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The Board of Trustees is meeting this week-end to discuss the campus’ most pressing concerns and address its ongoing questions. Along with those traditional objectives, this convention is making a concerted effort to put the trustees sharply in touch with the faculty and students.

The June 1996 decision to make the governing structure more approachable was made so that such gatherings of trustees would be more efficient and thereby more conducive to informing and receiving input from the members of the College community. Bowdoin had previously operated under a bicameral governance structure of overseers, who were elected for a six-year term, and trustees, who were elected for eight-year terms. Although this is only the second meeting under the new structure, Executive Assistant to the President and Trustees Richard Merseasere feels that, “nothing is yet established, I'm beginning to see some of the gains.”

One of the main vehicles for the trustees to engage the students was last year's Career Exploration Program, “An Evening of Roundtable Discussions with the Bowdoin Trustees” followed by a dessert reception for all trustees and students. Sponsored by the Student Affairs Committee of the Trustees, the Junior College and the Career Planning Center, the program featured prominent

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With the findings of the Commission on Residential Life being released today and the Brunswick Zoning Task Force’s proposed regulations yet to be approved by the Town Council, plans for another new residence hall are on hold.

On Wednesday night, The Brunswick Zoning Task Force held a final meeting and agreed to convey its proposed zoning ordinance to the Town Council. Much has been set for the consideration of the ordinance by the Council. However, according to Andrew Singelakis, the Task Force director of planning and development, it is likely that the Council will hear the proposal sometime in March. Their decision as to whether the proposals of the Task Force can offer any real surprises. Debate has centered on the permitted uses for College-owned land between South Street and Longfellow Avenue on the south side of the campus.

Area residents want the zoning ordinance to permit construction of single or two family dwellings only.

The College wanted to be able to continue to operate its day-care center on South Street and to be permitted to develop the other lots it owns to accommodate a new dormitory, classrooms and office space. In a compromise that the Task Force approved by a vote of 8-2, the College would be permitted to continue to operate its day-care center and to build classrooms and offices. A residence hall is not one of the permitted uses contained in the compromise.

“We are satisfied with the document, contains and hope it will be enacted by the Town Council,” said Scott Hodd, Bowdoin’s director of planning for development. However, Singelakis hinted that this compromise may meet opposition when it is presented for approval by the Town Council. The two votes against allowing for mixed uses of the South Street/Longfellow Avenue area were cast by the two Task Force members that also sit on the Council. Until administrators know what kind of residential options they will be directed to provide and where zoning restrictions will allow them to build, further planning on a third new residence hall will not be able to go forward.

In order to be sure of getting a residence hall ready for occupation by the Fall of 1998, the College would have needed to settle on a site and begin planning back in January. However, since the zoning process has been delayed, no site could be selected. “Trying to get a new dorm built by the Fall of 1998 would be marginal at best at this point,” said Will.

Singerlakis, the College director of facilities management.

“The issue of college zoning is what holds up the process,” said Singelakis. “It took a while to sort through all the issues. They were kind of complicated. The Task Force has been patient. They felt that considering all of the issues was more important than sticking to any time frame,” said Singhelases.

Instead of gambling on what the Town Council will eventually approve, plans for residence hall have been put on hold. “Before we go too far with anything, we need to know what the Commission and the Town Council are going to say,” said Hodd. The College has no interest in getting out ahead of the Commission on Residential Life. The nice thing about the way this is working out is that the Commission’s work and that of the Task Force are being completed at about the same time,” said Hodd.

**Loring resigns**

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made and is anxious to put her learning experiences from Bowdoin to use elsewhere. She particularly enjoyed speaking with the classes occasionally about her ethnic background and would readily come back to do it again if asked.

Several members of the Bowdoin community regret to see Loring go. “It's a loss to the College," says Dustin, "I've worked under three Security directors and she has been the most sympathetic of the three. I wish she were staying, but I understand why she wants to leave. Personally, I'm glad to see her go.”

During her time at Bowdoin, Loring established the position of a crime prevention officer, a personal safety center for crime victims and the rape aggressive defense program (RAD) for staff and student training. Dustin will act as the interim director of Security as the search committee made up of Vice President for Finance and Administration and Treasurer Kent Chabotar, Director of Residential Life Bob Wilson and the Associate Director for Operations George Patton and two student representatives looks for a permanent replacement. He expects the committee to find a replacement by August.

To the new director, Loring offers some favorite words of Shakespeare, “To thine ownself be true,” which is what I’m doing.”

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Bowdoin struggles to attract minorities

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Dean of Admissions Richard Steele and his colleagues in the admissions office are in the middle of the busiest time of their year. Through a series of committee meetings and individual readings of applications they are trying to decide who will make important contributions to the Bowdoin community in the class of 2001.

According to Steele, one of the most important objectives this year, as it has been for the past several years, is to try to bring together as racially and ethnically diverse a group of students as possible. Since 1990, the Admissions Office has conducted an "aggressive campaign" to try to interest students of color in the school, but Steele admits that the work proceeds slowly.

In the fall of 1993, 59 students of color entered Bowdoin. In 1994 the number increased to 67, and the following year the number again increased to 71 students. The fall of 1996 saw a 30 percent drop in the number of matriculants of color.

"It is a tricky balance," says Steele. "We have to present Bowdoin as what it is, a relatively homogeneous institution, while trying to attract students from very different backgrounds who might feel more comfortable at a more diverse place."

The Assistant to the President for Multicultural Programs and Affirmative Action, Betty Trout-Kelly, agrees. She cites not only the homogeneity of Bowdoin as an obstacle, but also the homogeneity of the whole state of Maine. In nationwide statistics, only the state of Vermont has fewer citizens of color as a percentage of its population. This lack of diversity, says Trout-Kelly, has the effect of separating minority students from their culture.

"It's hard to find hair-care products here, much less a group of people who share your same perspectives," she said.

Even with these problems, Trout-Kelly asserts that Bowdoin offers many opportunities for students of color. Programs like this weekend's "Building the Road to Success: Bowdoin's Legacy of Leadership," offer students a chance to "network" with successful Bowdoin alumni of color. At the very least, Bowdoin's academic reputation helps keep previously closed doors.

Beginning in 1990, Bowdoin has attempted to develop a support structure for its students of color. Trout-Kelly, as a liaison to the Board of Trustees and an advisor to minority student organizations, among other positions, helps students work through official channels to beneficially alter school policy. Shelley Roseboro, the multicultural counselor/consultant in Counseling Services, advises students of color about more personal problems.

"We need enough diversity so that the students of color are not just students of color," says Trout-Kelly. "We need diversity in the whole, so they can have as much support as they need. Then they can start being students."

One way to attract more diversity, says Trout-Kelly, is to hire more faculty of color, but, again, she worries about the community for such faculty. These hiring efforts have been up 30 percent from six years ago, "which shows the making of a good community," albeit a small one. Before faculty members accept their appointments, the Administration makes them fully aware of the kind of predominately white institution it is, while success they might have achieved in other areas is overlooked.

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Retention of faculty is an equally important target according to Trout-Kelly. In the last six years Bowdoin has increased the faculty of color but little experience in trying to keep them. As part of the support system for students of color, and as a crucial part of the community as a whole, their continued presence is undeniably important.

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Black history month aims for education

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As Black History Month comes to a close, members of Bowdoin's African-American Society discuss their goals for the month and their thoughts about race relations at the College.

This February, the Society worked to bring a number of events to the College in honor of the Black History Month. Events which have already taken place include "Women with Wings," a play by Jaymes Chapman which depicts the struggles of women in a day society. An affirmative action discussion and the highly popular Ebony Ball, a camp- wide formal dance, also highlighted the month.

Upcoming events include a "Black Alumni Panel," Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. in Smith Audito-
rium and a "tribute to Black Arts" at 9:30 p.m. in the Pub.

A slide presentation and lecture, entitled "Decoding White Supremacy: Decorative Images," led by Mohammed Alik, sparked much debate and controversy on campus.

Natalie Roden '97, president of the Afri-
can-American Society, and Shantina Tucker '98, vice-president, spoke about the events.

Both feel that Bowdoin's response to most of the events has been very positive. However, Roden expressed concern that the lecture might have created further misconceptions about the Society and made people feel uncomfortable. Tucker stressed the need to "recognize that the lecture was one man's opinion, and doesn't represent our group as a whole. It's not what we're about." Roden added that she hoped open discussions will result from the presentation.

Both Roden and Tucker underline their desire for increased communication and edu-
cation on campus. "Our mission as a whole is to educate ourselves and the campus and to break down barriers and misconceptions," said Roden. "It's really important that people step up and get to know the organization before making judgments. We are a resource center for the entire campus, not just stu-
dents of color."

Melvin Lee Rogers '99, also a member of the Society, shared their opinion. "The last things we are a separatist group. We want to know that people are interested, to make people aware of issues and their relationship to America at large. Our issues are American issues."

However, while Rogers felt that Roden is right to be concerned about the sideline lecture, he stressed that there must be a place for freedom of speech. "If such a discussion is going to push people away, we have to ques-
pay the travel expenses of already ac-
cepted students of color to see the school for a weekend. Along with Bates and Colby, Bowdoin pays for high school college coun-
seors to spend time in Maine to learn more about the institutions. Steele also points out that admissions officers try to travel with larger, more well-known universities, hoping that in the process of learning about those schools, high school students will learn more about Bowdoin.

Even with these efforts, Trout-Kelly has some pressing concerns. She wants some discussion to touch on advocates' views on diversity, trying to get more diver-
sity within a particular minority group. Bowdoin recruits students of color primarily from private boarding schools. She would like to see more public school students here, students who have different ties to their cul-
tural identities than private school students.

The minority groups here now are homogeneous in themselves.

She would like for both Bowdoin and the high schools from which students of color might potentially come to start looking at "different kinds of success." She feels some counselors might recommend that students not apply here because of lack of academic success. However, she has already achieved in other areas is overlooked.

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Students deserve to know

Like much of this campus, we are eagerly awaiting this weekend's convening of the Board of Trustees. Its determination tomorrow whether to endorse the recommendations of the soon-to-be-released Interim Administration's Final Report of the Commission on Residential Life has the potential to be one of the more significant decisions made by the College in many years. Ultimately, regardless of whether the College's trustees are to blame for making large-scale decisions without much reaction from the campus as a whole. Acknowledging the importance of their actions during this session, the trustees have sought to modify their traditionally closed deliberations and include opportunities for informal interaction with students. It seems that the Administration is also making a special effort to engage the campus community in the trustees' discussions. In much the same way as the Commission sought out student opinion, the College has scheduled numerous forums and plans to distribute copies of the Commission's Report if it meets the Board's approval.

We appreciate these efforts, not only because of the value of the information being disseminated, but also because in this past, the Board's decisions and the process by which they are reached have been too far removed from the average student.

Unfortunately, lurking behind these seemingly benevolent intentions is a more dubious objective. The College's embrace of open discussion is a facade prompted largely by self-interest; it does not represent a true desire to include the student body in the trustee's deliberations. Because the Commission Report may radically alter the structure of campus social life, its change includes the abolishment of fraternities, the trustees must legitimate their decision with the appearance of student input.

Without the guise of a student mandate, whatever objectives they endorse inevitably and justifiably will be challenged by those forced to follow their decision. The labor of the organizers and participants in this afternoon's demonstration shows that many students are tired of silence and are willing to facilitate their discontent. If the Administration and trustees are serious about including students, they must acknowledge the students' desire to inspire meaningful campus-wide discussion and move beyond tokenism.

In the interests of realizing the potential for this substantive debate, we urge the trustees to make the content of their deliberations known to the community as a whole. As it stands, if the trustees decide to reject the report in whole or in part, members of the Administration and the Commission are unsure whether the campus will ever be able to see the Commission's original recommendations. Instead, we may be forced to accept only those options which the trustees have found palatable. If students are aware of the reasoning behind their determinations, they will be more willing to discuss and possibly accept those actions.

In addition, the original report should be made public, even if trustees decide not to endorse its recommendations. The product of six months of careful deliberation and information-gathering by dedicated Commission members, it possesses intrinsic merit as a telling evaluation of the Bowdoin community.

The trustees have the opportunity to take the first steps toward restructuring that sense of community and belonging. A change that includes theabolishment of fraternities, the trustees must legitimize their decision with the appearance of student input.

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Security needs reformation

Although last Wednesday's announcement that Director of Security Donna Loring will be leaving at the beginning of spring break came as somewhat of a surprise to many, the campus community, there are not at present any reasons which suggest she is leaving the College under aggravated circumstances. Loring's own statements that she had reached her decision last December and that she had never felt particularly attached to the campus lend credence to this view. In light of this, it would do us well not to focus on the circumstances of her departure but on the possibilities for change that will come with a new department director.

Loring's hiring five and a half years ago was coincident with a decision on the part of the Administration to change the philosophy of the Security Department from one being oriented toward issues of law enforcement to one focused on student service and user friendliness. While this decision was well justified and well intended, it has not been without consequence.

In the first semesters particularly, issues as diverse as the College's alcohol and towing policies have driven a wedge between students and security officers. This has not been the fault of the students or the security officers, but rather of the ambiguous role defined for the department as a whole. It should come as no surprise to the Administration that the employees of a department charged with protecting our belongings and towing our cars are not regarded with universal esteem.

The animosity which students tend to feel toward the security force stems more from the fact that security's role is poorly defined and poorly commu-

icated than from any tangible source of discontent. There have been few, if any, substantial confrontations between students and Security recently, and it is not because of the paucity of incidents, but the actions which are the source of this problem. As long as we remain uncertain about the role Security plays in maintaining campus life, so long will we continue to remain skeptical about Security's ability to adequately and properly fill that role.

Before a new director is hired at the start of next semester, the Administration needs to take another look at what it is expecting from the security force on campus. The last effort at reorganization, though well intended, has essentially flopped because those responsible for examining all the aspects of redesigning the department failed to do so thoroughly; the objectives they established in terms of changes and student relations stemmed from the misapplica-

tions of their law-enforcement obligations. In order for the campus security department to be effective, it must set realistic goals.

The idea that a low-and-order department can be a casual, easy-going one has already been debunked and the Administration should waste no time attempting to patch up what is simply an unworkable relationship. There is nothing wrong with the conclusion that the campus security force deals largely with problematic issues—loud parties, illegal parking, drunken students—and if that is the conclusion, the department should be redesigned to deal with these kinds of problems. Security force members need not be portrayed as aggressors to be effective in this role; they need only be given a consistent mission.
The quirky nature of the Bowdoin community

To the Editors,

Not many people from my hometown of Rome, Georgia could quite grasp the reasoning behind my decision to go to a small school on the coast of Maine. "Do you know how cold it is up there?" they all said. But when I told my college advisor at my high school that I had decided to apply to Bowdoin, being cold was the least of something to this effect, "I've always found something quirky about the students at Bowdoin College."

Quirky, eh? I'd never really thought about the implications of that word, and when I started to, I wasn't sure I liked it. But as soon as I arrived on the Bowdoin campus for my pre-trip last fall, I knew exactly what my advisor had meant. Of the 12 or so people on the tour, I (and I'm the only one who seemed to care) was the only one who seemed to know about every "type" of person, male and female, imaginable. Amazingly enough, we got along splendidly (for the odds of getting together in random reunions—we learned from and respected each other's differences, and the friendships that ensued) that trip was one of the best I've ever been on.

It is personal experience like this—people from all walks of life coming together, each contributing something of themselves for the betterment of the campus—that makes me so disturbed to read letters in the newspaper in which people viciously attack this school as "a factory dedicated to the mass production of small-minded, bloodthirsty (read $555$ automobiles)."

I'm sorry Ms. Minford and Ms. Murphy, it appears that YOU have been duped. Do not be fooled by Bowdoin students' outward apathy for sweaters and boots and beer; generally a good idea when in Maine. Behind our individual facades, we are all amazing people with different pasts and different futures who have come together to make Bowdoin College what it is today.

Perhaps I've gone by without my discovery of a new "quirk" in either a fellow classmate, hallmate or professor. I'm not saying that I always agree with or fully embrace these discoveries, but I have come to appreciate them for what they are, for it is our vast differences as individuals that, when put together, shape our unique campus.

I guess what I'm asking for (and it's nothing original) is that we try to look positively at this place that we have all chosen to inhabit for these few years of our lives: we should look a little deeper into ourselves and each other, for we will have wonderful gifts and talents that contribute to the lives of those around us as well as this school as an entity.

Bowdoin is a campus of wonderful people—just try to complain about that.

Kristin Awood '00

The Student Opinion

To clone or not to clone

By Wystan Ackerman

In 1997, scientists in Scotland announced that they have successfully used genetics to clone a adult sheep. They admitted that very soon it will be possible for them to clone a human being. However, for ethical reasons, they seem to want to rule that out. But if they claim, is towards using the cloning technique to develop and produce new medications.

To some degree, it is a scary thought. In 1997, scientifically we're not very far from the fictional world of Brave New World, in which all human beings are genetically cloned. What was once a far fetched idea of Aldous Huxley is not that far from potential reality. All Saddam Hussein needs is to get his hands on a scientist skilled in cloning and twenty years from now, he'll have a huge army of six foot seven, three hundred pound automatons. Forget volunteers or conscripts. We might as well end the Selective Service program. Parents will no longer worry about their son (or, today, daughter) going off to war. All we need now is "soldier factories." What about the father who wants his son to grow up to be the next Mickey Mantle, Wayne Gretsky or Joe Montana? He and his wife can just head for the local BabyMart, give a couple of blood samples (he'd want Mickey Mantle to look like him), write out a large check, and a few months later, a clone will be born. Of course, there still is a limit to what could be done. Mickey's "natural talent" would be there, but Dad would have still have to show him how to hold the bat and catch the ball. A university looking for professors could clone some great minds, but it would still have to spend many years training them. Occasionally, the "cloneists"

would make mistakes. When you don't get the child you paid for, would there be a money-back guarantee? At what point in the cloning process would we draw the line between "abortion" and "murder?" The Supreme Court would have to rule on that one.

The list of benefits that cloning could bring on and on. Women everywhere, or at least those who couldn't afford it (isn't that interesting?!) wouldn't have to worry about the prospect of childbirth. A family that's been known to produce alcoholics and that's grandparents couldn't be "perfected." Parents could make sure their children are less likely to get cancer, or the disease of arthritis, or any of many other human illnesses. "Partial cloning," could be a way of "vaccinating" a child before birth. Yet, again, only the richer parent(s) in the world would be likely to be able to afford this. Obviously, I don't really advocate any of these ideas.

Somebody, some day, is going to clone a human being, whether we like it or not... It's like the nuclear bomb... Once it's been developed, you're not going to be able to get rid of it.

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A forest on my legs

By Dan Goldstein

If you want to live in the city all your life, and work there and west long piles every day to go to your business meetings, then I suppose you don't mind that your legs or feel like. One may go as far as to say that hairy legs may be an advantage, because they don't fall in the way of whatever hair gets in the way of, but for the adventurous few, an exciting advantage does not end in the hot sun, but is also as functional in the cold. People buy expensive moose coats and down sleeping bags for insulation qualities. Insulation is a result of static air pockets between the fiber. Hair naturally provides additional insulation, being a barrier to keep the legs warm. This does not mean a hairy legged person can go skiing with just a pair of sweat pants on, but it does mean that the additional layer of hair they may wear is not necessary. Excess layers decrease agility and overall body. This means that fewer layers of equal weight are a trade off, the one with the hairy legs would win.

Hair also serves as a physical barrier between the environment and the skin of gardener or hiker, for example, may a child get a fly brush against aggressive plants or insects on their face. I have with the hairless and have scars and scratches. I have seen the inflamed mounds from a mosquito bite associated with legs, which much more difficult to penetrate the rough-thighed bristles on a hairy ankle and you may even find yourself laughing at the rabbit parasite. My legs may sustain wounds, but nothing comparable to the hairless.

Hair is also part of the sense of touch. Hairy legs can sense an object before they actually touch it, and they can feel air currents and wind direction. They move like blades of grass in the yard. Hairy legged people don't have to stick their fingers in their mouth to sense wind direction. They can play golf more elegantly, and they get their leg hair to act as a reference for their climate.

Perhaps in the future, hairy legs will be viewed as a more desirable trait than it is now, largely because of the desire to appeal to the machine. For those of us who believe that form follows function, hairy legs will be more charismatic. It's not that you don't have fun sitting in your office for the rest of your life.

Dan Goldstein is a freshman.
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Before you decide as to whether or not the Bowdoin community needs affirmative action, ask yourself the following questions:

1) Are there any racist tenured professors at Bowdoin?
2) Has your professor seen-you walking down the street and purposely crossed the street to avoid walking by you?
3) Do Brunswick townsies stare at you when you walk across the townsquare from them?
4) Do you ever have people ask you to speak for your race?

The purpose of these questions is to give you some concrete examples of racist and ignorant philosophies that continue to permeate into today's American society. Although these questions do not indicate a person being denied the opportunity for pursuing a job, they specifically allow you to observe in our community, examples of the lack of familiarity with students of color. This historically weakens the ability to counter popular negative stereotypes. These same people who may have tenure positions here at Bowdoin for years end up as you or me on or off campus are the same people who have the responsibility of admitting people to colleges and most importantly, the likelihood of consciously or unconsciously denying you a position because of the ethnic and sexist notions that reside in their paradigm. To account for the reality of the results from conscious and unconscious racism, it is important to place the community in a place to monitor equal opportunity. Although there has been some misunderstanding as to the number of students who are not among one of its components. That is a misconception. Affirmative action is an act, not a race. It is not designed to design their own policies to seek minorities and women.

Although there has been some post-panel discussion about the February 12th affirmative action discussion, it is unfortunate that such a major detail of that talk was not based in the facts that the discussion was intended to provide. In other words, not enough of the Bowdoin community attended and I am inclined to believe that academic obligations were the reason for this. I know better than to believe this because there were many more students who attended the following night's entertainment event. It is also unfortunate that those opponents of affirmative action did not make arrangements to either be educated or offer their critiques. As a friend of mine told me a few days after Doug Fleming’s article came out in the Orient, “The other side must not have felt strongly enough about their position to show up at the discussion.” My friend then told me, “Doug also spent the entire article talking about the definition of diversity. But I think we want to talk about the wrong discussion because the discussion topic that night was affirmative action.” Now let’s be honest about what happened the night of the discussion. There were no supported proponents or advocates of affirmative action. The discussion was nothing more than a group of panelists interested in grappling with the concepts of racism and sexism (that were not supposed to be the focus of the discussion) and (intentionally) discussing the inclusion of particular departments of thought in the affirmative action discussion.

Furthermore, I find it bewildering and disturbing that my colleagues on campus are possibly unaware of my reality as a student of color, and they have the option of being political leaders and moral-formers of this society. Although the earlier mentioned examples of racism on campus may take it home for some, the inclusion of facts and figures are needed to provide some academic merit to this article. On average, a black American will pay $1,000 more for an automobile. On average a white male who has graduated from high school will earn as much as a black man that has graduated from college. Now, we might point out that white men have other than the color of his skin. Also, the idea of legacy must be brought into question as merely as affirmative action. Now we are promoting and legitimizing a racially influenced process. Corporate American CEOs and other management positions are monopolized by white males. This in combination with the historical truth that people of color and women have been excluded from institutions of higher education as well as prestigious positions in employment, must lead one to believe that had no action been taken to affirm opportunities to minorities and women, the demographics would have changed. As we can see from the facts and figures, as well as this community, this policy needs to continue.

Lastly, one area of explanation is necessary. What about those higher qualified white men that are not on the affirmative action list? We have to explain that assumption in that question. Why is it that there exists a link between higher qualified and the affirmative action list? And how many of the students or excluded is minimal and even if we were to be so concerned with the perfection of the policy, then we need to consider the true advancement of our economy. It would be too valuable to our economy to slow down in that question. Why is it that there exists a link between higher qualified and the affirmative action list? These racial policies? I do not believe that there is a link between higher qualified and the affirmative action list. It is simply a way to provide for those individuals who are not included in our society.

At this point in time, what the Swedish Center across the street from Hawthorne-Longfellow library, and look for the sign is the affirmative action act. It is a Swedish Center across the street from Hawthorne-Longfellow library, and look for the sign in the number of students or excluded is minimal and even if we were to be so concerned with the perfection of the policy, then we need to consider the true advancement of our economy. It would be too valuable to our economy to slow down in that question. Why is it that there exists a link between higher qualified and the affirmative action list? And how many of the students or excluded is minimal and even if we were to be so concerned with the perfection of the policy, then we need to consider the true advancement of our economy. It would be too valuable to our economy to slow down in that question. Why is it that there exists a link between higher qualified and the affirmative action list? These racial policies? I do not believe that there is a link between higher qualified and the affirmative action list. It is simply a way to provide for those individuals who are not included in our society.

In closing, in answer to the question, "Do we need affirmative action at Bowdoin?" my answer is "not if you want to have an all white male school." This is one man's opinion and not the opinion of an entire race.

You can have a say in choosing our next Pro/Con topic. E-mail me at jbedros@arctos with suggestions.
If the Trustees were to put on a talent show, what would you like to see them do and why?

MEG HALL '97
Machias, ME
"How about nude table dancing in the union?"

REBECCA NESVET '00
Bethesda, MD
"I thought that to perform in a talent show you're supposed to have talent."

HILDE PETERSON '00
Salt Lake City, UT
"Coed naked underwater basket weaving."

KEN BARBER '97
San Mateo, CA
"I would like to see Bob Graves and President Edwards in a drinking contest vs. the Trustees."

EDDIE LOVE '99
New York, NY
"I would like to see them perform 'I'm so sexy,' in thongs.

LEIF '99
New Jersey
"Dizze Stick?!!!

Compiled by Brian Billock and Alice Liddell

Halogen horrors lurking

To the editor,

I am writing to support the ban of halogen lamps effective September 1997. The Administration should be commended on their foresight in protecting the well-being and safety of the student body.

We, as students, should encourage the Administration to make the campus an even safer place to live and study. Since the ban has been enacted because of the deaths of 25 people per year in America (0.0001% of the population), I think that it is only fitting that the following bars be strongly considered:

1) Campus jobs should be terminated.

5000 Americans die every year from work-related accidents.

2) Automobiles should be banned from the Bowdoin campus. 40,000 Americans per year die in car accidents.

3) Professional crossing guards should be hired for College St., Maine St., Bath Rd and Harpswell Rd. People die annually right here in Brunswick from crossing the street.

4) The student body does not consist of the Administration, immediately, then it must accept the plague of deaths caused by not only halogen lamps. But also from lightning strikes, ankles falling from windows and choking on carrots.

Sincerely,
Michael Sherwood '97

Let there be light

By Paul Rholfing
Senior Editor

I noted with disappointment a letter sent through campus mail this week by Bob Graves, the College's director of residential life. The letter announced that, beginning next fall, all torche-style halogen lamps will be banned from College housing.

This blanket ban, based on the fire hazard posed by the use of some higher wattage bulbs, is broader than necessary. More importantly, it does something that administrators at Bowdoin seem to find all too easy to do: It avoids a problem without finding a solution.

Bowdoin students love these halogen lamps for a simple reason. They are the best way to deal with the fact that the College has failed miserably to provide adequate lighting in the housing. Halogen lamps, purchased for less than $20.00 at Staples or Wal-Mart, are a cheap and very effective way to make up for the lack of College-provided lighting. For that price, often split among roommates, students can read without getting headaches and damaging their vision. Furthermore, looking at a computer screen in a well-lighted room is less uncomfortable than doing so in a dark room.

While there is no doubt that the improper use of halogen lights presents a fire hazard, this danger would be reduced dramatically if students followed the five tips offered in Graves' letter for safe use of their lamps. Unfortunately, instead of giving students a chance to use their lamps safely, now that they are armed with the information on how to do so, the directive simply says that an all-out ban will take effect next fall "since it is impossible to insure that the higher watt bulbs are not used."

If these safety suggestions aren't being followed by the end of the semester and halogen lamps still must be banned next fall, the ban needs to be accompanied by a plan to solve the lighting problem in student housing. It is unfair to place the burden on students by forcing them to spend even more money to buy less powerful lights.

If solving the lighting problem means raising taxes, the College should prefer that to a situation where providing adequate lighting is just one more of the hidden costs of attending Bowdoin—a cost born by lower income families hard when they are already struggling to pay the sticker price of a college education.

Improving the lighting in student rooms is the right thing to do. But if that's not enough, then maybe our liars in education will do what the state administration will do because they don't want to get sued.

The New York Times a couple of weeks ago told the story of court judgments against colleges and universities (including Harvard) in bringing to students who had suffered injuries as a result of improperly designed study areas. Although the article focused mostly on repetitive motion injuries suffered by students working at desks and in chairs designed before the dawn of the personal computer age (another problem we have here at Bowdoin), damage to eyesight resulting from improper lighting could lead to the same kind of liability.

Improperly used halogen lights can be dangerous. However, since the College has no plans to provide students with enough light in their rooms, it seems dishearteningly short-sighted to ban these lamps altogether.

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Student Opinion

Restoring America's future

By Jeffrey Bedrosian
Opinion Editor

I can't think of how many times I've heard this expression. Both Republicans and Democrats alike have claimed it as their mission and what a noble mission it will have to be, for there is much to restore. Yesterday evening, I heard Phil Harriman, our Maine State Senator, speak on this very topic. He has always been fascinated by local politics; perhaps it is because local politics is more about statesmanship and civic duty and less about careers, fund-raising and partisanship.

Occasionally, I have joked about moving to Canada once this country has become so screwed up that it isn't possible to live here anymore. Indeed, if there were a better place to go, I know many people would leave. To my amazement, Senator Harriman mentioned this exact same thing last night, except he wasn't joking. The thought that people would want to leave the United States for something better when a scant three generations ago, hundreds of thousands migrated here in droves, frightens me. This is America, there isn't supposed to be anything better. (Canada's trade is how?!) My point is that yes, perhaps there is something better for us in the future, but we must work hard to make it happen here.

It is for this reason that I respect the hardworking local politicians in this district, in my home district, and in districts across the country. Most of these people do not fulfill their civic duty for fame, money or power for there is little of these to go around in the state and local level. Many of these people are in politics because they care about that amorphous idea referred to in the headline Restoring America's future. Indeed, it will take the selfless acts and sacrifices of such people to fulfill their civic duty to this country to make this crucial goal a reality. Furthermore, I would argue that the statesmen, the selfless, concerned citizens on both sides of the aisle who have entered politics not for themselves, but for the country in our hands. Let's look to Washington, Jefferson, Adams and Hamilton envisioned would be running this country.

Okay, so now that I've established the ideal statesman, I only have to answer two more questions. One, what the hell does restoring America's future mean and two, how the hell will selfless politicians accomplish this. The answer to the first question is simple. We must create a nation where the American dream can be a reality for all Americans. America's future lies in a society where the future generation will be better off and more secure than the previous generation, not thinking about how cold it gets in the middle of a Canadian winter. If America can be set up in such a way that the possibility of outstripping our parents generation exists for all Americans then we will have accomplished our goal. But how do we do this? We must reestablish our basic freedoms and stop the overreaching government that is concerned more with it's own preservation than with governing the country. This can only be accomplished if our government is comprised of the type of people that I have discussed with people the courage to make personal sacrifices, for our freedoms can sacrifice, then our nation will be doomed to the same.
Brunswick Power and Light: the art club expands

BY ELIZABETH HEUSER
STAFF WRITER

Brunswick Power and Light is expanding. You probably saw the big yellow flyers that were up all around campus heralding the art club’s spring semester revival. With a new name, more publicity and more activities, Bowdoin’s art club, sponsored by sculpting lecturer John Bisbee, has drawn about 50 members, mostly new underclassmen. Meetings are open to all on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in Lamarche Lounge behind the Cafe, and are much more efficient and productive than former ones in the VAC, which more closely resembled the scene in a dorm room.

The mission of Brunswick Power and Light is “to increase membership and involvement by opening the club to all the arts.” The club supports many events, and is currently focused on the show “Creating Women,” planned for April. This will be a celebration of 25 years of women at Bowdoin, and will encompass artwork, writing and performance “inspired by the idea or expression of women.” All in the Brunswick community are invited to submit work on Mondays from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the basement of the VAC.

“This show will hopefully be provocative and spur discussion about the presence of the role of, and the art of and about women,” said member Genie Arnot ’97. The two banners in the Smith Union are intended for the same purpose, and are repainted monthly by art club members.

Another task the club is working on is the acquisition of a craft center with some new space at the Fort Andross art center to contain a loom, pottery wheels and other craft items. The other objective is to find basement space somewhere on campus to turn into an additional darkroom. Brunswick Power and Light will also be involved in the creation of backdrops for use in the Asian Students Association fashion show.

All students are encouraged to show their art in the spaces Brunswick Power and Light recently acquired for that purpose Lamarche Lounge and Lancaster Lounge in Moulton Union. The Brunswick community is invited as well. The community is a source of interest for the club’s cultural events and trips. Each weekend, a trip is planned to attend a play, movie or event or visit museum or gallery in the area. The purpose is not always purely artistic, however. Last weekend the club organized a successful trip to watch and participate in African drumming in Portland. A guest artist is scheduled to speak at Bowdoin on April 9. With so much going on in the community, Brunswick Power and Light is taking an active role in involving Bowdoin students.

Sculpting Professor and Brunswick Power and Light advisor John Bisbee takes a break from nail sculpting in his studio. (Sara Murray/Bowdoin Orient)

Carlotta Santana to dance up a storm in Pickard

BY DOUGLAS E. SITTON
STAFF WRITER

Bowdoin’s Latin American Student Organization and the Student Union Committee are coproducing the arrival of the Carlotta Santana Spanish Dance Company, which will make two appearances here this weekend.

First, they lead a workshop teaching the art and history of flamenco from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in Sergeant Gym, and secondly, they will perform their version of flamenco tomorrow night at 8:00 p.m. in Pickard Theater. The company, founded by Carlotta Santana, is renowned for creating new ways of working within the parameters of the flamenco, a national dance in Spain. The company incorporates new musical styles with the dance, borrowing from all walks of music: salsera, rap, modern, and jazz. They have traveled from coast to coast, attempting to share the ideas and feelings of different cultures, breaking racial barriers.

The company, founded in 1983, tours with six to nine dancers and musicians, and Santana herself dances a “brooding solo [that] was like taking a leap into the deepest recesses of someone’s mind and heart,” according to The New York Times. Santana is also artistic director of the group and has been on panels for the National Endowment for the Arts and the New York State Council on the Arts.

Flamenco dancing, was first performed in caves in southern Spain. Through time, it has become a national symbol for Spain, and expresses the heart and soul of its people, included in Spain’s heritage are Spanish, Judaic, Arabic, Indian, Latino, African and Gypsy groups, each contributing to a part of the dance. This ties in with the Carlotta Santana’s company’s goal for breaking barriers between different cultures, and those who attended the workshop this afternoon or who view the performance Saturday night will be lucky enough to become a part of the sensual, passionate and expressive flamenco dance.

The dance involves the use of castanets, strong footwork and vocal techniques. Especially during the Semana Santa, Week of the Saint (the week prior to Easter), singing is incorporated with the dance, where the dancers sing to Jesus or Mary. At other times, the dance can tell a story, often relating to oppression of the gypsies and various other themes. Often, the man’s dance imitates that of a bull and there is either a soloist or an entire group dances the same steps together.

Nahyron Lee, Class of 1997, is enthralled with the flamenco, and commented that it is “a beautiful dance, but not graceful like we think of ballet ... I like it because it’s so intertwined in the culture of Spain.” She is very involved in Spanish dance, having spent a semester abroad in Spain where she learned a great deal about flamenco dancing from her host mother, a Spanish dance teacher. What strikes Nahyron the most about the dancing is its “fire, power and energy.” And the energy will fill Pickard Theater tomorrow night, Saturday, March 1, at 8:00 p.m. The price is $6.00 with Bowdoin ID and $12.00 for public admission ... but what a small price to pay to enjoy a heel-clicking, floor-stomping good time.
There is also some stuff in the film about the rebellion and a boy's epic quest to discover the power within himself by confronting his father (and maybe, just maybe, learn how to act from behind his artificially clefted chin).
You probably wondering why my column hasn't appeared much this semester. I guess the Orient is finally fed up with all the calls by the dean, but I believe the repetition of my articles is due to the overriding conservative influence Mr. Bedrosian is having. Basically my right has been reduced to a few pubs on the back and waiting lots of money at Matt and Dave's. Heck, I even get paid.

Well I've rambled on long enough to please the "Cutting Room Floor" so I guess I'll cut straight to the matter. This week's cult video review comes from the first floor of Hyde, which is another column in itself. Basically some friends of mine, John and Bob (they requested anonymity) introduced me to a movie that puts "Natural Born Killers" right smack in the middle of "Threee." Need I say more?

"The Doom Generation" (1995, approx. 120 minutes) involves the most gratuitous sex and violence of any film ever made. You know you are in for something truly decadent when the film opens with credits like "A Teen Angst Production" followed by "Why Not Productions Presents." From there the film goes downhill, until at the very end, in the closing credits at tiny prints right before the tape winds out it reads "Filmed and Shot on location in Hell."

You're probably thinking this is a low budget screen version of the popular arcade game "Doom" but in fact it's a very well made movie. The photography is quite lavish when there aren't heads being blown off and bathtubs being occupied by more than one person. It's also decently acted, although it appears that much of the acting in "The Doom Generation" was way too easy for the stars.

The film opens with Nine Inch Nails surround sound encompassing a mush pit. Soon we are introduced to a doped up Jordan (aka "Independence Boy") and Amy (a Teri Hatcher look alike), and immediately we find ourselves thrust right into their relationship. The top priorities the two share? It's not hard to guess.

The two lovers seem fed up with life and they need some action, well the bloody kind of action. Enter Xavier, also known as Satan Peak (I wouldn't be surprised if he directed this mess). Xavier immediately lives up the lives of Amy and Jordan and soon it's "Thelma and Louise" all over again, except in the place of two feminists we have a totally far-out assortment of three characters—one homo sexual, one nymphomaniac and one utterly "Dazed and Confused" soul whose performance in this film deserved him a much higher role than he received in "Independence Day."

Fans of gore-oh-tane and body parts will enjoy this film, but as for me and my call of living intestines worshippers, we find this movie to be a terrible disappointment. "The Doom Generation" search for an audience who revels in revolting and disgusting tales falls, much like Siggy and Blunt's fruitless "search for the Holy Ale." The movie collapses as a whole and the last hour seems like the first, only rowdier.

As for this upcoming weekend? Don't waste your money renting strange video at Matt and Dave's. Grab some Sour Patch Kids and head to Hoyt's for a Saturday matinee of "Dante's Peak." The special effects are just fabulous.

**CLASSIC FILM REVIEW**

"The Rules of the Game" haven't changed nor has the film's quality

**BY CHRISTIAN O. NITSCH ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR**

It is seldom that a film will have the subtilty and sophistication to insult and degrade both the societies of the bourgeoisie and lower class such as in the masterpiece, "La Règle du Jeu," or "The Rules of the Game." Jean Renoir, the son of the renowned French painter, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, directs and casts himself within this movie in the shadow of World War II. The film was originally a disaster during its debut at the Parisian cinemas in 1939. However, it evidently became a landmark contribution to the history of film when in 1962 and 1972 it was clasped by international film critics as one of the 10 best films of all times.

The cast includes Marcel Dalio, Nora Gregor, Jean Renoir, Roland Tontiaux, Mila Parely, Julien Carette, Gaston Modot and Paulette Dubost in a Mussel inspired production reminiscent of slapstick comedy. Regardless, the film is not intended to be comical but mostly sarcastic in its representation of a parasitic film that lives within each man and woman's soul when "playing the rules of the game." The rules of the game are the rules of life and those rules are governed by the desires and advantages the rich have over the poor as seen in this film.

The rich Marquis Robert de la Ch Meynest (Dalio), a boy at heart, organizes a weekend house party at his country chateau that is attended by his Austrian wife Christine (Gregor), his mistress, Genevieve (Parely), his good friend Octave (Renoir), and Andre Juriieux (Tontiaux), the trans-Atlantic pilot, and a few other ecclesiastic guests. During the Marquis' party, the love lives of the wealthy seemed mirrored by the parallel activities of his servants. The gamekeeper, Schumacher (Modot) is in love with his wife, Lisette (Dubost), who is being courted by the lowly servant, Marcoux (Carette). Likewise, the Marquis is faced with a similar problem when he realizes that his guest, Juriieux, has every reason to love and court the Marquis' wife as well. Some memorable scenes in the film include the fancy-dress ball in which Schumacher awaits patiently the appearance of his lowly adversary, Marcoux, in an attempt to shoot down the man in an act like a dance macabre, while the guests walk to the tune of the Marquis mechanical organ; the little sequence in which the predators, the guests, are poised in silence ready to pounce and shoot down their prey, the lower class, and relegating their existence to the dirt.

At the climax of the film, each character realizes his or her role within the realm of the story but is unable to remit himself or herself to the reality of his or her role. Renoir's irrealistic role for the film is that he is honest and sincerity is sure and catastrophic in a place where everyone "has his reasons." So, these are the rules of the game. Renoir mentioned that he hoped his film would do the same for France as Beaumarchais's 'The Marriage of Figaro' had done for his country on the eve of the Revo lution," Georges Sadoul recalls. As Renoir said, "I knew the evils that were gnawing at my contemporaries ... the very knowledge that the danger existed gave me my basic situations and my comrades seemed to react to it in the same way I did."
SAT
Mar. 1
Club
Comedy Connection
Bear Bradley’s Comedy Showcase
6 Custom House Wharf, Portland
For Info: 774-5554

Activity (10 a.m.)
Yoga Class
Aerobics Room
Farley Field House

Reading (3:30 p.m.)
Dante Reading
Canto XXIV
Museum of Art

Event (7 p.m.)
Senior Art Opening reception
“Ata o Tagata: Pictures of People”
by Kristen Hand and
“Perfectly Local” by Mick Archer

Concert (8 p.m.)
Ethos Percussion Group
Portland High School Theater
For Info: 772-4230

Event (8 p.m.)
Carola Santana Spanish Dance Company
Pickard Theater
Tickets: $12 public, $6 with I.D.

Film (7 p.m.)
“Antonia’s Line”
Beam Community VAC

SUN
Mar. 2
Meeting (6:15 p.m.)
SLUC
Coles Tower
Whiteside Reading Room

Meeting (6:45 p.m.)
Druids
Chase Barn Chamber

Meeting (7 p.m.)
Executive Board
Lancaster Lounge
Moulton Union

Reading (3:30 p.m.)
Dante Reading
Canto XXIV
Museum of Art

Event (4 p.m.)
“The Wind was with Her: The Spiritual Odyssey of Helen Nearing”
Ellen LaCorte
Main Lounge
Moulton Union

Film (6:30 p.m.)
“I Am a fugitive from a Chain Gang”
Smith Auditorium
Sills Hall

MON
Mar. 3
Club
The Big Easy
Red Light Revue (R&B/blues)
416 Fore St., Portland
For Info: 780-1207

Activity (10 a.m.)
Henry McCorkle
Chocolate Church Arts Center
804 Washington St., Bath
For Info: 442-8455

Lecture (4 p.m.)
“Cross-cultural Conversation: its Scope and Aspiration”
Anindita Balser
McKeen Study
Massachusetts Hall

Film (9 p.m.)
“Heaven” and “Jean Does Dynasty”
Smith Auditorium
Sills Hall

TUE
Mar. 4
Club
The Big Easy
Red Light Revue (R&B/blues)
416 Fore St., Portland
For Info: 780-1207

Meeting (5 p.m.)
Catholic Student Union
Chase Barn Chamber

Lecture (7:30 p.m.)
“Home and the World”
Abelardo Morell
Beam Classroom
VAC

Film (9 p.m.)
“I Am a fugitive from a Chain Gang”
Smith Auditorium
Sills Hall

WED
Mar. 5
Reading (8:15 a.m.)
Breakfast Discussion Series
Racism at Bowdoin
Women’s Resource Center
24 College Street

Lecture (3:15 p.m.)
“A Normal Mongling of the Sexes: Heterosexuality and the Decline of the Urban Bachelor World”
Peter Laipson
Whiteside Reading Room
Coles Tower

Meeting (6 p.m.)
Gallery Talk (4 p.m.)
Painterly Expression
Paintings, prints, objects, etc.
Workshop
Sargent Gym

Meeting (6 p.m.)
Meeting (6 p.m.)
Mitra
2 East
Coles Tower

Lecture (7:30 p.m.)
“A Musician’s Life—An Evening with Peter Schickele”
Pickard Hall
Memorial Theater

THU
Mar. 6
Exhibition
“Celebrate Youth Art Month”
Portland Museum of Art
7 Congress Sq., Portland
For Info: 775-6148

Reading (10:00 a.m.)
Dante Reading
Canto XXVIII
Museum of Art

Exhibition
“Trees, Rocks, Water”
paintings and works on paper
by Lavender
Gallery Music
21 Forest Ave., Portland
For Info: 775-1304

Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
Bowdoin Christian Fellowship
2 South
Coles Tower

Meeting (7 p.m.)
BCLAD
McKeen Study
Massachusetts Hall

Play (5 p.m.)
“The Magic Flute”
Russell Hall
USM Campus, Gorham
Tickets: $4 for students
For Info: 780-5483

FRI
Mar. 7
Club
Comedy Connection
Bear Bradley’s Comedy Showcase
6 Custom House Wharf, Portland
For Info: 774-5554

Activity (10 a.m.)
Yoga Class
Aerobics Room
Farley Field House

Reading (3:30 p.m.)
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by Kristen Hand and
“Perfectly Local” by Mick Archer

Play (8 p.m.)
“Tiny Alice”
Oak Street Theatre
92 Oak St., Portland
For Info: 775-5103

Film (7 p.m.)
“Antonia’s Line”
Beam Community VAC
Women’s hoops drops two straight

The women’s basketball team suffered only their sixth loss of the season last Friday when they traveled to Western Massachusetts and fell to the Ephs of Williams College by a score of 78-74. It was a disappointing loss for Bowdoin, which was looking for a big upset win over UMass-Farmington three nights before. The Bears then fell to Colby last night by a score of 78-74 to fall to 16-7. The team has now lost three of their last five games in what has been the toughest stretch of their regular season schedule. Bowdoin now awaits their postseason fate, which will be announced this weekend.

Going into the game at Williams, the Bears were ranked sixth and the Ephs ninth in the latest NCAA Division III New England Region poll. Bowdoin was looking to maintain their position as one of the elite teams in the region. In this game, Bowdoin saw a two-point loss to Williams. Couple that with a possible NCAA tournament appearance, and it’s not hard to imagine why the Bears wanted to win this game.

Bowdoin held a 34-32 advantage after the first half, but Williams came on fire in the floor in the second half as they shot 58 percent from the field and outscored Bowdoin 44-33 in the second half for the 78-74 win. Leading the Bears in scoring was, once again, power forward Christia Hobson ’98, who had 18 points and 13 rebounds. Senior Captain Tracy Mulholland added 13 points and was monstrous under the boards with 14 rebounds. Point guard Sam Good ’00 put in 15 points, while shooting guard Raegan LaRochelle ’00 helped with 13 points. Bowdoin had four players shoot double-figures, the bench contributed no points. In fact, only six players played for the Bears in the loss of the starters played in the game. Bowdoin’s lack of depth, which is a result of the losses of Jasmine Ohbrie ’98 and Amanda Cagley ’98, has been an on-going problem this season. This was even more evident last night against Colby, when both Hobson and Mulholland fouled out, leaving the Bears with no inside threat. Hobson fouled out after scoring 20 points, while Mulholland left the game with 13 points and 10 rebounds.

Despite the two losses, the women’s team remains one of the great success stories of the sports year here at Bowdoin. After the departure of several key members of last year’s team to study away and graduation, the Bears have put together a season that has surpassed the holds the school’s image as a top program in New England. This has been accomplished with only three returning players and two returning starters from last year’s squad. The Bears were ECAC Champions two years ago and runners-up last season. This year’s team now has an opportunity to match last year’s wins total of 17, as the women are poised for another great showing in the playoffs.

Their success can be attributed to the successful blend of the team’s veteran front-court players with the talent of Hobson and four first-years: Good, Marshall, LaRochelle and TJ. Methvin. Methvin was the Bears’ key contributor off the bench for most of the season, and has played a large roll in several big games, including the Bears’ second contest of the year against Bates. In that game, Methvin struck for a career-high 12 points on six of seven shooting.

Earlier in the season, the Bears went on their 16-game winning streak, Mulholland commented, “Playing as a team is hard at times with so many new people.” But Bowdoin’s newcomers adjusted to the collegiate game quickly, and their veterans have led them to a 16-4 mark. That same week, Hobson noted, “Mulholland is excellent at leading the team.” The women’s basketball team has responded and performed at a level far above expectations set earlier in the year.

Athlete Profile: Chris Whipple

Both on and off the court, Chris Whipple has used his extraordinary ability, work ethic and leadership to place himself among the legends of Bowdoin College men’s basketball.

If you talk to Chris Whipple about basketball, you would be hard pressed to get very far into the conversation without having him mention the word “team.” Sure, he has many outstanding individual feats in which he takes great pride, but what’s special about the senior captain of the men’s basketball squad is his overwhelming desire for his team to succeed. Like any great athlete, “Whip” steps onto the court with one thing in mind: winning.

Judging by Bowdoin’s current 18-5 record, it can’t be said that the Marblehead, Massachusetts native has spread his winning attitude to the rest of his teammates. Tomorrow afternoon, the Polar Bears, who are ranked seventh in the NCAA East poll, will host the Colby White Mules, currently ranked fifth. A win by the Bears will almost, but not definitely, secure them a spot in this year’s NCAA Division III Championship Tournament. The only other time Bowdoin has accomplished this feat was last year, when Whipple and teammate Chad Rowley ’97 led the Bears to a ’96-1 record overall, including a 1-1 record in the tournament.

Paralleling the team’s success, Whipple’s personal accomplishments have been incredible during his four years at Bowdoin. He played in relative obscurity during his first two collegiate seasons behind the presence of the time legend Nick Brown ’95 at center. While many athletes might have grown impatient with such limited playing time, Whipple believes that it was an extremely important part of his development as a player. “I learned so much from Nick when he was here,” Whipple commented. “I wouldn’t be the player I am today without him.”

After Bowring’s departure, Whipple found himself in the shadow of yet another Bowdoin great in Rowley. However, this did not stop Whip from dominating inside, as he averaged 16.8 points and 7.2 rebounds per game in 1995-96. When asked about sharing the spotlight with his teammate and friend, Whipple responded, “It’s never really bothered me. It’s a question of winning, not a question of recognition. As long as we’re all productive and the team wins, I’m happy.”

Indeed, Whipple has been one very happy, individual this season, as his numbers have improved and his team is once again knocking on the NCAA Tournament door. He is currently second on the team with 19.1 points and 7.8 rebounds per game, and he is also shooting 51 percent from the floor, despite the loss of three of his starting guards on the season with a fractured orbital bone. As a testament to his extraordinary skills, Whipple achieved a career high of 50 points on February 13th when he shot his 1000-point of his college career. “I was thrilled that it happened at home in front of my family,” he said of the achievement. “It’s always been one of my personal goals, along with the team’s success.”

Whipple’s battle with the broken facial bone may be the perfect example of his work and dedication. The injury, which occurred when he caught an elbow to the face during a game vs. Middlebury on Feb. 1, led to a thorough and professional career was being to career ending. “I was first told that if I played and got hit again that I could suffer permanent damage to my vision,” he explained. “So, I went to Boston and got a second opinion. The doctor down there was pretty positive. He said that if get hit again, I would probably need surgery, but there would not be any permanent damage.”

Whipple returned to action in the team’s next game at Colby and led the team with 18 points, including a thunderous mid-range jump shot over the second half. Since then, his eye has healed nicely and should not be a problem for him in the near future.

Head Coach Tim Gilchrist had nothing but nice things to say about his senior star. “Whenever it’s crunch time and we need a big basket or a big rebound,” Gilchrist said, “Chris is the one that gets it for us. But the best thing about Chris is that he’s such a good person. He shows genuine concern for his teammates and for the coaching staff. He really is a special person, and it’s been a real pleasure coaching him.”

Although it will be the biggest game of the year for the Polar Bears, tomorrow’s game against Colby will be especially meaningful for Whipple. The power forward is just two rebounds shy of becoming only the seventh player in Bowdoin College history to score 1000 career points and grab 500 career boards. In an interesting side note, Dicky Welsh, who was the first member of Bowdoin’s 1000-500 club, will witness the event from the sidelines, as he is the head coach of the White Mules. While Whipple is very proud of this impending accomplishment, he is much more excited about getting his team back into the NCAA Tournament. “It’s going to be a huge game,” he said. “They’ve beaten us twice this year and we’ve really pumped up for this one.”

Our second team has really been intense in practice getting us ready for this game, and it makes me feel like we can beat them in front of our home crowd.”

“It might be my last game at home,” he added. “I want to go out with a bang.”

Bears ready for R.I.C.

KATIE LYNK STAFF WRITER

This weekend, the Bowdoin women’s ice hockey team hit the road. The Polar Bears face off against the Rochester Institute of Technology in the first round of the ECAC Alliance playoffs on Saturday.

One year ago, the Bears were in the same position and lost to RIT in the semifinals by a score of 5-8. This year, they are hoping to win and then advance to the finals where they will meet the winner of the match between the fourth-seeded University of Maine Black Bears and the top-seeded defending champions, the Middlebury Panthers. Both games will take place at Nelson Arena on the Middlebury campus.

But before any of that happens, the Bears will be at St. Joseph’s, home to Division 1 members of the Alliance for a 1-0 match. The winner will advance to the Division 1 title game. Jan MacLeod ’99 scored Bowdoin’s lone goal on a power play in the third period and Bernard had 38 saves for the Bears.

According to White, although the women’s team has yet to win a match this season, the team is approaching this weekend differently than last year. “We’re taking everything with us," he said. "We’ve really pumped up for this one and are looking forward to it."

This weekend, we will look at individual periods and individual games for both teams.

The approach may be different but the goal is still the same. According to White, “I just want to win.”
Excellent ski season comes to close

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CONTRIBUTOR

Last weekend, the Bowdoin ski team left tropical Brunswick and headed for Middlebury, VT to compete in the Eastern Intercollegiate Ski Association Championships. Despite adverse conditions, the Bears slugged their way to an overall eighth place finish out of 21 Division I teams.

In Friday’s soggy giant slalom race, Cynthia Lodding ’96 led the women’s alpine team with a third place finish, followed by Jayme Okma ’00 and Anne Chalmers ’99 as the second and third scorers, respectively. On the men’s side, Palmer Ennemith ’98 posted 3rd finish of 48th, with Jeff Nelson ’99 and Ryan Hurley ’99 rounding out the scoring. Both races claimed several DNF victories, and the Bears did well to keep both of their scoring trios intact.

Meanwhile, down in the valley, the nordic team found itself trying to figure what wax would best stick to ice and mud. Coach Bill Yeo worked feverishly to come up with a winning combination, and he met with decent results. Nicole Robillard ’97 hammered her way to a 17th place finish in the 5K classic sprint. Andres Vogi ’97, a natural rainy-day skier, came up with a solid 37th, while rookie skier Jess Tallman ’99 scored third. The nordic men also managed to pull up a decent score. Nate Alsorbroom ’97 finished 40th in the 10K race, while Matt Klick ’98 came in 53rd and Dave Thomas ’00 finished 55th.

Friday’s four-event total left the Bears just behind Colby and St. Michael’s in the overall standings. Seeing this, alpine coach Pat “Tough Guy” Welch rallied his troops for Saturday’s slalom race, and the pineys pulled out a clutch effort to push the Bears past both teams in the final tally. Lodding came up with a stellar finish of 19th, followed by Amanda Newton ’00 in 37th and Okma in 47th. For the men, it was Ennemith, Newton and Hurley again, in 24th, 39th and 41st, respectively.

The piney’s strong performance loomed even larger when the nordic team’s best event, the freestyle race, was cancelled due to lack of snow. The race was held Sunday instead, and did not count in the overall scoring. Still, the nordic squad fired up for a strong team effort. Robillard again finished among the elite in 15th, with Sarah Holmberg ’97 rock solid in 41st. Kathyn “Fruit Leather” Sodalski ’01 skied her best race of the season to finish third for the Bears. In the men’s race, Alsorbroom was 34th, while Thomas and fellow first-year Mike Johnson flashed their potential, finishing 40th and 43rd, respectively. Dependable Doug Bruce ’97 closed out his collegiate career with one of his best races ever, a 41st place finish.

These races marked the season’s end for all but one Bowdoinian; Robillard’s season-long qualification has earned her the NCAA Championships for the third year in a row. One of the most consistent skiers in the East, Robillard will again have the chance to test herself against the best in the nation.

For the rest of the team, the season came to a successful close, with Bowdoin’s best overall finish in four years of Division I racing. The team has established itself as one of the up-and-coming programs in the East. With Yeo and Welch at the helm, Bowdoin skiing is poised to reach new heights in the future.

Bears-Mules rematch looks to take rivalry to the next level

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averaging 19.1 points and 7.0 rebounds per game, playing most of the season with a fractured orbital bone. He is also shooting 51 percent from the floor, placing him second behind Ed Sullivan. Whipple’s phenomenal play has earned him a spot on the second team All-Maine squad, joining Sullivan with this prestigious honor.

Lurking in the shadows of his two superstar teammates, Suidut has been a force to be reckoned with this year. The 6’6” power forward is third on the team with a 12.1 scoring average and is tied with Whipple for the team lead with 7.0 boards per game. What has been most remarkable about Suidut this season is his shooting percentage. His has connected on 50.5 percent of his field goal attempts, despite taking many 10-15 foot jumpers.

His impressive outside shooting has made it extremely difficult for most opposing centers to guard him. This was very evident against Colby on Feb. 5, when Suidut hit several clutch shots from the baseline to bring the Bears back from their second half deficit. He, along with small forward David Lovely ’99, will need to come up big again tomorrow afternoon, as the Mules seem intent on taking Rowley out of the game.

“The last time we played,” Gibb岳le exclaims, “they doubled Chad every time he got the ball. It seems to have worked for them, so I have no reason to think that they won’t try it again. As a result, we will probably go with ‘97, like Ed and Dave to step up and get some big points for us.”

Although he has been relatively quiet in the past few games, Lovely was huge in the team’s most recent defeat at the hands of the Mules. The sophomore sensation hit all 10 of his three-point attempts on his way to a 16-point performance. In addition to his stellar shooting, he took full advantage of his first career start in Waterville by taunting and then silencing the crowd on several occasions. The White Mules will most definitely keep a close eye on number 31 tomorrow afternoon.

With a trip to the NCAA Tournament on the horizon, the Bears feel that his squad is poised to do battle. “We’ve had a great week of practice,” he said. “The entire team has worked hard and has remained focused. The second team has really been giving the starters a good workout (in scrimmages). Guys like Danny (LeBlanc ’97), Steve (Xanthopoulos ’97), Wil Smith ’00 and Dan (McKinnon ’98) have been playing with a lot of enthusiasm which has raised the entire team’s level of play.”

In addition to the obvious playoff implications, tomorrow’s game will be a very special one for several players. Rowley, Whipple, Suidut, Le Blanc, Xanthopoulos and point guard Justin Maitava ’97 could very well be playing their final game in front of the home crowd, especially if the team moves on to the Big Dance. These six seniors have helped the Polar Bears reach several milestones, including the first ever 19-win season and NCAA Tournament appearance last year. With a victory over Colby tomorrow and a rivalry win in the tourney, they would achieve the first 20-win season in Bowdoin men’s basketball history.

Although Rorie’s points to reach second on the Bears’ all-time scoring list, while Whipple needs just two rebounds to become only the seventh player in Bowdoin College history to score 1000 points and grab 500 boards.

Interestingly enough, the first player to ever accomplish this feat for Bowdoin, Dick Whitmore, will be in attendance. In fact, he will be roaming the sidelines as Colby’s head coach. The extremely vocal Whitmore has a history of verbally attacking players and officials in an effort to draw attention away from his team, thus eliminating the distractions of an opposing gym. How he will react to Whipple’s impending accomplishment is anyone’s guess, but it should prove to be quite interesting.

There have been few athletic contests this year that have warranted this kind of attention. Whether or not you are a basketball fan is irrelevant. It’s Bowdoin versus Colby. A trip to the NCAA Championship Tournament almost certainly awaits the winner. This is what rivalry is all about. Do not miss this opportunity to remind Colby which school is indeed the best. It’s payback time.

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Men’s track set for ECAC’s

CATLIN O’CONNOR
STAFF WRITER

Last weekend, the Bowdoin men’s track team got a taste of Division I competition at the Open New England Championships at Boston University. The meet, which showcased top athletes from Division I, II and III, was grueling for the Bears, for there were trials and finals for most events including the 800, the 1000 and the mile. One Polar Bear who knew how to take the fast paced trials and finals in stride was first-year Chris Downe. Downe, by far the most successful Bowdoin athlete at the meet, was the only one to place in the top six of any event. Downe won his heat in the trials of the 400 in 50.13 seconds. His powerful running style did not tighten up after trials, however, as he sprinted his way to All New England honors with a fourth place finish in 50.16 seconds. Not only was Downe the top first-year, but the only Division III athlete to finish in the top six of that event.

Although Downe was the only one to score for the Polar Bears, other athletes did manage to hold their own. Ben Beach ’97 had to deal with two fast paced miles in two days. In the qualifying rounds, Beach looked strong with his third place effort in 4:17.46, less than three seconds behind All-American hopeful Matt Twietmeyer of Bates. In the finals, Beach showed fatigue from his impressive race the day before and placed ninth in 4:20.74. James Johnson ’97, still recovering from illness, placed ninth in the 5000 with a time of 15:17.18. In the relays, Bowdoin placed 13th in the distance medley in 10:36.89, and 11th in the 4 x 800 in 7:55.93.

The men will return to Boston University this weekend, but under different circumstances. The Bears hope that the ECAC championships, the final meet of the season, will be much more successful for them than were the Open New Englands. More Polar Bears hope to find themselves in the top six this weekend as they battle against the top Division III teams on the East Coast.

Congratulations to swimming Co-captain Kate Miller ’97, whose outstanding performance in the New Englands last weekend qualified her for Nationals in the 100 yard butterfly. (Adam Zimman/ Bowdoin Orient)
Men's Basketball

Bowdoin, Colby ready to rock

It all comes down to one last game, and guess who's standing between the Bears and the NCAA Tournament.

Chris Buck
Sports Editor

On Nov. 9, the Colby football team trounced Bowdoin by a score of 39-15, thus ruining what should have been a 500-season for the Polar Bears. On Dec. 4, the Colby men's ice hockey team defeated Bowdoin 5-4 for the White Mules' first win in Dayton Arena since March 1, 1986. On Jan. 28, Colby's hockey team completed a sweep of the Polar Bears with a 5-1 thrashing in Waterville. Bowdoin athletes and fans are fed up.

Tomorrow afternoon, it's payback time. At 3 p.m. in Morrill Gymnasium, Bowdoin fans will have one last chance to get crazy when the Bowdoin men's basketball team hosts the Colby White Mules in the last regular season game for both teams. As if the two schools needed any motivation other than their long-standing rivalry, a trip to the NCAA Division III Championship Tournament could be on the line. Colby is currently ranked fifth in the NCAA East poll, while the Polar Bears are ranked seventh. Barringer any major upset in the local tournaments throughout the NCAA East this week, a win should guarantee a bid to the Big

Men's Hockey

So long Trinity; bring on the Ephs

Faced with a two-goal deficit half way through their preliminary ECAC playoff game, the men's hockey team fought back to claim the 5-3 victory.

Deb Satter
Staff Writer

Neither drama nor suspense were lacking in Bowdoin College's 5-3 victory over Trinity College in the first round of the ECAC tournament Wednesday night.

The Bowdoin men's ice hockey team stepped onto the ice at Dayton Arena having dropped their last three contests, including a 5-4 decision to Trinity less than two weeks ago. This time, however, the Bears were able to fight back twice from two-goal deficits to take the victory in the final period.

The win against Trinity advances the seventh-seeded Polar Bears into the quarterfinals of the ECAC tournament tomorrow at Williamsford where they will go up against the second-seeded Ephs of Williams College.

Number 20 Jed Sheehan '00 races a solo pass past the Trinity goalie to tie the game at three in the second period of Wednesday night's game. (Adam Zimmal/Bowdoin Orient)

The Polar Bears' play in the first period against Trinity was reminiscent of a stuttering car in need of a jump start. In contrast, Trinity was clearly ready to play from the initial whistle, as they scored two goals within the first seven minutes of the game.

Finally, at 16:22 of the first period, the Bowdoin attack was able to make something happen. Chris King '99 one-timed a pass from Robert Starke '99 past the Trinity goalie to cut the Bantam's lead to 2-1. Starke would eventually finish the game with three assists.

Things didn't look much better for the Polar Bears at the beginning of the second stanza. Less than five minutes into the period, Trinity scored a shorthanded breakaway goal to take a 3-1 lead.

At that point, Bowdoin finally put a game into high gear. The Bears not only shut Trinity down for the remainder of the contest, but scored four unanswered goals to clinch the 5-3 victory. Kevin Zicka '97 scored the game winner with 6:10 left in the third period.

Co-captain Andrew Poska '97 sealed the team's date in Williamsford with an empty-net goal with less than a minute remaining in the game.

Junior forward Stewart Strawbridge scored the goal that started the Polar Bear 4-0 run in the second period. He was assisted by Poska and Starke. Also scoring a goal in the onslaught was Jed Sheehan '00 on a pass from Jared Pfeiffer '99.

Bowdoin's record on the season now stands at 13-11. The Polar Bears came into this game after an extremely disappointing weekend which saw them drop two contests to lower ranked clubs. On Friday, Bowdoin traveled to UMass-Boston where they were shutout 3-0. The Polar Bear's play Saturday was no better as Baldwin skated to a 4-1 victory.

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BOWDOIN ORIENT SPORTS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1997
The Commission on Residential Life’s Interim Report, unanimously approved by the trustees, has not been received as well by the student body.

EMILY CHURCH
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the Commission on Residential Life’s Interim Report on Saturday, but it faces a tough sell on campus, where students voice discontent with the Report’s findings and skepticism about the workability of the new house system.

The Trustees approved Saturday morning the Commission’s report in principle and endorsed four recommendations: the “Philosophy of Residential Life” that broadly outlines the values of the envisioned community, a building program that includes the renovation of Wentworth Hall and the construction of space for 250 new beds, the phasing out of the College’s eight remaining fraternities and the creation of a house system associated with the first-year brick dorms.

The last two proposals—the eventual abolition of fraternities and the structure of the house system—have drawn considerable criticism. Students are also discontented with the degree to which many feel the Report takes away their ability to choose their own housing and social arrangements. In addition, many members of the minority community believe the report does not reflect their input.

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Other Board members concurred. Board Chairman Fred Thorne ‘57 noted that the Board had to consider the future of Bowdoin before it could consider the future of fraternities. He also noted, however, that while the final vote was unanimous, there was a great deal of initial skepticism on the part of many Board members, more than 80 percent of whom are former fraternity members themselves.

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Fraternity situation not without precedent

Several other liberal arts colleges have endured the abolition of fraternities with varying degrees of difficulty.

Meg Sullivan Editor in Chief

While many students were surprised at the Board of Trustees' decision to phase out fraternities, Bowdoin's situation is not unique among small, liberal arts institutions. Over the past two decades, other colleges have taken similar actions and overcome early controversy to accept and value their non-Greek social environments.

Ben Lieber, dean of students at Amherst College, explained that its Board of Trustees voted to discontinue the College's association in 1993. At that time, the majority of students, 70 percent of whom were fraternity members, objected to the decision because they felt the administration was "taking away a system that they had come to expect." A group of students even staged a hunger strike to protest the change in policy.

At Hamilton College, director of student activities, said that when residential fraternities were abolished two years ago, members went through a grieving process. He added, however, that "we have tried to channel their anger and frustration into various committees" which were looking into the implementation of a new plan. Still, she said, "two years into it, it's still a hot topic.

At Bowdoin, some members have expressed a similar sense of indignation which has been manifested in a defiance of the College's plans for their houses. If the College were to go ahead with plans to purchase the fraternities to be used as part of the new College House system, some houses say that they will refuse to sell their houses to Bowdoin.

Roland Christie Jr., the treasurer of Kappa Delta Theta's alumni association, quoted yesterday's Portland Press Herald as saying that, "The initial reaction was, 'Hell no', and they're not going to do this. This is a violation of our traditions and right to donate to a charity.' Similarly, members and alumni of Alpha Delta Phi have been particularly vocal about not allowing their house to be turned over for Bowdoin's "good use." All know we're going to fight. We do not want our house sold to the College.

Erica Seng '99 feels that the house itself belongs to the alumni, many of whom "come back to visit people in the house." Seng is fearful that "if the house migrates to Bowdoin and all the time, she'll find a lot of people who have nothing to do with the house that I joined.'

For the most part, the houses do have the ability to prohibit any College ownership. Unlike the situations at many colleges, Bowdoin's individual house corporations own both the house and property on which it rests and except for the case of Delta Sigma, over which the College has the right of first refusal, the house corporations have the power to decide the fate of each house. According to Secretary of the College's Management Bill Gardiner, if the College were to decide to purchase the houses, "It comes down to the College and each fraternity trying to work out some arrangement with respect to their future.

In contrast, all of the Colby fraternities and many of those at Hamilton were owned by their respective colleges, making the transition from fraternity to residence hall a smoother one.

Other colleges, however, have faced legal issues regarding the Administration's right to disband the frats. At Hamilton, where the trustees instituted a "non-residential fraternity system" in March 1985, four of the organizations filed suit against the College under the Sherman Anti-Trust Act alleging that the College had monopolized eating and dining arrangements at the college. While a United States district court judge dismissed the suit, the appeal is still pending.

According to Middlebury College's Director of Communications Phil Benton, a 1990 Board of Trustees decision prohibiting single-sex social organizations likewise resulted in a lawsuit by Delta Kappa Epsilon challenging the College's decision. A Vermont court later upheld the College's ruling.

At Colby two separate lawsuits involved fraternities which challenged the school's power to restrict their freedom of association. The second suit involving a chapter of Zeta Psi, which was appealed to the Maine Supreme Court, ended in a ruling that upheld the College's decision to prohibit any fraternity activity and dismiss students found engaging in such behavior. Unlike the language of the Bowdoin Report, Colby did not attempt to bar membership in such organizations.

Bowdoin's situation is somewhat unique in that the majority of students are members of the Associated Collegiate Rivalry League, a non-Greek organization with national and international affiliations. Students outside the Tower protested what they felt was a lack of communication between students and the Administration.

Kim Schneider Assistant News Editor

Students, faculty, and staff lined the path to Colen Tower wearing armbands, displaying posters and passing out pamphlets during a silent demonstration on Friday, Feb. 28, at 2 p.m. as the Board of Trustees convened in Daggett Lounge.

Members of the Board entering the Tower faced students on either side of the path, many holding placards made the night before at the Women's Resource Center and Runsworm Center. Each poster carried a different message, including, "Since when is it radical to want to talk?"; "Silence = Violence;" "Everything is not okay" and "Apathy is death.

Copies of the open letter to the Board of Trustees, written by the demonstration's organizers, were distributed to the grasping trustees. The letter was also available to students at the Women's Resource Center and at the Smith Union Information desk.

The letter condemned "the silence which permeates this campus, including but not limited to issues of race, gender, sexuality, violence against women and the climate for international students. It also called for the establishment of a monthly Bowdoin town meeting that would "address the concerns of the community with an open forum for those community members who do not feel that they are represented in the decision-making bodies of the College." Accompanying the letter was a sheet for students to sign to show their support for the sentiments expressed.

Claire Wilson '97, one of the organizers of the event, estimated that 150 students attended the demonstration and 500 signed the sheet accompanying the letter.

Meg Hall '97, another organizer, said the demonstration was designed "to break the silence that surrounds the campus."

"This college acts like a big dysfunctional family," added Wilson. When asked about the wide variety of issues raised, Hall explained that the demonstration sought to explore "anything that concerns students and our lives."

Wilson cited "visibility" as the key reason for scheduling the demonstration to coincide with the meeting of the trustees, saying, "We decided we needed to do this while the Gov. Please see DEMONSTRATION, page 5

Beyond the Bowdoin Bubble by Greg Arend '98

If you haven't heard the national political news, you might assume that nothing affecting the college was not newsworthy. But if you don't want to hear what's going on, you might assume that nothing affecting the college was not newsworthy.

On Friday, February 28th, the school board met at the Colby dining hall to make a decision on a protest held by the students calling for more representation in the administration. This came after a successful protest held by students on the same day in support of their right to choose their own living arrangement. The move came after the school board decided after waffling on the issue to continue investigating. While the university claims to be in favor of student representation, the school board has been considerably skeptical. As a report of its 1991 review to balance the quality of information delivered by the college's press, the CTA has announced the limitation of 100 foreign aids, a result of the university's attempt to balance the quality of information delivered by the college's press. In response, the CTA has announced the limitation of 100 foreign aids, a result of the university's attempt to balance the quality of information delivered by the college's press. In response, the CTA has announced the limitation of 100 foreign aids, a result of the university's attempt to balance the quality of information delivered by the college's press. In response, the CTA has announced the limitation of 100 foreign aids, a result of the university's attempt to balance the quality of information delivered by the college's press.
College approaches end of reaccreditation

BETH HUSTED
STAFF WRITER

An evaluation team appointed by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges came to Bowdoin this year to conduct interviews with students, staff and faculty, and to view the campus. This accreditation process, beginning with the College evaluating itself through an intensive self-study, occurs every ten years. The new 1997 evaluation was performed and the team’s evaluation expressed many of the same concerns.

Overall, the team was impressed with Bowdoin, citing improvements since 1986 like a more engaged faculty, a financial turn-around, a new unicursal Board of Trustees, more equitable policies, a special location and a more diverse admissions picture.

Yet the team is in the belief needed some improvement as well.

The team noticed that “residential life now plays a somewhat anomalous role in students’ developmental development. Indeed, living on campus is not particularly important to them.”

Beitz explained that the self-study involved interviews with over 100 students, as well as faculty and staff. “There was no question in any of those interviews that the residential life program was suffering from a lack of coherent thought.”

The team is led by Professor of Sociology Craig McEwen, took in an in depth look at residential life, and laid the groundwork for the changes to occur in the coming years.

The report the Task Force wrote appears in Part II of the commission’s report, and ended with the team that the desire of life to live on campus hindered a community feeling, as students seemed to move further away as employed to purchase alcohol.

Although the legal barriers to under age drinking complicates the College’s task in this area, the Residential Life Commission will need to address the alcohol policy more thoroughly in its final report.

IMPACT ON TUTION AND ALUMNI GIVING
A major question raised by the ambitious plans for new construction and renovation on campus is who will foot the bill.

The first phase of construction and renovation alone will cost an estimated $11-12 million further work planned over the next six to seven years. According to Donald R. Kurtz, '52, the chair of the Commission on Residential Life, the new construction will be tuition-neutral, “We believe that the funding will be handled through funds on hand and through borrowing. This will have no impact on tuition beyond the normal pressures [inflation, etc.] that effect tuition.”

In fact, the money for the renovation the first yearbrick dorms was borrowed in 1991. The Commission feels that since the College was going to end up spending at least $5 million in the next few years on maintenance of the campus’s aging physics plant, it should do it as part of a plan. “If we’re going to spend the money, we should do so in a way that is consistent with a long-term philosophy,” said Kurtz.

In addition to limiting the impact on tuition, the team recommended that the College’s long-term goals be addressed through a balanced budget and responsibility using the College’s $300 million endowment.

One other area of concern is the potential drop-off in alumni contributions from former students who are angry over the banning of their fraternities. However, William A. Torrey, vice president for development and college relations, is confident that any reduction in alumni giving will be minimal, “My sense is that single issues, no matter what they are, don’t substantially change alumni giving at small colleges. What we need to do is educate some of what we’re doing over and over and over again… Ultimately, people support the College.”

CONCERNS OF MINORITY GROUPS
One unanswered question in the interim plan involves the lack of detail in the plans for the College to address issues of minority inclusiveness in the new residential life system.

This oversight is likely a reflection of the Commission’s hesitance to address any issues in its draft report that might distract the trustees from the core recommendations involving fraternities and the new social house system. However, it was this subject that produced some of the most vocal and least anticipated student opposition to the report.

Rejection over the omission stems from a lack of communication by the Commission. Although extensive input from various minority communities representing every ethnic group was sought and received by the Commission, the fruits of these consultations were not included, nor explicitly in the report issued last week.

Had the Commission made an effort to reassure these groups that their concerns were being addressed in the final version of the report, due to be presented to the trustees at the end of the initial outrage over the report’s silence on this subject could have been prevented.

CHANGES IN STUDENT GOVERNMENT
A little talked about, but extremely important aspect of the planned College’s new residential life system is the discussion of a new form of representative student government. The report suggests that, as part of the planned system, student representatives should be elected from each social house, as opposed to the current at-large system of elections.

According to Hiram Hamilton, chair of the Student Senate’s executive board and senior class and student representative to the Commission on Residential Life, the current system leaves many groups on campus without representation.

In the proposed system, representatives are made up of students that are elected by their faculty. These student leaders would represent a well defined constituency instead of the student body as a whole, allowing them to focus on issues of concern to the student groups.

The report notes, “The Commission is aware that the idea of student self-governance is a difficult and complex matter, and is certainly not without its opponents within the College community.”

“We are trying to get the College’s future student leaders to become involved in the very beginning stages of this process, before the students set up the structure,” said Beitz.

The student’s main concern was, “We feel very good about this...”

So far, a lot of the teachers and students that have been involved have been a little upset, but they are learning and willing to listen, said Beitz.

Indeed, much work was done on this subject, and the Commission is not quite ready to make a decision on the best form of student government. However, the Commission is certainly gathering a lot of useful input from both faculty and students.

Beitz added, “We do not feel at all fully included in the commission.”

The team said it was “grateful at the visiting team called attention to these issues,” because they believe it would “focus and accelerate the efforts that have already started.”

The efforts of the College according to Beitz include “the formulation and implementation of the sexual harassment policy.” Additionally, it cited the recent recommendations of the Residential Life Commission as a positive step toward gender equality on campus.

The recommendation, said Beitz “was raised very much by the gender differences of fraternity life and the reports of mistreatment of women in the fraternity system. That is an important way of rethinking the concern to the concerns of one of the important issues at Bowdoin.”

The team was especially impressed with the unusually committed faculty. “The comments, on the academic program, on the whole, were very encouraging.”

Yet the team was concerned with the increasing number of large classes. Beitz said he shared this concern. Additionally the team’s report stated, “Academic departments may be too autonomous, reflected in the demands they make on students.”

Beitz echoed this as well, saying he had “difficulty with the lack of connection of the curriculum as a whole and an institutional understanding of the goals, mission and mission areas of the College.”

One more area the team felt very strongly about was the current drinking problem on campus; Beitz called it “a real problem.”

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**Pickard Theater prepares for facelift**

**Michael Melia
NEWS EDITOR**

*As a part of the ongoing Capital Campaign, the College is interviewing a series of five firms this spring to review their bid for the Pickard Theatre renovations.*

At this stage in the process, the selection committee has acquired the credentials of the potential architects, their past experience and their ability to adapt to the specific requirements of the Torrey cost. The Capital Campaign projects that the collaborative design preparation process between the College and the architect will last from April of 1998 with a project completion date of mid-summer 1999 at the cost of approximately $22 million.

The selection committee, which saw presentations from four of the five firms today in the Main Lounges at Moulton Union, assesses the architects' potential to remediate the theater's inadequacies while meeting the needs of the theater's many functions as well as possible.

A Bowdoin College Theater Study, made by Atis Bowman Associates, generally listed the main elements of the programmatic goals as maintaining the traditional theater with a capacity as close to 600 as possible, improving the 100 person capacity CHQ experimental theater so that it can be used simultaneously with the main proscenium stage, providing adequate support for both stages as well as including rehearsal facilities which may double as teaching spaces.

The selection committee is made up of Dean of Academic Affairs and Chairs, Charles Beitz, Director of Facilities Management William Gardiner, Assistant Professor of Theater and Dance Daniel Kramer, Associate Professor of Theater and Dance June Vail, Associate Professor of Music Robert Greenlee, Blythe Edwards, Technical Director of Theater Michael Schiff-Yeom, Vice President for Development and College Relations William Torrey and Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs Kathleen O'Connor.

The outdated theater, which was designed in 1955 by Kim, Mead and White, needs to be replaced to comply with both OSHA and ADA regulations. The more necessary improvements which need to be made in the areas of hard and soft acoustics, ventilation, seating and electrical wiring are also needed, according to Gardiner, "for the theater to increase its academic utility, but will be implemented if the Maine State Music Theater, with whom they share the theater over the summer, will support the cost.

As the panel begins selecting an architect, Torrey states, "We're in general agreement that we want a place for theater at Bowdoin that will serve the academic needs at Bowdoin and secondly offers a large gathering place.

Pickard is currently the College's largest area of assembly, and most doubt the theater's potential to fully meet all of its functions.

**Latin honors reforms**

**Christopher P. Hourigan
STAFF WRITER**

In an effort to restore the distortion and simplification that is the term of graduating with honors (summa cum laude, magna cum laude and cum laude), the faculty passed the Reording Committee's recommendation of a series of amendments to the current system, which would take effect for the class of 1999.

As it currently stands, awarding honors is based on performance during the student's final four semesters, and the specific guidelines are as follows: cum laude (at least 75 percent of a student's grades must be A's or B's, and there must be two As for each C); magna cum laude (a student must fulfill the requirement for cum laude and also have at least 50 percent As in addition to the As which balance the C's); summa cum laude (at least 70 percent of a student's grades must be A's and the balance Bs). Under this system, 57.4 percent of the class of 1996 graduated with some form of honors with nearly one in seven receiving summa cum laude status, according to a report published by the recording committee.

In response to these figures, Franklin Burroughs, professor of English and chair of the recording committee, explained, "When you have close to 60 percent of a class graduating cum laude, magna cum laude or summa cum laude, receiving Latin Honors no longer carries the same level of distinction. Furthermore, those students who are not awarded honors are placed in a minority and may feel that they are almost graduating with dis-honor.

In addition to resulting in a disproportionately large number of degrees awarded with high honors, this system is also "highly complex and inconsistent,"Burroughs mentioned.

"Unscalable for a student to receive 31 As and one D in the first semester of his sophomore year and graduate with no honors, as the guidelines clearly stipulate that no one who receives a "D" or "F" during his final six semesters at Bowdoin in the spring. Because of such qualifications, the committee hears a number of appeals every year in May from students who believe that they deserve some distinction or a higher level of distinction than they were granted. This process wastes too many people's time and demonstrates the inefficiency of the current system."

In order to eradicate such difficulties, the recording committee proposed the following changes. Latin honors are based on the average of all Bowdoin grades (GPA) with a minimum number of 16 credits required for the computation, and grades will be converted to a four-point scale (A=4; F=0). For summa cum laude, a student must have a GPA greater than or equal to 3.85; for magna cum laude, between 3.7 and 3.85; and for cum laude, between 3.5 and 3.7.

"The goal here is to have about 30 percent of each class graduating with Latin Honors (50 percent magna cum laude, 10 percent with magna cum laude, and 15 percent with cum laude). We believe that this new system, because it involves simple arithmetic, is easier to work with and more flexible. We can adjust it for grade inflation as well by shifting the GPA requirements such that we keep the number of Latin Honors recipients around 30 percent, though this figure is certainly not set in stone," explained Burroughs.

"Students interested in applying for the Recording Committee during the year for grade inflation. According to Burroughs, there is no greater concern with grade inflation at Bowdoin."

Although presented as an issue separate from the discussion of grade inflation, Professor John Holt's request that the college consider adding the grades A+, B+, C+ to the current grading system set off further debate on the topic.

"My proposal was that we adopt a grading system that is more precise—especially at the B-level—and more fair to students; I did intend for the question of grade inflation to be included here," Holt said.

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Board’s visit proves productive

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NEWS EDITOR

Although much of last weekend’s trustee meetings focused on changes in residential life at Bowdoin, budget issues, curriculum and hiring were also among the items discussed.

Last Thursday, members of the Junior Class spoke at Board meetings. "A lot of kids," which provided students the opportunity to discuss career paths in business, law, social sciences and the arts with trustees working in these fields.

An informal meeting, organized by Marvin Rogers ’97, Herlande Rosemond ’97 and Natalie Rodney ’99 for former and current African-American trustees, alumni and students was also held. The meeting was designed to "break down the barriers between students and the faculty," these informal luncheons gave trustees and professors an opportunity to talk about the "quality of life," the issues of financial aid and admissions policies for minority students.

Several of the Board also met with professors in the government, chemistry and Romance Languages departments. Designed to "break down the barriers between students and the faculty," these informal luncheons gave trustees and professors an opportunity to talk about the "quality of life," the issues of financial aid and admissions policies for minority students.

On Friday, Dean for Academic Affairs Charles Beitz, College Librarian Sherrie McLaughlin and Biology, Chemistry, and Psychology Carey Phillips gave a presentation to the board on how technology is changing teaching and the role of the college. Discussion of the Residential Life Interim Report followed this presentation. On Saturday, at a meeting of the Board of Trustees, the report, the College’s budget for next year was officially approved. Tuition, room (excluding apartment housing) and board costs were set at $29,020 dollars for 1997-1998 academic year. The operating budget of the College was tagged at $68,625,000. The progress of the New Century Campaign was also noted: $85,7 million has been raised and campaign directives need an additional $25-30 million to reach the goal of $113 million by December 31, 1998.

The main objective of the Campaign, according to the Board of Trustees, is "to strengthen the academic program." $20.5 million is going towards construction and renovation of biology, chemistry, geology and environmental studies departments’ construction and renovation.

Silent protest greets board

"The idea of the town meeting came at one of the meetings of the organizers as a "forum where issues could be addressed" and the College administration directly responsible," said Wilson.

"It’s Pistone ‘99 participated in the demonstration because it was ‘one of the things I can do to voice an opinion,’ she said. "The Trustees didn’t go to town meeting; they need to know what’s going on.""

"They [the Administration] pick and choose which of these issues are raised and come back with recommendations," he said. The administration does intend to discuss the issues raised at the demonstration. "The silent protest has put into play a number of questions," said Menereau, adding, "There need to be some follow-up. [...] We take the issues raised in the silent protest with great seriousness."

Specifically, the idea of the "town meeting" was a major topic of the weekly senior staff meeting on Tuesday, March 4. Menereau estimates that an hour and a half of the two and a half hour meeting was spent tackling the issue. The President added that Craig Bradley, Dean of Student Affairs, "will be working up a response" to the letter by which will probably go to the New York Times or students at the College to summarize concerns.

Bradley announced at the discussion on race at Bowdoin Wednesday night that the College will indeed begin holding monthly town meetings.

Sociology and anthropology inaugurate student conferences

CAROLYN SAGES
STAFF WRITER

A new Bowdoin tradition was started on Saturday in the form of the First Annual Sociology and Anthropology Student Conference. Twenty students presented papers on minor or major in the discipline presented papers at the conference, which lasted all day.

The first session was an exhibit which included the second and third group of papers presented during the conference, then the third presented papers on race and ethnicity and the final session of the conference presented social status and the quality of life.

According to Lelia De Andre, student assistant, and conference organizer, the conference was born out of a desire to "share research with students" because of the feeling of the department that "students don’t get a chance, formally, to hear what is going on in other classes."

In that respect the conference was a complete success according to Lisa Dubov ’97, a panelist at the first session who felt that the conference was interesting because "you hardly hear what other students are doing in class."

In each session, the panelists presented their papers and were followed by a president who spoke about the general themes that encompassed all of the papers in that session. While there were common themes in the sessions, the papers varied greatly in length and specific subject. Topics ranged from the integration of outsiders into the Bowdoin community and the ties between handicapped and youth homicide rates to gender depiction in such popular television shows as Roseanne and Blossom.

De Andre said that the department hopes to offer this conference, which was funded by the Sociology Research Fund, again next year at which point it might be opened up to students from Bates and Colby Colleges.

Edward’s delivers ‘State of the College’ Address

JEB PHILLIPS
STAFF WRITER

President Robert Edwards focused on the theme of improving Bowdoin’s internal community as well as strengthening the College’s relationship with the larger community of Brunswick in a speech to the Town Council on Monday, March 3.

In his third annual “State of the College” address, Edwards briefly outlined the concerns and conclusions expressed in the Interim Report of The Commission on Residential Life for the Council and said that he believes “there are many grounds for cooperation with the town of Brunswick in the new plan.”

Politically the most pressing issue between the town and the College will be the proposed construction of new residence halls within the next five to seven years. The Interim Report suggests that the College needs at least 250 additional beds to guarantee housing to all students. Last year, the school withdrew a request to build a new dormitory on College-owned space on Longfellow Avenue because of citizen’s concerns and new zoning restrictions.

The Brunswick Town Council will hold a public discussion of zoning regulations affecting Bowdoin on Thursday, March 14 at 7 p.m. in the municipal meeting facility on Maine Street.

Several members of Alpha Delta Phi attended President Edwards’s address wearing “hands band” to mourn the passing of important Bowdoin traditions. Immediately following the address, the council invited a representative of AD to voice any concerns he might have.
clear, the task of the Commission between now and May, when the final version of its report is to be presented to the trustees, is to fill in the gaps and create a detailed plan that is ready to be turned over for implementation to the administration.

Student involvement in drafting the final report

Student involvement in this phase still has the potential to have a major impact on the finished product. However, one barrier to positive and effective student involvement is uncertainty over exactly what has been absolutely settled on by the Commission and what is still up for debate.

The question of random assignment of first-year students to social houses provides an excellent example of this problem. Some Commission members have said that this issue had been settled, while others say that it is still on the table. If students are to express their opinions, they first need to know what subject is up for debate. Bradley is not willing to listen to debate on, and what subjects are, effectively closed to further input.

Why focus on residential life?

It may trouble some people that the College places so much emphasis on the social structures, both tangible and organizational, on campus. These people may ask why the College has decided to make residential life its highest financial priority instead of devoting further resources to the improvement of educational and faculty resources.

The answer is simple. Increasingly, Bowdoin finds itself lumped into a comparison group of other, similar, small colleges. Students who consider Bowdoin are directed by magazines and college guidebooks to a whole group of comparable schools.

On the second page of the Commission's report, the need to become more like other campuses, as far as residential life is concerned, is said to be important because failing to do so would put us at a growing comparative disadvantage in attracting talented students to Bowdoin.

Some students and organizations and assessments struggle to measure the true educational quality of each institution. However, they argue, Bowdoin has trouble making a name for itself, its campus housing, and social structures. This creates a situation where Bowdoin's target market of students tends to choose which college to attend not on the basis of educational quality, but based instead on the design of their college's residential system, the respective layouts of their campus housing, and the size of each school's social scene. It's no surprise that Bowdoin, with its emphasis on smallness, full-color guidebooks.

It is not a question of whether Bowdoin needs to take steps to improve residential life. That's a residential college and the right kind of campus life is central to the College's educational mission. The question is whether the issue is one that is important enough to warrant the high financial priority it has been given. And the answer is no. That question will not be known for some years.

Students take issue with findings of report

RESPONSE, from page 3

The report itself is based on three months of intensive discussions with all campus constituencies and it reflects the need of the greatest number of students, many of whom feel disenfranchised and alienated from the Bowdoin community. Members also note that the Commission finished the report in February without an opportunity for further student input.

"We aimed to get the report endorsed now in principle, so we could get together with students and faculty... and learn in terms of implementation what will really enhance your experience," said Bradley.

Commission Chairman Dan Kent, "specifically asked and stated that in the months to come the Commission is "seeking the advice, counsel and participation of students and others in the community."

"But Bradley is currently accepting letters of intent from students interested in participating in an ad hoc committee that will help in the implementation process of the new house system."

Choice

Another factor contributing to the student body's objections to the Commission's report is the perceived lack of choice in the new system. The word "choice" has been a buzzword in recent Commission discussions. It relates not only to the closing of fraternities, but the proposed College Housing system as well.

Many students are skeptical that a system based on random assignment will create a sense of community. The proposed housing plan would associate students living in the brick dorms with a "College House" to which they would have a stronger attachment for their entire college career.

Sims believes that with these recommendation, students may feel pressured to socialize being away from home.

"The College can assign students to a specific house, he said, there is no guarantee that the house will provide enough interest because students aren't allowed to choose where they want to belong. "They set up this model that says students will belong to a house before they step on campus. How do you have ownership over that house if you've never seen it?"

Sims adds that the "universities" at the forum place so much emphasis on the social structures, both tangible and organizational, on campus. These students may ask why the College has decided to make residential life its highest financial priority instead of devoting further resources to the improvement of educational and faculty resources.

The answer is simple. Increasingly, Bowdoin finds itself lumped into a comparison group of other, similar, small colleges. Students who consider Bowdoin are directed by magazines and college guidebooks to a whole group of comparable schools.

On the second page of the Commission's report, the need to become more like other campuses, as far as residential life is concerned, is said to be important because failing to do so would put us at a growing comparative disadvantage in attracting talented students to Bowdoin.

Some students and organizations and assessments struggle to measure the true educational quality of each institution. However, they argue, Bowdoin has trouble making a name for itself, its campus housing, and social structures. This creates a situation where Bowdoin's target market of students tends to choose which college to attend not on the basis of educational quality, but based instead on the design of their college's residential system, the respective layouts of their campus housing, and the size of each school's social scene. It's no surprise that Bowdoin, with its emphasis on smallness, full-color guidebooks.

It is not a question of whether Bowdoin needs to take steps to improve residential life. That's a residential college and the right kind of campus life is central to the College's educational mission. The question is whether the issue is one that is important enough to warrant the high financial priority it has been given. And the answer is no. That question will not be known for some years.

"We wanted to try not to disrupt the happy experience that people are having in their current frats, but to phase it out (safely)" he said.

"Number one, to continue to promote the values and to put all the events [that have been tradition] since the system was founded... the second role is to work with the College to help implement the new system."

Last Friday the African American Society held an alumni panel discussion in Smith Auditorium entitled "Building the Road to Success: Bowdoin's Legacy of Leadership." Geoffrey Canada '78 and George Khalilu '77, among others, spoke on a variety of topics including their experiences at Bowdoin. (Adam Zimmer/ Bowdoin Orient)
Support for Commission

The pages of this week's Orient's opinion section are filled with students voicing their objections to the College's use of authority in imposing the recommendations made by the Commission on Residential Life. While many of their arguments are valid, we feel compelled to speak for another group of students, perhaps even a silent majority, who welcome the findings of the Commission's report. Though not ideal, it likewise cannot be functionally rejected. A strong constituency on campus: the report represents an interim measure which, after some alterations, can offer the foundation of a healthy, reinvigorated community at Bowdoin.

Ager or disagree with its content, students have little basis on which to fault its preparation. The hardworking student, faculty and trustee volunteers who spent seven months interviewing students, visiting other colleges and gathering statistics must be commended. They began this process with no preset agenda at the behest of a community-wide desire to make this school a better place to live and learn. Students may not approve of its recommendations, but they need to acknowledge the Commission's effort to solicit and utilize student opinion. Similarly, while we might not support the means by which the decision was handed down, we must recognize that unfortuately the process is not a democracy, and the trustees believed they were acting in the best interests of the College.

However, though our community has learned much from the Commission during the past six days, it is clear that the report this Committee has compiled has proposed far more questions than answers. The Commission has failed to provide an adequate explanation for the omission of the concerns of minority students and the decision to address the issue of alcohol and related policies. Furthermore, the report lacks a clear picture of how the proposed College House system could be constructed so that it might appeal to a majority of students, let alone the prospect of building the recommendations of a new, more inclusive Bowdoin community.

Disrespect unprouctive

Sunday night's open forum represented a cartharsis for many in the Bowdoin community who feel trapped inside a system that is changing without their consent. Students who had just received the report--some had not read the recommendations in their entirety--and many reacted to the superficial details without considering the depth of analysis and discussion that went into drafting a document with such long-term, far-reaching consequences.

Anger is understandable. People are frustrated and there are few occasions when Bowdoin students get a chance to vent raw emotion to an audience on whom they hold some responsibility for the pain. What was inexcusable at the forum, however, was the total lack of civility. The disrespect shown by students towards the Commission members and towards one another was disheartening, especially as we embark upon a process that will necessitate open dialogue and compromise.

The Commission spent their entire weekend opening themselves to student questions. They met with student and alumnae/faculty leadership and spent seven hours during the weekend. On Saturday, organized the two-and-a-half hour forum on Sunday, and planned a follow-up forum for today. If, as some students allege, this was a hasty report meant as solely a rubber-stamp for an administrative plan, then surely the members would not be so willing to face the wrath of the student body.

The Commission's availability over the last seven months is why comments like "We're being rushed," "We're being squeezed," and "We're really care about what we want" are so offensive. Emotion is appropriate during a period of painful transition, but total disrespect for the efforts of people who sacrificed the much of the last six months to try to create a community that fosters respect is unfair.

As Professor of Sociology and Commission member Craig McEwen said at the forum, we urge the community to look past their current situations so individuals and families, and focus on the future. Yelling at the Commission, demanding redress and implying that the members drafted a report to try to force students into submission is not just unprouctive, but immature. We may be consumers, and we are all footing an enormous bill to attend this college, but that does not mean that each of our concerns or immediate needs will be incorporated into policy.

Respectful students should be able to express their opinions without fear of punishment. But the College going to do for me right now?" be proactive and become involved. If there is no program for students to shape the course of the College—in the short-run and in the future—it is now. This does not just imply serving on committees or speaking with members of the Administration, it means taking what is offered and making it work.

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Accept and move on

To the Editors,

Kindly add my name to the growing list of disenfranchised and disgruntled seniors and other students who will be little too happy to graduate from (or simply leave) Bowdoin. I wanted to register my vigorous dissent regarding the College’s recent recommendation to the Governing Boards [sic] that fraternities be closed. The College has, however, that the decision has been made and it will not be reversed, no matter how many students and alumni are displaced or dissatisfied as a result. (I wish I knew now, on this note that I sent to the Governing Boards [sic] or President Edwards speaks, student input no longer matters. We’ve been taught in college that lesson often enough to understand it by now, and I would argue that this lesson has been effective for students, at least in the way our college encouraged the now infamous “Bowdoin apathy.”)

I am not going to bother criticizing the elements of the decision, as much as I would like to, because I know that it would have no effect. Our college can be like can even stand fraternities (and the social organizations like Jordon House that will also be affected), but they are our college and I don’t know how many for me and 600 or so other students currently at Bowdoin. I won’t bother going into the details of how or why being a fraternity was such a wonderful experience; those who care already understand.

The College has opted to replace fraternities with a College House system, an artificial and imposed social structure for all Bowdoin students. I don’t know how successful the system will be, but it strikes me as unlikely that members of these houses will ever attain the level of camaraderie, respect and love that is found in every single fraternity today. College-imposed structures just don’t seem to generate much involvement or interest (I regrettably point to SUC as evidence of this phenomenon). College-imposed structures are no substitute for student-founded and student-driven organizations.

Kevin Cuddy ’97

A tiring but fruitful week at Bowdoin

To the Editors,

I’m exhausted. But it’s been one of my better weeks at Bowdoin. I saw discussion. I saw arguments. I saw agreements. I even saw tears. What I saw, for the first time at this institution since I’ve been here, were people who were truly passionately about their ideas and beliefs. This week, Bowdoin came a few steps closer to shattering the apathy tag. People learned from one another. And as far as I’m concerned, that is the true gift of the College.

I won’t get into this evening. I sent a letter to the Afro-Am, explaining some of my viewpoints and ideas, and hopefully they will read it and criticize it accordingly. Anyone else who has remote interest in seeing the letter can just ask me for it. I do feel we’re on par with the student-led Adams debate. I feel the same way as me.

1: Why did I walk out of the meeting? I was tired. I was confronted by a woman who refused to answer my questions. I was a little demeansing, I was a little mish. I was upset. I was shutting down and I was afraid that any criticism I would express would be met with the same disdain. This, I believe, is why so many of you were not able to understand me at that point where we would have done well you, since I had ceased to think clearly. But you are not to point this out, as we can taken nothing for one another if we do not listen to one another. My mistake. Luckily, I’ve been fortunate enough to talk to plenty of people since then.

2: Before I entered Bowdoin, did I identify myself as a student of color? Yes, this is possible. I honestly don’t remember. Being of mixed heritage was always a treat for me, since I could throw away with concrete ideas on race and recognition for a curve. Sometimes, I would check that box labeled “African American” just to keep people on their toes, to remind them that not everything is what it seems. Everyone is best described in “black or white” terms. This was my intent. I gave little or no thought to the possible benefits by doing this. I did not know how much influence checking one box might have on my future. I had no idea that I would be applying to graduate schools that would not consider my application if I would go around feeling my hair for stiffness to see if I was mixed. And I had no idea that other race issues would ever become an issue for me as someone who used the minority system as a means of getting into this college.

The last thing I am trying to describe is to be able to describe myself as a particular race any longer. I will not say I’m White, or Black, or Asian, even though all race are part of my fortunate heritage. I admit that I am a clown sometimes, though, because that description is what truly describes the heart of an individual’s character. I understand how my position is particularly worrisome to the Afro-Am because of my racial status. The normal reaction is that they will try to discredit my argument by mentioning the above idea. I deserve, and can take, criticism. My status and my choices, however, have little to do with my argument concerning the Am. My ideas on the Afro-Am could just as well be the ideas of any individual on this campus. Everyone who goes here has a right to be critical of any organization. If I do not have the same attitude, I am not the only one.

I hope everyone realizes that the preceding writing has been that of complete sarcasm. I truly understand that there are many here who do not care for fraternities and there are far more who do not care either way about them. I just wanted to point out some things in the College’s Report which concerned me. Another thing about the way this Report was constructed comes to mind. I ran a word search on the Report. Here are some of his findings:

The word “group” or “groups” occurs 24 times in the document, while the word “individual” only occurs 8 times. “The conclusion” and its variants occurs 36 times, “central” 16 times, “program” 13 times, “choice” or “choices” but eight, and “choose” only five times. “Alcohol” and “drinking” together are mentioned as many times as “alumni.”

“Fraternity” and its variants are mentioned 204 times in this 13,000 word document, almost as often as “student” (772). Was this really the Fair Report we have been told it was? I would tend to doubt it.

Michael Cadette ’00

The next issue of the Orient will not be published until Friday, April 4 because of Spring break.
The student opinion poll demonstrates the fatal flaw of all polls. The wrong questions may be asked...
Students and alumni of Bowdoin College unite!

By Charlton Wilbur

Roger Howell, our beloved President of more than a decade ago, must be rolling over in his grave right now. President Howell presided over a time when the students and the Administration shared a common bond—that of the common good of this school. But as the memory of President Howell has waned, so too has the common good. It used to be that governing officials of this school were held accountable for their actions. I believe that still be the case. However, the day that administrators cannot be held responsible for what they do is the day the common good dies.

We, as students and alumni of Bowdoin College, feel that these rights be self-evident: that all men and women are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

That to secure these rights, an Administration is instituted among us, deriving its just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any form of Administration becomes a danger to these, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute a new Administration which better secures to the people safety, happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Administration's long established ways should not be changed for any other which is not the result of all experience hath shown that humankind are more disposed to suffer while evils are visible, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Administration, and to provide new guards for their future security.

Such has been the patient suffrage of the Bowdoin students; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former systems of administration. The history of the present leader of this College is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, against which they have endured for a period of an absolute tyranny over these students and alumni. To prove this, let facts be submitted to a Congress of the United States, and to the World.

He and those working for him seek to deny students the right to assemble under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

Under the proposed Residential Life plan for this school, students will only be allowed to peacefully assemble if the Administration approves of the students' intentions.

He and those working for him seek to deny students a right to self-expression. As representation, students paying $28,000 of tuition, students are denied the ability to participate in organizational decision-making at this school, and students are denied in choosing who will make those crucial decisions.

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He and his Administration have sought the use of Bowdoin Security to oppress students in furthering their agendas. He and those working for him seek to deny students their legal adulthood. If students are old enough to serve in the army, then students are old enough to choose for ourselves where and with whom we want to live.

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The halogen aggressor lives! (Adam Zimmian/ Bowdoin Orient)

**Student Opinion**

Why are we here anyhow?

By Doug Sillno

High school was a resume builder for me. Sure, I had fun and enjoyed the hours after hours after hours of community service, clubs, and all that high school stuff. So why are we at Bowdoin, a small liberal arts college in Maine? I was planning an English major when I first arrived but decided to experiment with three classes besides enrolling in English 101. And what I was quite a shock: The area of thought that I never had any interest in, art history, suddenly came to life for me throughout my first class in Introduction to South Asian Art. Having nightmares about working the drive-through window at a McDonalds in Los Angeles at the age of 30, I called my older and wiser sister. My sister had majored in English at Williams College and will be attending medical school next year. An English major at med school? I was relieved to hear her wise wisdom: "Have fun at college." Basically, your four years at college should be fun. Invigorating. Experimental. So I might be majoring in art history after all! But will where will it take me after Bowdoin? Probably nowhere. But according to medical, business, and other graduate schools in the country, a diverse background and an education in an "exotic" area of study can be a plus. "Small" schools, for example, accepting more and more students without a pre-med major, for medical students will spend the rest of their life with medicine; a diverse background gives another dimension to one's resume. So in a way, college is still a resume builder, but if one chooses what's interesting to you. Some of my friends are struggling with courses they do not want to take but feel obligated to continue due to family ideals and perceptions from pre-college years. But, if you hate chemistry and love to create, what's wrong with studio art? These four years are for you, not for your parents, not for your siblings. Further your own education in the areas you find most interesting and you'll be happy. Or happier. I guarantee it.

**Letter to the Editor**

Those terrible all_students e-mails

To the Editors,

Please give my congratulations to whoever decided to ban "all_student e-mail" except for messages sent by a select couple of privileged few.

You have successfully shut down, at least partially, communication on this campus. You understand that the last thing we need around here is more annoying and counterproductive people. We don't want people to read on their computer screens invitations to discussions of important issues that anyone may offer their opinions about, announcements about literary and opinion magazines, art shows, calls for scripts, political rallies, campus demonstrations or auditions, in which people, if they read about them, might get a chance to express themselves. We don't need any more announcements of coffee houses, performances, films or discussions where people might go to see and listen to anyone else's expression.

And, God forbid, we certainly don't want any direct statements of people's opinions they wish to share and discuss with others! I understand that aggressive advertisements for ski passes and desperate pleas for rides to northeastern Nevada are not exactly crucial statements, opportunities for discussion, or forms of creative expression, but in a society where we have freedom of speech, (which I optimistically thought we had at least a relic of much earlier this year) we have to understand that we can't decide whose voice is important or nice or worth hearing or not. We have to let everybody talk. We don't throw out all the editorial pieces in the Orient just because there are also stupid advertisements for tanning and "Tattoos by Bonnie" that waste several column inches each week, because some of the announcements for upcoming events don't personally interest every last reader, and because some people might not agree with some columnists, do we?

I am not going to bring up any particular occasion this year when we faced this conflict, (again, involving "all_student e-mail") but I do hope we can understand that it probably isn't a good idea to deal with things we don't want to read (or hear, or see, or possibly might consider them inconsequential or inflammatory) by telling everyone (oh, right, except the president of the Ecurr Board, Security and the Administration) to shut up.

If we start cutting off some communication from some people, we may end up compromising everyone's voices. I hope that isn't what we really want.

Rebecca Nesvet '00
Production for “Into the Woods” is right on track

Design and production crews for Bowdoin’s first musical in three years express excitement and enthusiasm for the massive undertaking.

BY CHAD OLCOTT
CONTRIBUTOR

The air around the cluttered table in the Cafe smelled faintly of bacon, but there was none to be found. Instead, the neurons sizzling ceaselessly among the gathered intellects of the “Into the Woods” production team was starting to emit a faint odor. Still two months away, a veritable millennium in the theater world, the show is gathering speed. Imagine, if you will, trying to wield an ordinary dollop, those wheeled things that you move refrigerators around with, underneath a corner of your house and pulling it down the hall. This is the sort of effort that’s required to pull together a monstrosity like a musical, harnessing the time and talents of a musical ensemble, a cast of 25 and a host of costumes, sets, pieces, lighting, difficulties and budgeting nightmares.

The effort can be seen in the circles tugging at the eyes of the two directors, Lisa Rocha ’97 and Martina Morrow ’97. The final product will, with any luck, make the whole process seem effortless to an unsuspecting audience. For the musical itself, we will be presented with a panoply of fairy tale characters, the whole gamut will be represented, from “Little Red Riding Hood,” “Cinderella” and “Sleeping Beauty,” to a bunch of assorted princes, and even hints of a giant beanstalk. The show picks up where the fairy tales left off, after the happy ending. The characters come to a new understanding of their various princes, and why don’t we all admit it, when issues like laundry and car payments are thrown into the equation, what in the hell is a happy ending anyway? OK, so I have no idea whether or not there are any cars in the show, much less payments, but apparently we will learn some valuable lessons from the show, we at least will hear some good songs.

While I may be more or less uninformed as to the content of the show, I have gotten the inside story on what it takes to put a show like this together. A show like this is remarkable first of all in scope, the entire band had to find some creative ways to meet their budget. Finn O’Brien ’00, the technical director, has set up a fund-raiser that should appeal to anyone with a couple of decent button-pushing fingers. They have tentative plans to perform the show in its entirety, to raise funds for future productions, or perhaps to raise funds for a future production.

Weekend Theater Preview

“Vinegar Tom” to open in GHQ Theater on Sunday

BY LARA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

From Sunday March 9 through Tuesday, March 11, the Bowdoin Department of Theater and Dance will present “Vinegar Tom” by Caryn Churchill. Performances will be in the G.H.Q. Playwright’s Theater in the basement of Pickard at 8:30 p.m. Directed by Simone Federman of the Theater Department, the play explores not only the events of the witch hunts of the 17th century, but also the issues of that have raised, some of which are still relevant today.

During the 15th, 16th and 17th centuries in Europe, nine million people were tortured to death for practicing witchcraft and 90 percent of those killed were women. Often victims were society’s outcasts, scapegoats in times of trouble or stress. Their offenses were petty, yet they received capital punishment. “Vinegar Tom” is set during the last witch hunts, a time of upheaval, class change and great hardship among the poor. The production during the early rehearsals for “Vinegar Tom” brought a new aspect to the play. Originally, the play was written to include songs that were not sung by the cast. The director and cast chose to have the songs sung by the actors, set to the tunes of children’s songs. The effect is haunting, lyrics about witchcraft juxtaposed with tunes and games from almost everyone’s childhood. Memories of playground taunts and exclusion are evoked in the audience.

Involving the audience in the play is crucial, according to cast member Sunshine Franszone ’98. The play is set in a room, with the audience on three sides of the action. The viewer is made to feel vulnerable, involved in the amusing and perhaps even accused himself. Continuing along that theme, cast member Emily Davis ’97 said, “Even though the play is set so long ago, it deals with the issues of isolation and accusa- tion which are current and even applicable to Bowdoin today.”

With special effects, impressive consider- ing the small space of the G.H.Q., the audi- ence is shown much of the gritty reality of the witch hunts. However removed we may feel from the events as we enter the theater, this performance of “Vinegar Tom” is sure to affect every one of us. Cast member Ed Barnes ’99, summing it up best by saying, “Vinegar Tom offers something for everybody. Hopefully, the audience will leave the play thinking about the issues it raises. With a produc- tion like this, it would be hard not to.”

Other cast members are Becky Brazer ’00, Elizabeth Hunt ’99, Margaret Gaffney ’97, Mary Ellen Raymond ’99, Darla Sklar ’99, lettuce Tettlebaum ’99, and Patricia Tippett ’97. Tickets are available at the Smith Union information desk and are free of charge.
Schickele lecture well received

The composer and National Public Radio personality spoke on his life with his distinctive humor and intelligent wit.

BY DOUGLAS E. SILTON

Peter Schickele, world renowned musician and satirist, delivered his lecture/performace "A Musician's Life" on Thursday night in Pickard Theater as part of the Kenne- nell V. Santagata Memorial Lecture Fund. Established in 1982 by family and friends of Bowdoin alumni Kenneth V. Santagata '73, the funds are used to provide at least one lecture each term in the categories of the arts, humanities and social sciences with lecturers who approach their fields with novel ap- proaches.

As a composer, musician, author and satirist, Peter Schickele is internationally recog- nized as one of the most versatile and accom- plished artists in the field of music. In the past, Schickele has been seen in his original role of P.D.Q. Bach, in his full-length satirical opera the "Abduction of Figaro," and in his other popular works being "Or-Hus Teor" and "Other Choral Calamities," "Music for an Awful Lot of Winds and Percussion" and "The Short-Tempered Clavier and Other Dysfunctional Works for Keyboard." Schickele has four Grammy awards under- his belt and appeals to all age groups, from composing musical segments for "Saturday Night Live" and for the National Symphony. But on Thursday night, a packed house was crowded into the theater to see Schickele in a more conventional role of composer and con- ductor.

A little more than an hour's worth of mu- sical quips and stories and laughter (moreso on the part of the audience) filled Pickard Theater beginning at 8:30 p.m. Garbed in a turtleneck, sports coat and slacks, Professor Schickele appeared on stage and quickly had the expectant audience in his grip. With his charming laughter and charismatically speaking abilities an hour showed seemed to pass by as though it were minutes. Schickele's anec- dotes and stories centered on his experiences composing and writing, beginning with his early teenage years in the most exciting town on earth, Fargo, North Dakota. In his open- ing monologue, he shared how, at age 13, his parents had forced him to take piano for one summer and, after hating it, quit immediately. Since then, he has increasingly equipped that several years later, after he acquired his love for music, that he was glad there was a plethora of cultural and musical performances, activities by the frozen Canadian border. He related that if you wanted to hear music played, you had to buy it yourself. Schickele continued with his "Life as a Musician" per- formance, playing to the audience's laugh- ter and reinforced with his words of wisdom to those seeking direction: "If you have to ask, 'should I be a musician?' you should probably choose something else.

It was too bad that many students missed the performance, for although it was a sold- out crowd, the majority of patrons were from the surrounding community. But a final note for those who did attend the performance and were perhaps interested in what Peter Schickele's favorite salad dressing is—it's ranch.

Search for the Holy Ale

by siggy and blunt

We moved the search to one of England's oldest and most respected breweries, Samuel Smith. They were founded in 1758 in Tadcaster and started producing the Famous Taddy Porter. After this initial success, Samuel broadened his horizons with the in- troductions of Nut Brown Ale, Winter Wel- come, and, most recently, its India Pale Ale. As a reflection of its quality, the Samuel Smith label will cost more than your average brew, but it's well worth the price.

If you're looking for Samuel Smith, you should definitely head down to Tes's Market on Pleasant Street to be able to find a wide selec- tion of Samuel Smith beers. The Porter beers plus a knowledgeable- and friendly salesperson. It can be a dif- cult task to select the beers of the week due to the various styles offered.

The Famous Taddy Porter deserved the first tasting, dating due to its senility and fame. It lived up to our high expectations. This porter has managed to stay on the righ- t path throughout the troubled times in which other "porters" have diverged from the strong hoppy characteristics and bitter strengths. Wow, big daddy, gimme some of that Taddy! It has a roasted aromatic charac- ter which complements the dark brown porter- flavor appearance. These characteristics are emblematic of a true, bold porter. The Taddy Porter deserves a low one on the SB scale. Really? No, not really, you dumb bastard. It received the well-deserved nine.

We followed up the porter with the Nut Brown Ale. Our first reaction was, "Hey, that's a porter." That's the way they look. They're live. This ale also has a sweet, nutty smell. However, the beer is unremarkable. It's a party in my nostril Exclamation marks. The Nut Brown score a seven.

Next we tried the Winter Welcome Ale. Why do they call it Winter Welcome? Wel- come to winter. It's cold out. So you have to warm yourself up. Everyone has their own way of keeping warm. You can use a blanket, you can down a Winter Welcome Ale. Have fun. The Winter Welcome is a distinctive style from the Samuel Smith line. First you notice the overbearing malt aroma supplemented by an initial sweet and malty flavor followed by an earthy, bitter after- taste. Samuel failed to find the proper bal- ance between the malt and the hops. Such a balance is difficult to attain but we expect Samuel Smith to一直都 to find his way. This ale lacks the spicy flavor associated with winter beers. We enjoyed the initial sweet flavor, and of course the label, we give it a six on the Silver Bullet scale. Samuel Smith's India Pale Ale is the sweetest and milkiest IPA that we've ever en- countered. Siggy wants to market air fresheners from this IPA. Aesthetically speaking, this beer is probably one of the finest golden color with a perfectly balanced head. This exterior beauty is due to the sweetness of the malt and the tanginess of bitter hops. We know what you're thinking. Yum, gimme some of that India Pale Ale! The social lubricant provides great beer lovers worldwide with the beauty and quality taste which these men need and justly deserve. Originally, IPA's contained large amounts of bittering hops to preserve them for transcon- tinentail sailing journeys from Britain to India and other colonies. This tradition survives and is embodied by Samuel Smith. As an excellent IPA, it received a well-deserved seven.

All in all, we have reviewed from the Samuel Smith line have demonstrated Samuel's proficiency in the art of symmory. You may have noticed that the Oatmeal Stout, one of Samuel Smith's great brews, is not mentioned in this article. We reviewed it last year and it received a good mark. Samuel Smith Old Brewery at Tadcaster has been consistently ranked as one of the to top brew- eries in the world. They offer a wide variety styles: pick one up according to your taste and you'll enjoy it.
Pavement lays it down in their latest, “Stereoe”

By Gabrielle Caroti

I wish I could predict the future for two reasons: First, because I could know right now, all the things, how many “Quest for the Holy Brew” reviews will surround this article. Secondly, because I could know what band will enter the Rock ‘n Roll Hall of Fame first: Rush or Pavement. (Wait! Oh my God! What am I doing? Am I relinquishing my haughty opinions of indie elitism? Oh no! I think I might be) Nahh, Pavement will be it, no contest, man. Why do I ask this question? Well, it’s Pavement, in fact, the first single of this album, “Stereoe,” our favorite indie pop star S.M. (Stephen Malkmus, sitar/ guitar) and the Britain question “What about the voice of Geddy Lee? How did it get so high? I wonder if he speaks like an ordinary guy?” I’m asking, you at the same time submitting to the Canadian supergroup. Which brings me to precisely my second point: My logic here, obviously, is to commercial rock through its necessary interface.

In fact, of wanting to be rock stars, this Stockholm, California band just, well, wanna play songs. Thus, the fact that they that they are just guys playin’ songs makes them cool. As a summa omnis laude alumnus of Bowdoin, I do n’t think they don’t know they’re reciting. Think about it, you don’t actually think a band’s cool by their clothing or the color of their hair. (I mean, the chic from No Doubt just looks freakin’ ridiculous.)

So, being successful, to them, is having a few people that actually listen but also having good jobs during the day to fall back on. Actually, the five members (S.M., Spiral Stairs on guitar, Mark Ibold on bass, Bob Nastanovich on the tambourine and the snare, and Steve West on the drums) are all spread across the nation. They do their own independent things in Portland, SC, New York, NY and somewhere in Virginia. The band meets for two weeks every year to work out their own riffs into songs: a simple, yet effective technique employed by the group who defined the winter months of ’88, Guns ’N’ Roses. So, is it a fad, Hot, Alt, Stash, etc., if you are not consumed by being rock stars; they live simple meek lives like the rest of us. (Unlike Rush, who live in the rock-starry, 1980s kind of fame)

So Pavement has matured. They have matured with the aid of Bryce Goggin and Gary Louris (the guy from Vonnegut, who was the cause of R.E.M.’s rise to stardom) and steady day jobs. They are not Doug- Linkleter’s Slackers, They are just a bunch of guys with Hugh Puppets on their feet, loud shirts and Styx belt buckles (see Harper’s wall), content with getting a third “Buck Chip” on MTV and being able to have a guy with a Ratt t-shirt carry their equipment around.

But with all this in mind, how is the album? I guess you can say that because they have matured, they are much less in touch with their influences S.M.’s Mark E. Smithian lazy meanderings aren’t there anymore, but his lyrical witwittnesses are ever present with lines such as “focus on the quasar in the mist, the Kaiser has a cyst, and I am a blank want list” and “distress surrounds, the muddy peaceful center of this town, tell me off in the hotel lobby right in front of all the bellboys, and the over friendly concierge.” Wow, what depth. As for the music, Bryce and Mitch make this record sound like Sig. Pepper’s in the diestay of many a Pavement fanatic, but, in a sense, save the record from the dated to-fi production of Westing (By Mikeast and Seastant) not suited to today’s standards. As legendary rock producer Kim Fowley said about the record, “Brighten the Corners is an exercise in aural emancipation. An edison/pinterest, if you will, of today’s stagnant infrastructure, it tears down the opaque smarmartings of our otherwise linear independent history.”

The unusually political song “Embassy Row,” mentions the south American communist group, the Shining New Path, while its John Fogerty meets Ash Bowie song structure is personal but not self-indulgent. “Stereoe” is already all over Kennedy’s Alternative Na- tion. And of the two ballads, “Shady Lane” could be found on the Kinks’ Village Green Preservation Society while “Starlings of the Shippetown” is an anthem to the vast plains of middle America. Now this is where I use the term ‘rockstar’ A definitive rockstar, ‘Date with Ike’ is Spiral Stairs’ answer to Tom Petty’s “Freefallin’ with a finger-picked melody any Bats fan would fawn over.

So, as you can see from my pretty much unenthusiastic review about this record, I am not very impressed. It is still good, and way better than U2’s Pop. But, for all you virgins to the seductive suburban sounds of this band, don’t buy this record. Actually, buy it just to support the band. But, at the same time, purchase their first, Shrimp and Eggplant, considered by an artist’s past not to be the most important album (out of 10) of all time, a classic rock history. When you get it run home as fast as you can, put it on, and feel it. Feel the greasy, sticky, sweet pop syrup drip down from your turntable, sliver across the floor, up your back, and tingle its way into your ear hole. Bye.

Restaurant Review

In defense of the nicotine addiction

By Adam Blackman

Two weekends ago, my Medicis (mom and dad) visited to say “hi,” see some Bowdoin theater and nose about my per- sonality. They suggested you at the same time insist for asking the exact wrong questions (“To this your room” “Would you like a fork- crispy?”) and of course, “Would you like this ashy tray for?”) I endured, though, and did any good nor trying to gain permis- sions. They did ask you to take me out for as many meals as I possibly fit into a 72 hour period.

As an ever imminent smoker, you get all kinds of cynical bitter things about these restaurants. I could complain, for instance, about how Wild OATS maliciously over- doped my bag with cream cheese or how The Blue Onion, situated in a nice homey place off Route 101 in Freeport, actually served the holiest of food. I could complain about how I don’t have anything to complain about. Ninety percent of my bloodstream is cynicism. It is the other five percent that I worry about. This is be- cause of the act of smoking.

Two weeks ago, K. Hussein wrote a col- umn which everybody should plaster on their door. “I smoke to live,” he said. The line resonates. Smoking is private and it is social, a delicious and degrading process, both malady and muse to all smokers. When they tell you it is hard to quit, they lie. The difficulty is not in quitting, but in relinquishing. Quitting is a compromis of personal pleasure in order to preserve those pointless final years. I have hesitated to quit because I abhor the bloodstream of the "smoking is bad" philosophy. Does a lone cigarette make one a smoker? That is, the case, then everybody on the campus with a blue-hooded sweatshirt is The Masturbator (Note to first-year: ask an upper-class per- son to fill you in.) Well, punshence. Think all of that. Dirty dirty habit, how I want ye.

There is a place downtown, Big Top Deli- catsen, which offers something incredible.

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Men's hockey stays alive

After toppling number two Williams, the seventh-ranked Bears set their sights on another upset against the top-ranked Norwich Cadets in the ECAC semifinals.

The Bowdoin College men's ice hockey team, bowing death and now more alive than ever. It required two sudden-death overtime periods for the Polar Bears, ranked seventh in the ECAC Tournament, to upset second-ranked Williams College, 2-1, last Saturday in Williston. The Polar Bears now travel to Norwich, Vermont to take on the top-ranked Cadets tonight at 7:30 in the semifinals of the ECAC Tournament. The other semifinal is a match-up pits Colby College against Hamilton College.

In the only meeting of the year between Bowdoin and Norwich, Bowdoin downed the Cadets by a score of 7-2 on Feb. 8 in Brunswick. This proved to be the Polar Bears' most meaningful victory of the regular season. Entering that contest, Norwich boomed at 18-11 and had not allowed more than three goals in a game in their previous 19 contests. Dave Cataruzolo '98 came up big in goal for Bowdoin that day, ending the night with two goals and an assist. Also playing a huge factor in limiting the Cadets output in the game was goalie Stuart Holt.

The Bears celebrate the go-ahead goal which lifted them to victory over Trinity.

The Bears celebrate the go-ahead goal which lifted them to victory over Trinity. (Shelley Magier/Bowdoin Orient)

Logan '97, who turned away 33 of the shots he faced. "It is always difficult beating a team twice in one season, especially a team of Norwich's caliber," said Bowdoin Head Coach Terry Meagher. "They are the number one seed in the tournament so we will just try to stay close and see what happens."

The Polar Bears hope another upset is in the making today. It was 10-5 and 7-0 at halftime. In the second overtime, Williams tied the game back up, forcing the game into a third overtime period. Williams broke through first when they converted on a breakaway with about six minutes remaining in the third period. Bowdoin answered with its own breakaway goal by Scott Fox '99 with four minutes remaining in regulation to even the score at 1-1.

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The Polar Bears desire the Bear's to five shots for the entire game with the first not coming until almost nine minutes into the second period. The pressure of Middlebury's defensive line kept the puck from finding the net but introduced to the Bears' goallies' gloves. As Laura Enea '99 said, "Middlebury is just a better team. That's the reality of sports and the reality of life. You'll face better teams.

The game against RIT on Saturday was characterized by the best hockey played by the team this year. Bowdoin scored two goals in the first period and then RIT outscored the Bears two to one in the second. Behind by a goal going into the third period, the Bears hit the ice ready to kick some ass. Twelve minutes later, Eliza Wilmsrider '97 tied the score and her lead was followed thirteen seconds later by Amy Steed's second goal of the game. The Bears showed no sign of letting up and Jane MacLeod '99 soon hit the net for her third goal and then two converted for the final goal of the game. Kacy White '98 fueled the furnace, supplying four assists. Bernard played the entire game, racking up 27 saves.

The ECAC semifinal game against RIT is undoubtedly the highlight of the Bear's season, because the team refused to give up and proved that teamwork is the key to success and to Bowdoin hockey.

Second place in the ECAC tournament and a record of 11 and seven are very respectable feats for a fairly young team. Bowdoin is only a sophomore and will offer her experience in goal for two more seasons. Hopefully Elene, MacLeod and Steed, also will be up only their second seasons, will offer their leadership through 1999. The class of 2000 also boasts talent in Kate Connelly and others who will lead the team through the end of the millennium. With many players returning next year, the Polar Bears should be able to match or even surpass this year's success.
Bears put on show for Terriers

CATLIN O'CONNOR Staff writer

The Bowdoin men's track team had a successful outing at the ECAC championships at Boston University this past weekend. The Polar Bears placed third out of six teams, including season-long nemesis Bates. Equally impressive was the fact that Bowdoin was only one point behind powerhouse Williams College. It was the runners, mostly middle distance men, who racked up 32 points with high places in four events.

Bowdoin left the BU armory with two ECAC champions. Ben Beach, '97, finally broke away from the shadows of track great Shane 'Bree'n '96 and Blaine Malley '96, taking home his own personal championship. Beach won the 1500 meter, one of the more exciting races of the day, in 3:57.77. With one last, long push, Beach surged past a strong Swarthmore runner and opened up about three yards. Both had great kicks and on the final stretchway, Beach was able to hold his own, winning the race by the nose.

Michael Peyron '96, showed that as long as there is some guts and aggression, it doesn't matter what heat you're in. Peyron pulled away from the slow section of the 1000 meters to win by 20 yards in 2:33. His time placed him third overall in the competition.

The distance medley relay team was able to bag a little in a big story as they placed fourth in 10:38.18. First-year Ryan Johnson led the brigade with an impressive and gutsy 5:12.00 performance in the 1200 meter, which placed the team in first place. Greg Gallo '99 took the baton for the 400 running a 51 split, keeping them in the competition in first. Daniels '90 ran the 800 meter portion in 2:04, which was good enough to keep them in the third spot. The anchor, an ailing James Johnson '97, ran a courageous mile in 4:28 holding off both the competition from his heat and, luckily, that of the slow heat as well.

Finally, Bowdoin's 4x400 team went into the competition ranked first, but it wasn't necessarily worried about powerhouse schools like Amherst and Tufts 'stacking' their teams. In an incredible race that wasn't decided until the very end, the 3rd-year Downe was victorious in an impressive time of 3:52. All four runners were under 2:00, an incredible feat for most teams. First-year Hugh Keoghan led the charge with a 1:59. Keoghan pushed three runners on the inside during his leg off, legging them in first place and leading. After an exciting 1000 meter race, Peyron ran a gutsy second leg with an identical time of 1:59, keeping the Polar Bears in first. Beach, already a champion in the 1500 meter, was obviously greedy for more gold, as he took the baton and opened up his legs on 800 yards.

The exciting reality began with the final duel between Chris Downe '90 and a strong Tufts anchor. Almost immediately, the Tufts anchor caught up to Downe and passed him on the third turn without a fight. With 500 yards to go, Downe looked tired and lost the lead by 10 yards. With 150 yards, however, the crowd saw a spark in the feisty first-year. Now only five yards back, Downe was running like a man possessed. On the final turn, he caught up and opened the gap enough of a lead to dance across the finish line like a running back who just scored the winning touchdown in the Super Bowl. Downe ended the race with an incredible 1:56.

With the indoor season now at its conclusion, the team barely has time to blink before the outdoor season is now underway. The team looks to be ready for a more successful season as they hold on to the young, fast and powerful legs from indoor, while gaining a few talents who opted to hibernate for the winter.

Women's track cleans up in Beantown

RYAN C. JOHNSON Staff writer

There's definitely some connection in Boston concerning archaic facilities that foster excellence. The John J. Armony at Boston University, a disgusting old brick warehouse that ironically houses one of the most fast track meets in the country. That banked, wooden track is praised by superstar athletes from around the New England region. The meet was held at the ECAC Division III Track and Field Championships, the Bowdoin women were there.

Even though the team placed 13th with 12 points (4th among the NECASS), several individual performers set season and personal bests. For the Bowdoin women, it was an excellent way to close out their 1997 indoor season.

The meet convened early in the morning and right away Bowdoin pushed to the front, starting with a heated and highly competitive 5000 meter run. The meet was held on the main track, but the weather was a blur.

In the metric mile (1500 meters), sophomore super star Caitlin O'Connor ran a blazing 4:55:56 to cross the line in 10th place. In the seldom run 500 meter, sophomore Caitlin O'Connor stepped down from her usual 600 top spot to capture 6th place (12:21.22) and was a big help for the relay. Senior Jen Connors survived the brutal indoor pentathlon (600 meter, hurdles, long jump, high jump and shot put) to score 2471 and settle for 10th place. In the field events, Bowdoin was less successful, but in the high jump Jain Lattes ('98) had a big season best when she cleared five feet one and a quarter inches to place 8th. Julie Smith ('99) was two places back with a jump of 4'11.5".

Men's swimming ends season on positive note

ROB REISER Contributor

Last weekend, the men's swim team looked to better their dismal performance of a year ago. With a rejuvenated spirit and team records on the line, they hit the New England Championship meet with a vengeance.

The New Englands are a two meet meet in which times from morning swims are ranked and top finishers then compete in the afternoon to score points. This year many Bowdoin swimmers ran on three meets but also scored points in the finale.

Their meet was reported high points finish in the first relay of Lukas Filler, '97, Joshua Werning '98, Michael Murray '90 and Brian "Not the College" Williams '00, finished 13th in the 400 and ninth in the 200. Filler improved scores on his 100 breaststroke time to gain a much needed boost. Murray gained valuable points by winning his consolation heat in the 50 freestyle. Werning finished second in the 100 butterfly heat of the 50 breaststroke, and also anchored the 14th place relay team of Matt "Leaky Bladder" Needlemann '00 and Paul Malmedalfeldt '98.

Other great swimmers were the Eric Boston '99, who dropped five seconds off of his 50 butterfly time, and Captain Kris Pangburn '97 with his stellar 50 and 100 butterfly times. First-year Charles "Marsan" Gray's second drop in the 100 backstroke was nothing less than extraordinary.

The medley relays, with strong swims from Filler, Robert Ressor '99, David "The Rabid Scottish Hwijack" Murray '00 and Brian "Not the College" Williams '00, finished 13th in the 500 and 600 medleys, but scored points in the 1,500 and 200 medley.

With more swimmers scoring points than last year and faster relay performances, the men moved up two spots from last year's 11th place.

WOMEN'S HOOPS: from 20 consecutive appearance in the ECAC final four. The Bears will face third-seeded Colby College, who beat Amherst on Saturday, in the semifinals tonight at 7 p.m. The Final Four will take place in Colby's Wadsworth Gymnasium, since the top seeded White Mules defeated Rhode Island College on Wednesday. A win tonight would set up a possible third meeting this year against Colby on Sunday. Last Thursday's 78-74 loss to Colby in Waterville was a tough one to swallow for the Bears, who easily handled the Mules on Feb. 1 by a score of 80-62. A Bowdoin-Colby ECAC final would be special opportunity for Colby to avenge their 1993 ECAC championship. The game will be held in Multolland, in last week's loss to the Mules, "we didn't show up to play. We played poorly individually and collectively."

Point guard Sam Good '90 added, "we didn't come ready to play against Colby, we spent most of the game trying to catch up to them."

Don't expect the Bears to come out flat-footed this weekend. It's tournament time.

JACK MAGEE'S GRILL

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Tracy Mulholland established an era

DAVID FISH
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

When Tracy Mulholland '92 enrolled at Bowdoin in 1993, the women's basketball team had not made the playoffs since 1989. In contrast, the team has qualified for the ECAC Tournament in three of the past four years, coming away with one championship, a second-place finish, and at least another. Final Four appearance this season. Is it coincidence? No. In fact, the team's improved quality of play has been a direct result of the talented players that have made contributions to the team, and Mulholland is definitely one of those players. She is a big reason women's basketball at Bowdoin has been taken to the next level.

Mulholland, the team's captain and lone senior, is a model of dedication and excellence. The history/government double-major from Calais, Maine, is nearly averaging a double-double this year, putting in 12.0 points per game and grabbing 9.0 rebounds. She has been the epitome of consistency throughout her career, as she averaged 11.9 points per game and 8.7 rebounds last year. The modest four-year starter is, however, unaware of her individual accomplishments, such as the fact that she is second all-time in rebounding at Bowdoin. She also ranks second all-time in blocked shots, fifth all-time in assists, and fifth all-time in field goal percentage.

Despite her on-court talent, Mulholland's greatest accomplishment of her career goes beyond her scoring and rebounding prowess. As the captain of this year's squad, Mulholland was asked to bring together a team with only two returning starters and eight new first-years. How has she done? "She's done an amazing job," point-guard Sarah Good '93 said. "She's a great leader, guy who took the time to get us together. She's more than vocal, we can see how hard she works. On the court, she's a great rebounder and scorer, but she also hustles and plays defense. She plays every game like it's her last.

Mulholland's last steal and winning lay-up against Middlebury earlier this year exemplify her constant effort and desire. Leading by example, Mulholland has brought a young squad to the same level of excellence that the team displayed during the past two years, a feat many thought unlikely at the beginning of the season. Playing as the team's only upperclassman has been an unusual experience for the captain. According to Mulholland, "At first, it was strange. I'd remember things from other years and I'd have no one to share them with. But, everyone is so fresh, I don't feel like a senior. Everyone wants to play."

When asked why she has remained on the team while others have left, she says, "I thrive on competition. Also, my teammates are amazing people. I couldn't imagine stopping."

Concerning this year's squad, Mulholland adds, "I think this year we've had the best team chemistry. We have three first-years starting, but we don't play like it.

When asked about the possibility of winning this weekend's ECAC Tournament, Mulholland unhesitatingly commented, "They deserve it." In fact, if anyone on the team deserves it, it's Mulholland. Her leadership and dedication are the very reasons the Bears are where they are today.

Comments from the peanut gallery

by Ted Maloney

Last Saturday, Sugar Ray Leonard, certainly one of the most entertaining, and arguably one of the best boxers in history, decided to make his fifth comeback attempt at the age of 40. Leonard, who is a grandson, not fought since 1991. Not surprisingly, he got thoroughly destroyed by Hector "Macho" Camacho for five rounds until the referee finally put an end to the fight and, we can only assume, to Leonard's career.

Leonard's comeback, while it sparked a lot of excitement and debate, highlighted one of the tragi-comic paradoxes of professional athletics. We would all love to be completely committed to our life's work in the way that Sugar Ray Leonard is. When interviewed about why he was coming back... again, Leonard passionately described his complete love for a sport that some people describe as brutal, animalistic exploitation. Leonard concluded an eloquent tirade about the sport he loves that began with the statement that "it's wonderful," with the bittersweet admission that "it's irreplaceable."

The problem is that Leonard, and other aging athletes like him, simply has to replace it. Just like an actor, Leonard has dedicated himself to a profession that exists to entertain people. Unfortunately, the difference is that Sean Connery can make the relatively smooth transition from James Bond to King Arthur, while Leonard can only wonder why he can't throw that job as quickly as he once did, why he is so soon after a work out, and why he can't win like he used to.

We, as sports fans, expect and demand that athletes, for whose incredible physical displays we shell out our hard-earned money, give themselves entirely to their sport. However, while we occasionally examine the physical toll that that dedication takes on professional athletes such as Muhammad Ali and Kevin McHale, we rarely pay any attention to its psychological consequences. Sugar Ray Leonard gave the better part of the last forty years of his life to boxing and its fans, and now that he can no longer box, we simply expect him to disappear for the remainder of his years. I'm ashamed.
Bear Statistics

**WOMEN'S HOCKEY**

ECAC Alliance Semi-Final
3/1/97 vs. R.I.T.

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**MEN'S HOCKEY**

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**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

2/27/97 vs. Colby College

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**MEN'S HOOPS, from page 20**

...for the season to win their first ECAC title.

In a sense, this could be more of a challenge for the Bears. Bowdoin has competed in the ECAC Tournament only twice in its history, losing both times in the opening round. Of course, the Bears already put that jinx to rest with their 12-point drubbing of Colby-Sawyer, but things will only get more difficult for the men’s team. Luckily, because of their number-one seed, Bowdoin will host all playoff games, including the championship game, as long as the Bears continue to win. One thing is for sure: there aren’t many push-overs left in the field at this time of year, so Bowdoin must play better if it is to claim the championship.

While the team was disappointed with their failure to make the NCAA Tournament, the ECAC tourney might lead to some very substantial records. If the Bears win on Friday, they will be the first team in Bowdoin College men’s basketball history to win 20 games in a season. Individualiy, if Rowley maintains his current scoring pace, he could become the Bears’ all-time leading scorer. With his 22 points on Wednesday, he moved past Chris Jerome’s 83 into second place with 162 career points. In the Colby game, Whipple reached a milestone of his own, becoming the seventh player in Bowdoin history to record 1000 points and 500 rebounds in his career, when he grabbed his 500th rebound.

Although the NCAA’s might have escaped them, the Bears are as enthusiastic as ever about their position. They still have a chance to do what no other Bowdoin men’s hoop team has ever done: win an ECAC Championship. Accomplishing this goal would not mark them as one of the best teams in the East, but also as one of the greatest teams in Bowdoin College history.
Men's hoops driving for a dream

CHRIS BUCK
SPORTS EDITOR

After losing to Colby in its final regular season game, the men's basketball team began its quest for its first ever ECAC Championship on Wednesday night. The top-seeded Bears faced off against eighth-seeded Colby-Sawyer, a team they beat earlier this year, in the first round of the ECAC Tournament. Bowdoin didn't play its best basketball, but it nevertheless cruised past the Chargers by a score of 97-85.

In the first half, David Lovely '99, who had been unusually quiet in the past few games, returned to form as he led the Bears to a 10-point halftime lead. The small forward hit five of seven shots from the floor in the first 20 minutes for 13 points, while also grabbing nine first-half rebounds. Co-captain Chris Whipple '97 added 10 points for Bowdoin, which took a 47-37 lead into the locker room.

In the second half, Colby-Sawyer tightened things up a bit, but they came out firing to cut the Bowdoin lead to five. However, Whipple and Co-captain Chad Rowley '97 finally took over midway through the period to put the Bears back in front. Rowley hit three shots from downtown on his way to a game-high 22-point performance. The All-American shooting guard also dished out five assists and notched two steals. While his teammate burned the Chargers from outside, Whipple controlled the game in the paint, scoring 20 points and grabbing seven rebounds. The Bears also got strong efforts from Lovely, who finished with 16 points and a team-high 12 boards, while center Ed Siudut '97 scored 13 points despite playing only 19 minutes due to foul trouble.

Despite their 97-85 victory, Bowdoin was not as dominant as usual, due mainly to Colby-Sawyer's out-of-control style of game. There were several ugly stretches throughout the game where fast-breaks for both teams ended up in either missed lay-ups or turnovers. Fortunately, the Bears regained their composure when it counted most and disposed of the scrappy Chargers, advancing them to the semi-finals of the ECAC Championship Tournament. They will now host UMass-Boston on Friday night at 7 p.m. in Morrell Gymnasium.

The reason the Bears found themselves in the ECAC Tournament was their disappointing loss to Colby last Saturday afternoon. In front of their largest crowd of the season, the men stayed with the powerful White Mules throughout most of the contest. Led by Rowley's 16 first-half points on six of 10 shooting from the field, Bowdoin took a 41-39 lead into the half. The Bears shot an impressive 51.4 percent in the first half, while Colby shot only 41.4 percent.

Bowdoin opened the second stanza with a quick 7-4 run to build their lead to 48-43, but the Mules responded with a devastating run of their own to put the Bears down by eight. Led by Whipple, Bowdoin fought back to eventually pare the deficit, but they were simply too strong. Maine State Player of the Year Andy Black took control in the second half as he finished with 22 points, four rebounds and five assists to lead the Mules to a 91-80 win.

As Black's 6'8 presence in the paint wasn't enough for the Bears to overcome, John Herbert stuck it to them from the perimeter on his way to a 19-point night. On the other end of the floor, Bowdoin could not answer, as virtually everyone went cold in the second half. Despite the team's poor shooting, Rowley ended the game with 22 points, 14 rebounds and five assists to lead the Bears past the Mules for only the second time.

Sophomore shooting guard Nate HouseAUO drills a three-pointer to help the Bears stomp Lyndon State, 110-77. (Shelley Maglet/Bowdoin Orient)

Women's Basketball

Bears find stride early in ECACs

Despite two frustrating losses which put an NCAA tournament bid out of reach, the women's basketball team is once again playing strong.

DAVID FISH
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The women's basketball team returned to its winning ways after dropping two straight last week by defeating Regis College convincingly 72-52 in the first round of the ECAC Division III Tournament. The Bears (17-7), saw their first possible NCAA tournament bid slip away at the end of the season as they dropped three of their last five games. The tilt appears to be only temporary, as the Bears were in top form Wednesday night in the impressive 20-point victory.

Bowdoin is making its third consecutive appearance in the ECAC tournament, and is hoping to make the finals for the third year in a row. Bowdoin won the tournament in 1995 and was edged by Clark in last year's final.

Sophomore guard Reagan LaRochelle '00 pushes the pace for the Bears in their victory over the Becons of Regis. (Shelley Maglet/Bowdoin Orient)

The Bears opened the game with a good transition game as they ran the floor well, resulting in easy lay-ins and a 15-6 lead after nine minutes of play. Bowdoin was also hitting from the outside, as they buried their jumpers and maintained their initial lead at half-time 35-25.

The Bears opened the second half with enthusiasm and pressure defense to go on a 15-4 run and effectively put the game out of reach with a 21-point lead with 14:40 remaining in the game. The Bears held the lead throughout the rest of the game, as they went through the Becons' desperation press with ease.

Christina Hobson '99, the Bears' leading scorer at 16.8 points per game, was huge in this contest, as she had 30 points on 13 of 18 shooting from the floor. The sophomore star also grabbed 12 rebounds. Senior captain Tracy Mulholland, who seems to record a double-double every time she steps on the court, was once again spectacular, as she had 14 points on six of nine shooting and grabbed a team-high 16 rebounds. Alli Marshall '00 added 13 rebounds, the third Bear to record double-digit rebounds on the night. This was due to the high number of missed shots by Regis, which threw up 48 bricks in the contest. Bowdoin's defense held Regis to 20 of 68 shooting on the night, a terrible 29.4 percent clip.

The win sets up Bowdoin's thirdPlease see WOMEN'S HOOPS, page 19
Ad-hoc committee prepares for Res-life implementation

BETH HUSTEDT STAFF WRITER

In wake of the Commission on Residential Life's recent decision to phase out fraternities and implement an exclusive House system, an ad hoc implementation Committee has been established to turn the Commission's theory into practice.

The Committee is working with the major issues surrounding the new Housing System, and preparing to set up the system this fall.

The three student members of the Committee, Hiram Hamilton '97, Nayhu Lee '97, and Kim Pacelli '98 have joined with 16 students to form the committee along with Dean of Student Affairs Craig Bradley.

In a competitive process, Bradley chose students from 77 letters of intent, of which he estimated at least 30 were "imaginative, thoughtful, and committed" statements.

The 16 students represent both fraternity members and independents, a mix of classes and a wide array of campus interest.

Bradley explained that the House System aims to "hold onto the sense of groups of friends involved in living socially and residually" but the groups, he noted, "are existing in a larger context that's much more diverse."

Next year, the houses included in the system are Baxter House, Burnett House, Boddy Street, 238 Maine Street and Howard Hall. Each first-year brick dorm will be assigned a particular social space.

The Committee is currently dealing with four major areas, including the issues of choice, faculty involvement, government of the house system and integration of first-years and the Res Life staff. The areas of the Commission's Interim Report will undergo further revisions during the next few weeks, as well as during the transition period when the House System is actually being implemented.

One subcommittee deals with the governance structure for the House System, which is based on fraternities. Each house will be run, most likely, by a president and vice-president, as are the fraternities. Additionally, the governance structure will have links with the Student Activities Fee Committee in order to receive money in block sums, as well as a potential Inter-House Committee.

Faculty relations is the topic for another subcommittee. Faculty will be associated with a particular house and serve as academic advisors. Ideas like a faculty talk series for a house or a weekly dinner in the house with the faculty members have also been discussed.

The integration of the first-years into this new system and the role of the Residential Life staff will be discussed by another subcommittee. For the incoming first-year class, each person is assigned a house based on their first-year dorm.

The final sub-committee deals with the issue of choice. Groups of students or individuals, after their first year, would most likely be able to list their preferences for a new house and switch houses, if they so choose. Leah Mahan '96, committee member, commented, "The system is not meant to be binding. It's flexible."

The committee is working on how to integrate upperclassmen into this system as well. Jeffrey Schneider '97, another committee member, articulated the committee's concern, "How do you get three classes, that have no association now with the houses to get excited about the house system?"

One way the committee has answered this question is by creating leadership opportunities for upperclassmen within the new social houses. Individuals or groups of students, up to eight, who wish to serve as leaders in the new system and help make it run smoothly and successfully can fill out an application to live in a house. These houses will be starting traditions within their...
Professors discuss their recent tenure promotions

KIM SCHNEIDER
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

—Part of a series on tenure—

For Ann Kibbie in the English department and Susan Tananbaum in history, two professors who were granted tenure this year, the tenure evaluation process has ended successfully, though their paths to relative job security were different. While there is a general procedure followed when a professor is considered for tenure at Bowdoin, the process is unique for each candidate.

Kibbie became eligible for tenure in the fall of 1989 after completing her dissertation. She came up for tenure review in the fall of 1996. The English department does not use classroom visitations to evaluate tenure candidates, so Kibbie's teaching ability was assessed on the basis of student evaluations collected by the College and the English department as well as confidential letters solicited for tenure process from previous students.

"My opinion that student opinions weighed enormously in the process," said Kibbie, adding that the emphasis the Committee on Appointments, Promotions, and Tenure (CAPT) places on student opinion is "not just a formality."

For the evaluation of her research, Kibbie submitted to CAPT copies of articles she has written as well as a detailed outline of an incomplete book-length project. "The [tenure] process allows for a great deal of variation in pages someone has produced," said Kibbie, commenting that no "magical number" of articles produced exists in the decision. The CAPT was "not satisfied in coming up with a number to determine the quality of the work." While the Faculty Handbook urges tenure candidates not to "become immersed in institutional functions at the expense of either their teaching or their professional status," many professors such as Kibbie also present evidence of their service record to the College. "A lot of faculty members and junior faculty members spend an enormous amount of time on committees," said Kibbie. "I wouldn't think the College would want to send the message that it's just set aside when it's time to evaluate you as a member of the community."

Tananbaum came to Bowdoin in the fall of 1990 and, like Kibbie, came up for tenure review this past fall. The history department, unlike the English department, utilizes classroom visitation reports from other members of the department in its assessment of tenure candidates. In addition, student assessment forms from both the college and the history department and retrospective letters are incorporated into the process. Tananbaum also submitted a dossier containing syllabi, work sheets, and tests for one of her classes. A similar dossier was prepared by Tananbaum in July to evaluate her research. The dossier contained Tananbaum's articles, book reviews, and work-in-progress including her book manuscript. The CAPT read these materials and also solicited confidential peer reviews of Tananbaum's work.

The tenure process is "very long and difficult process...very stressful for faculty," said Tananbaum. She noted that it is an "all-or-nothing" process, where a candidate denied tenure could effectively see their career end as they would have difficulty finding work elsewhere. "Bowdoin tries to make it a very fair process."

"Once granted, it gives us a level of security" seldom found in other fields, she added. "One has to feel grateful that at the end there is security."

"It's a very long and difficult process... very stressful for faculty. Bowdoin tries to make it a very fair process."—Susan Tananbaum recently tenured professor of history

Discussion of meal plan options

Jeremy Moreig-Sarver
STAFF WRITER

Responding to student requests for information on board plans, Director of Dining Services Mary Lou Kennedy held an informational meeting to review the current board plan options at Bowdoin. About a dozen students attended this "dinner table discussion" on March 12. The meeting was supposed to be a conversation about the current board plan, but questions by students were on a wide variety of dining service issues.

The main question posed by student regarded the possibility of a system in which students are not charged for meals they miss. Gerun Riley '98 explained that students don't want to feel "guilty they're losing their meals."

Kennedy explained that the Polar Point system was set up for those who missed a meal. The Bowdoin dining service computer system would need a major overhaul for that type of system, because the current dining service program was developed by a student 12 years ago. It was not bought on the market. A new system two years ago would cost a minimum of $40,000 and Computing and Information Services is not currently able to put the needed time into working on the present system. She also points to the fact that the cost for board has not increased since last year, although students were given a hundred more dollars in Polar Points.

Many felt that the dining service problem is quality versus quantity. If the board plans were less expensive or if a declining balance system was instituted, the quality of services and the availability of meals would naturally decrease as there would not be the money to cover dining service costs.

The current division of expenses for the dining service's budget is 49 percent for labor costs, 30 percent for food, 10 percent for other expenses such as utilities and linen, and 11 percent which Bowdoin expects dining services to put back into the college's General Fund every year.

Kennedy explains that the lack of a wide variety of choices for board plans is because when they were available a few years ago, many students took advantage of them. Other suggestions which Kennedy is currently considering include putting a stir fry bar in Wentworth Hall and having bagels available for the bag lunch.

Kennedy says she is always open to new suggestions. Dining Services has been trying to improve student satisfaction by projects such as the painting of the Moulton Union dining area walls and by hiring four new student managers. A pamphlet is available in either dining hall outlining the dining service philosophy, board options, and meal times.
Initiation incident closes Beta’s kitchen

A Wednesday night incident at Beta Sigma brought the closing of their kitchen and probable sanctions against the house.

Michael Melia
News Editor

Last Wednesday night, an initiation event at Beta Sigma left the house in violation of OSHA standards and prompted the closing of the house’s kitchen. Dean of Student Affairs Craig Bradley will discuss further sanctions with the Administration and the house presidents. According to Bradley, “The fraternity is in hot water.”

Beta Sigma’s chef, Mike Cobb, first reported the situation to Head of Dining Services Mary Lou Kennedy when he arrived at the house yesterday morning.

Head of Residential Life Bob Graves and Vice President for Finance and Administration and Treasurer Kent Chabot investigated the scene and found that Beta Sigma, who had been scrutinized and warned by OSHA earlier this year, was once again in violation of codes due to the destruction of property which threatened the safety of Colby employees.

The kitchen of Beta Sigma as seen yesterday morning. The destruction put their fraternity in violation of OSHA standards once again. (Adam Zimmian/Bowdoin Orient)

Beyond the Bowdoin Bubble

by Greg Arendt

The European Union’s 15 member nations quietly celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome, which, starting with six countries, began the process of European integration.

The Italian Navy is still searching for a ship containing refugees and asylum seekers that apparently ran aground and sank while patrolling for Albanian criminal organizations suspected to be headed for the Italian shores.

The 22-patagonic Arab League has frozen relations with Israel and boycotted Israeli goods hoping to deter the construction of Jewish settlements in East Jerusalem. King Hussein of Jordan claimed that the resolution was not binding and Israeli officials described the Arab League’s resolution as “strange, wishful thinking.” High level talks between India and Pakistan, the first in three years, ended without significant conclusions and Poland’s parliament passed a draft constitution that will be voted on in a referendum by the end of May.

Don’t tell the Sierra Club: a piece of the exploded Ariane 4 rocket collided with Ceres, a French military satellite, prompting the second European Conference on Space Debris to recommend proposals ranging from zapping space junk with lasers to fines for littering the skies with defunct satellites.

The Third International Math and Science Study, an education survey, ranked the U.S. 17th in science and 28th in math. Topping the charts were Hong Kong, South Korea, Japan, and Singapore. Losers, such as the U.S., Britain, and France, claim that the tests were biased.

President Clinton may ask the Federal Communications Commission to decide whether to ban or limit liquor advertising on television on grounds that such promotion will encourage young adults to drink under age. The liquor industry began advertising on television last year after changing a decades-old self-imposed policy against it. Similar FCC bans regarding tobacco advertising have been overturned by courts which claim they hinder free speech.

Treaties from 1977 require the U.S. to turn over bases in Panama by December 31, 1999, with options to leave troops on Panamanian soil. Judging from talks in recent weeks, Clinton’s Panama Canal Commission does not seem interested in maintaining a strong military influence in the Canal Zone, naturally drawing criticism from conservatives at home. Despite American unpopularity resulting from the 1989 invasion, Clinton is expected to use this opportunity to ask to bolster anti-drug forces in Panama with American forces.

The House has written legislation threatening to “decommission” Mexico as a nation co-operating with the U.S. in the fight against drugs. The Mexican ambassador promptly criticized the entire notion of “certification.” The senate is unlikely to pass such measures anyway. Because the recent Colombian decertification did not elicit the anticipated results.

The kitchen of Beta Sigma as seen yesterday morning. The destruction put their fraternity in violation of OSHA standards once again. (Adam Zimmian/Bowdoin Orient)

Faculty responds positively to Interim Report

Christopher F. Hourigan
Staff Writer

In addition to prompting discussion among Bowdoin students, the Interim Report by the Commission on Residential Life issued on Feb. 22 which recommends the abolishment of fraternities by 2000 and the establishment of a college house system, has sparked considerable response from the faculty.

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Associate Professor of English, David Collings, remarks “any basic response to the proposal is positive. I like the fact that the committee has established a two-tier system that allows both self-selectivity and non-self-selectivity. That is, students are placed together randomly [in the College Houses] such that they are compelled to build relationships with individuals they may otherwise not get to know, but they are still free to choose their living arrangements [in subsequent years] and can still create all the fraternity. "We haven’t decided yet what will happen," said Bradley, "and we’ll give them a chance to explain themselves." The kitchen, however, will remain closed indefinitely.

The sanctions would come in response to reports that indicate the presence of two unregistered kegs and what Acting Director of Security Louann Dustin describes as "several empty hard liquor bottles."

While Beta Sigma Vice President Joanna Hass ’98 was not at the house on Wednesday night, she described the incident as "just something like a food fight."

Reflecting on what the incident entails for the future of the fraternity, Hass says, "it definitely doesn’t look good. We wouldn’t have been able to stay open past next year anyway without new pledges and the money they’d bring in, but it’s hard ... this was our last year. It’s too sad for a few people to ruin it for the whole house."

When house members who were present Wednesday night were asked to comment on the night’s events, Melody Scharfe ‘99 responded: "It’s a house issue and you shouldn’t bother the house members."

House President Chris Pachion ‘98 could not be reached for comment.

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many professors such as Kibbie also present evidence of their service record to the College. "A lot of faculty members and junior faculty members spend an enormous amount of time on committees," said Kibbie. "I wouldn't think the College would want to send the message that it's just set aside when it's time to evaluate you as a member of the community." 

Tanabnum came to Bowdoin in the fall of 1990 and, like Kibbie, came up for tenure review this past fall. The history department, unlike the English department, utilizes classroom visitation reports from other members of the department in its assessment of tenure candidates. In addition, student assessment forms from both the college and the history department and retrospective letters are incorporated into the process. Tanabnum also submitted a dossier containing syllabi, worksheets and tests from her classes. A similar dossier was presented by Kibbie in July to evaluate her research. The research dossier contained Tanabnum's articles, book reviews, and works-in-progress including her book manuscript. The CAPT read these materials and also solicited confidential peers reviews of Tanabnum's work. In addition, Tanabnum submitted a self-evaluation on her own abilities and accomplishments in her teaching, research and service.

The tenure process is "a very long and difficult process...very stressful for faculty," said Tanabnum. She noted that it is an "all-or-nothing" process, where a candidate denied tenure could effectively see their career end as they would have difficulty finding work elsewhere. "Bowdoin tries to make it a very fair process." "Once granted, it gives a level of security" seldom found in other fields, she added. "One has to feel grateful that at the end there is security."

Discussion of meal plan options

**Jerome Moreg-Sarver Staff Writer**

Responding to student requests for information on board plans, Director of Dining Services Mary Lou Kennedy held an informational meeting to review the current board plan options at Bowdoin. About a dozen students attended this "dinner table discussion" on March 12. The meeting was supposed to be a conversation about the current board plan, but questions by students were on a wide variety of dining service issues.

The main question posed by student regarded the possibility of a system in which students are not charged for meals they miss. Cerun Riley '98 explained that students do not want to feel "guilty they're losing their meals."

Kennedy explained that the Polar Point system was set up for those who missed a meal. The Bowdoin dining service computer system would need a major overhaul for that type of system, because the current dining service program was developed by a student 12 years ago. It was not bought on the market. A new system two years ago would cost a minimum of $60,000 and Computing and Information Services is not currently able to put the needed time into working on the present system. She also points to the fact that the cost for board has not increased since last year, although students were given a hundred more dollars in Polar Points.

Many felt that the dining service problem is quality versus quantity. If the board plans were less expensive or if a declining balance system was instituted, the quality of services and the availability of meals would naturally decrease as there would not be the money to cover dining service costs.

The current division of expenses for the dining service's budget is 49 percent for labor costs, 30 percent for food, 10 percent for other expenses such as utilities and linen, and 11 percent which Bowdoin expects dining services to put back into the college's General Fund every year.

Kennedy explains that the lack of a wide variety of choices for board plans is because they were available a few years ago, very few students took advantage of them. Other suggestions which Kennedy is currently considering include putting a stir fry bar in Wentworth Hall and having bagels available for the bag lunches.

Kennedy says she is always open to new suggestions. Dining Services has been trying to improve student satisfaction by projects such as the painting of the Moulton Union dining area walls and by hiring four new student managers.

A pamphlet is available in each dining hall outlining the dining service philosophy, board options, and meal times.

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Initiation incident closes Beta's kitchen

A Wednesday night incident at Beta Sigma left the house in violation of OSHA standards and prompted the closing of the house's kitchen. Dean of Student Affairs Craig Bradley will discuss further sanctions with other members of the Administration and the house presidents. According to Bradley, "The fraternity is in hot water."

Beta Sigma's chef, Mike Cobb, first reported the situation to Head of Dining Services Mary Lou Kennedy when he arrived at the house yesterday morning.

Head of Residential Life Bob Graves and Vice President for Finance and Administration and 'Treasurer Kent Chabotar' investigated the scene and found that Beta Sigma, who had been scrutinized and warned by OSHA earlier this year, was once again in violation of code due to the destruction of property which threatened the safety of College employees.

The kitchen of Beta Sigma as seen yesterday morning. The destruction put their fraternity in violation of OSHA standards once again. (Adam Zimmann/Bowdoin Orient)

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Report meets with approval

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The same Interim Report from the Commission on Residential Life that was distrib- uted to students, alumni, parents of students, faculty, staff, trustees and selected members of the local community.

Associate Vice-President and Director of Public Affairs Scott Hood saw this distribution as a necessary part of the change that Bowdoin curricula is undergoing. "It is an excellent report," said Hood, and is "the back- ground for major decisions being made at the College." The report took advantage of the close interaction between the College and its alumni and was sent in order to solicit input and help with alumni support for the contest for present and future decisions made at the College.

This type of care has been put into keeping the lines of communication open between the Commission [on Residential Life] and the alumni," stated Scott Hood, director of alumni relations. An e-mail address has been established to collect input from alumni, which has also come in the form of letters and phone calls. Most correspondence goes directly to the Commission, but some has been handled by Alumni Relations.

Eddy said that her office anticipated mixed response from the alumni, with a strong concern for the future of the fraternities. Everyone- one knows that there would be some people who would be unhappy with the phasing out of the fraternities, but there were also a num- ber of alumni who had in the past called for an investigation of the role the fraternities played on campus.

Hood said that his office "did not expect great pressures," although he noted that there was a concern for the report of the treatment by the media. Great pains were taken to ensure that the media was informed about the issue and Hood observed that "as a result the articles have been accurate and balanced."

As he expected, the response has been very balanced, and was duly noted by Hood and Eddy. Hood said that he was encouraged by this response, remarking that it is "rare for people to voice their pleasure at a decision," but the commission has heard from many people who are pleased with the changes in residential life policies.

Faculty maintains positive outlook

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system in to foster a greater sense of inter- action between students and faculty; in fact, the report states that "Faculty mem- bers will be assigned advising roles with first-year and sophomore students belong- ing to each House. They will have a con- tinuing association with that House."

On this subject, Yarborough explains, "some of the most gratifying aspects of working at a small school such as Bowdoin is the ability to interact with students in informal ways. But I think, in order for the faculty-house relationship to be effective, professors will have to participate voluntarily. Personally I would like to have the free choice to interact with stu- dents—it is something I really enjoy do- ing, but I do not want to be forced to do it."

Collings added, "the success of the facul- ty-house dynamic rests on whether the interest is genuine from both perspec- tives. I think the idea of a faculty advisor to the houses could be good, but worry that it might make the relationship a tad artificial. I also worry about consis- tency. My experience of associating with fraternities in the past has always been positive, but it lacked continuity. I might know the members of a particular house for a few years and then be completely unfamiliar with the next wave of members."

"In general, I am interested in contrib- uting to the conversations about the new residential proposals and watching it evolve. I do think that a little bit of ideal- ism and experimentation might be good as we develop the model more specifi- cally. We can try to imagine social ar- rangements that could exist even though they may, at first, seem unfamiliar or dif- ficult to implement," Collings emphasized.

Yarborough stated that the idea of unit- ing the diverse groups of students with faculty for informal intellectual and social interaction offers "the kind of personal and academic experience that students at a college like Bowdoin should have."

Career planning center proposes credit for internships

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Laurel Smith, assistant director of the Career Planning Center, has issued a proposal that internships be considered as non-credit electives.

This proposal, which was submitted on Dec. 3 to Karen Treiber, associate dean of the student affairs, comes as a result of Bowdoin students' inability to get non-paid intern- ship credit, which requires, as one of its criteria, that students be given academic credit by their college. According to Laurel Smith, this proposal would be a "mechanism of oppor- tunity for students to pursue internships" for which they were previously unqualified.

This ability to get internships mostly occurs in the communications field, espe- cially in New York, where companies like NBC, CBS and ABC, as the proposal indi- cates, "simply will not offer any student an internship unless he or she receives credit. Thus employers require written documenta- tion from the school."

Such policy is mandated by Fair Labor Standards Act, a federal law which sets mini- mum wage. Since the internships are non- paid, the law regards the awarding of acade- mic credit to students as a compensation for their non-paid work. The companies have no choice but to comply with this act when hiring students.

This proposal is based on the method implemented by Kenyon College, which awards a "non-credit elective" which is posted on the back side of the transcript. For Kenyon students applying for internships for which they must receive academic credit, according to the proposal, "a letter is generated by the college to employers indicating that the stu- dent will receive this non-degree elective. To date this letter satisfies employer needs."

If employers want more proof, the intern- ship is written on the back side of the tran- script.

According to Director of Records and Re- search Christine Brooks, "the letter here- after this point does not require that anything be added to the transcript, but rather that we submit a letter to the internship sponsor saying that non-degree credit is being granted."

Smith admits that her proposal for such internships to be non-credit rather than acade- mic credit is a departure from her belief that "it's the fastest, easiest way to give stu- dents the opportunity to get an internship." Also, aside from procedures and policy con- siderations, the implementation of intern- ships for credit would take much more time because the program would have to be weighed against issues like associated costs, roles and responsibilities of the people in- volved and "the delineation between service learning, Bowdoin Volunteer Programs and unpaid internships."

Internships for academic credit, in the opin- ion of other schools that do not implement such a system, may go against the philoso- phy of a liberal arts college that doesn't en- courage "vocationalism," making it more difficult for such a system to be put into place.

At present, no internships exist that are awarded academic credit by Bowdoin. However, 14 out of the 23 schools that Smith researched do have some system for award- ing credit for internships, thus putting Bowdoin students at a disadvantage.

Moreover, as the proposal mentions, "few students may be able to secure credit by arranging an independent study with a pro- fessor; the internship becomes a part of the requirements established for the indepen- dent study."

The submitted proposal will, according to Brooks, eventually be submitted to the Re- cording Committee that will vote on it.

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Christine Detroy welcomes students to the Career Planning Center. (Adam Zimm/ Bowdoin Orient)

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Recognizing diversity

In the past, community at Bowdoin, an all-male, all-white institution, was based on sameness, because most of the students fit a certain mold. This naturally fostered a sense of inclusiveness among its students. Today, however, our challenge is to create an inclusive community as a whole, but they see value in the unique qualities of their fellow students as well. These signs of hope show that the proposed changes and challenges to the status quo have made the campus recognize and appreciate differences—something that the members of the community who do not reflect their own views. Self-recognition may not be easy, but it is essential if a new kind of inclusive Bowdoin community is to prevail.

At Tuesday's town meeting, students who spoke demonstrated the first signs of this awareness. While many at the previous forum had remained in short-sighted concerns, some of the people who spoke at the town meeting showed a willingness to transcend their own immediate circumstances to recognize whose ideas and situations may not reflect their own. First-Year Marshall Miller asked “What can I do?”—a new attitude that reflects a desire not to further one's own interest, but to relate to others what we might not understand. This is the kind of empathy—that of understanding, though not necessarily agreement—which must continue if we are to create a more inclusive Bowdoin community.

To get to that point, however, we must come to a new understanding about diversity at Bowdoin. We must support and celebrate differences in our races, gender and sexual preference, but we must also reflect on the individual’s “categories” to see the larger picture at the College. While it may seem that there is dominant majority culture, understood the collective, L.L. Bean image is individuals and individual’s interests are both varied and valuable. By recognizing and appreciating those differences, we can strengthen the underlying foundation of the Bowdoin community.

Committee responsibility critical

The College has chosen a road leading to the creation of an inclusive, diversified community that will be difficult to navigate. The ad-hoc Committee for faculty and student representation is tasked with creating a student representation on the Commission on Residential Life and Dean of Student Affairs. Craig Bradley represents a stepping stone, but members face a daunting task. Two unavoidable obstacles—the scope of the issues being addressed, coupled with time constraints—will undoubtedly make the process complex this semester. Circumstance, however, must not dictate a rushed product that does not reflect open discourse. In order for the House System to work, students must believe that it is the product of their own input and desires.

The Committee has only six weeks left in the semester to begin the work of producing proposals for the implementation of a complex house system. The Commission on Residential Life has six months to grasp the issues of residential life, while these students must compress their research on and discussion of this key piece of the Residential Life Report. Despite these challenges, this task at hand must be spread thin. The Committee designated four subcommittees that will investigate the issues of choice, House governance, faculty role and relations between residential life and the rest of the College. The subcommittees will be part of the Residential Life staff into the new House System. While the salience of the topics chosen is evidence of a sensitivity to student opinion, the number of topics being considered leaves only four students per subcommittee. These students bear the responsibility of addressing, in a constructive manner, the most important questions raised during student debates about the Housing System. This is a great deal to ask of anyone, but by opening the dialogue to the community, members can count on greater student support.

As of yet, there has been little public discussion of the ad-hoc Committee. There are still fundamental questions that remain unanswered. For example, do these students have any real authority to change the current system? How do Committee members plan to solicit student opinion? It is important that the greater community be aware of the Committee's role and how the new system can and should be represented.

While the Committee is forced into a difficult situation this spring, the small number of students involved and the evident time restraints makes an investigation into the student's voice and opinions is not possible. The Committee's role is to concern themselves with the process that preceded the Board of Trustees' vote on the Residential Life Commission Report—this is the chance to give a larger constituency a sense of ownership.

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To the Editors,

The recent decision to close the fraternities at Bowdoin is a disappointment. When personal rights are at stake, I do not see how anyone can remain silent. I believe that people who are old enough to vote and hear arguments have a right to decide where and with whom they choose to spend time. I hope the fraternity system will not be the only group of college organizations troubled by this recent turn of events. Any decision that restricts freedom has an impact on each of us.

I am disappointed that the Commission arrived at this recommendation and that the trustees supported them. The loss of choice will change the campus environment and further distance the Administration and students.

The plan to create "social houses" seems only another attempt at controlling all aspects of an individual's growth. Will the students have any say about how they spend their time? Will they be allowed to associate with fellow team members, lab partners or even family members?

Many students and alumni that I regard as friends have come from the frater system; many others are not from that environment. They all have something in common though, each had a choice for the future. You might say that probably isn't iong. Might I suggest that students, families, alumni and other college friends who believe in choice deny funding the development efforts of President Edwards. If you wish to contribute to the College, earmark funds for use only by specific programs and ask the Administration to report to you how they've used your gift.

Maureen Soule

Our criminal justice system

By Wystan Ackerman

Political Persuasions

Two high-profile criminal trials, those of O.J. Simpson and Timothy McVeigh, have helped reveal some truth and quash a myth about the American criminal justice system. In the Simpson case, the state of California accused a wealthy celebrity of a brutal double murder. The prosecution did not seek the death penalty, Simpson was successfully defended by an army of the best defense attorneys money can buy. Time and again, however, is on trial in federal court for the murder of eight federal agents in the bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building. Unlike Simpson, he is not rich and certainly not a celebrity. He is being defended by a small team of public defenders. The stakes are a bit higher, since the government is seeking the death penalty. Without question, the U.S. Attorney's office, the FBI and the federal government as a whole have much greater resources to prosecute McVeigh than the Los Angeles District Attorney's office had to prosecute Simpson. In both cases, only circumstantial evidence is available, since there were no eyewitnesses or confessions. In the Simpson trial, however, some things burn out in the McVeigh case. Steven Jones, leading the defense team, successfully changed the venue for the trial from Oklahoma City to Denver. Jury selection began this week. The prosecutors have some evidence which may link McVeigh to a rental truck and perhaps the chemicals used in the bomb. Apparently, a witness will testify that McVeigh was driving a rental truck in the direction of Oklahoma City in the days preceding the bombing. However, it will undoubtedly be a very onerous task to prove proximate cause (tying McVeigh to the crime) beyond a reasonable doubt to the satisfaction of 12 jurors. The defense seems to have some may be a plausible argument for a reasonable doubt. They plan to point out that the FBI still can't find "John Doe number two," supposedly an accomplice of McVeigh's, whose sketch looks nothing like Terry Nichols. Jones will probably argue that "number two" might be the real bomber. Although he plans to show the jury the FBI crime lab, a similar approach to the one used in the Simpson case. Although it is way too early to call, Jones knows that, even though McVeigh is indigent and is facing a much more formidable opponent in the federal government, he will get a big fund for his defense.

Hopefully, this case will help quash the myth that the wealth of the defendant is the determining factor in the whether he or she gets a "fair" trial. More Americans will start realizing that whether or not they have money, or are football player or an enlisted Army veteran of modest means, when they are accused of a serious crime, the odds are heavily stacked against them in your favor. Granted, it helps to have a bit of intelligence—if you did use only specific programs and ask the Administration to report to you how they've used your gift.

In 1997, the truth is, regardless of how rich or poor you are, if you're wrongly accused, you'll almost always be acquitted. Even if you're guilty, you have a good chance at being set free, regardless of who you are.

To the Editors,

What else can we expect from the followers of Jesus Christ whose mean-spirited interpretation of the seventh commandment against adultery is staggering: "Whosoever looketh on a woman to last her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart" (Matthew 5:28). Hapless solution to this problem of lust in the verses which follow that verse is even more staggering. Before Bible-thumpers impugn the sexual morals of President Bill Clinton they should read more closely about the profligacies of David and the debaucheries of Solomon also found in the bible.

King David had an affair with Bathsheba and even arranged to have her husband die (2 Samuel 11). David also had a muddy affair with Saul's son Jonathan (1 Samuel 18:1-4, 20:41-42, and 2 Samuel 1:25-26).

King Solomon had a harem of seven hundred wives and three hundred concubines (1 Kings 11:5). He also wrote frankly erotic poetry in the Song of Solomon. This may be partially explained by the fact that the "book of law" was discovered in 621 BCE under the puzzle of 2 Kings 22:8 more than three hundred years after the Golden Age of Hebrew civilization in 980 BCE under King David. The law was unknown to David and Solomon but was added hundreds of years later as an afterthought. Sanctioning prayers should not hold President Bill Clinton to sexual moral standards which even the greatest biblical rulers did not follow. The Bible itself exposes their religious hypocrisy as a fraud.

Jim Senyszyn

Moral hypcrisy

Building a community of puzzle pieces and crosswords

By Meg Hall

Real World Ramblings

We are puzzle pieces, crosswords, trying to fit into our own unique spaces and molds. We think what is wrong with us—this fault and that—is unable to be bridged by the spaces and molds. We wonder about the history of our people. We think that the puzzle is part of the whole—that we need it for self- realization and significance. In this puzzle, the value of each of us individually means so much more than that whole. The picture, the solution, can't lose ourselves in the process—then the puzzle will have no core, no deep meaning. It would just be a mishmash of pieces making a big picture, creating a false sense of homogeneity, a melting of pieces into one-put the intersecting and linking of individuals.

There is an incredible need for the individual spirit to be nourished. I think of personal interactions and the remaining from the spirit and slightly differing characteristics that reside in each of us. To me, community is something that emerges from below, a flow of energy that stems from each and everyone of us.

To me, it seems that awareness and grounding in one's own individuality has the potential to foster a sense of community. I have this philosophy that if people are truly secure in themselves, aware of their attributes, weaknesses, passions, strengths, etc, they will embrace these qualities as the embodiment of themselves and interactions will be mutually rich.

In the process of all the changes the College is facing, I urge everyone, especially my fellow classmates, to note not lose sight of the fact that personal community is not something that can be created and invented. It comes from within us. It seems that living in every individual Becoming is a part of the interactions of the College at large, but also from our own self-awareness and personal growth. Buildings, new policies, structural changes, white walls and bricks aren't going to improve a community. The concepts generated by the Commission are fundamentally well-grounded and well-intended, yet should by no means be substituted for the dialogue, discussion and open atmosphere that everyone needs to spend, to work towards the greater good.

This new proposal is merely a framework, a concept, an empty space. Real change must come from the students in cooperation and interaction with the Administration. We hold concerns and issues that are boiling under the guise of all these creative endeavors. As students, we have to care. This is our campus and we need to become the impetus for change. It's time to let our anger out and express our minds. It's time to question and to test boundaries beyond committees and fragmented sectors of the Bowdoin community. If we truly desire a standard that is even the greatest biblical growth mentally and emotionally, we need to come together as a college. We need to become the puzzle that encompasses individual parts and pieces into a beautiful weaving of diversity and uniqueness. There is no way of creating and improving community. It has to emerge, evolve and develop from within.

Unlike 90 percent of the people I met while in the Bahamas for spring break, we are not candidates for the shallow closing process. As Bowdoin students, we are united by common attributes, such as intelligence and a desire to learn. However, our personalities, traits, passions, backgrounds and quirks extend far beyond the fragile the lab, the lab... Our strength as a college community will come from an appreciation of ourselves and the unique talents and qualities that are alive, kicking and fighting to be heard.

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**STUDENT SPEAK**

**How much did you miss Camp Bobo over spring break?**

ELIZABETH BISAGNA '99  
Mt. Vernon, WA  
"I was here b$ch."

JAMES WALTERS '00  
Kensington, MD  
"So much that I spent my entire break running around in the woods in search of the illusive polar bear."

CHRIS EDWARDS '97  
Columbus, OH  
"I got the shakes."

BUFFY SMALL '99  
Concord, MA  
"About as much as I missed getting kicked in the head by a pink rhino."

SARAH HOLT '99  
Topsham, ME  
"I like it here so much that I decided to stay."

HAIJIL CARR '00  
Hawaii  
"I'll start missing Bowdoin when they give me more financial aid."

GABRIELE CAROTI '97  
Wilton, CT  
"I missed Harper."

PAYTON DEEKS '99  
New Jersey, NJ  
"I had brick withdrawal."

Compiled by Brian Billock and Alice Liddell

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**Student Opinion**

**Balancing Bowdoin’s budget**

By Doug Fleming

So how exactly did the budget at Bowdoin get balanced? Well, the theory behind it is simple ... cut back services, cut back maintenance, get more students to come to the College and bingo! The budget has become balanced.

Balancing the budget is a very good thing, and I applaud various school administrators for taking the initiative to do it. However, there are some aspects of the school budget that, to say the least, are quite problematic. One of these aspects is the treatment of the Dudley Coe Health Center.

Before 1992, Dudley Coe was staffed 24 hours a day by a qualified and able nurse. In addition, the health center had a full time doctor to assist students with their health care needs. In 1992, administrators at this school felt they could save a few dollars by shutting down many of the health center's valuable services. The health center lost its doctor. Much of the staff at Dudley Coe was fired and it was decided that for only a few hours a week, a visiting physician would be provided to meet the needs of students. Otherwise, it became necessary for students to make the trek to Midcoast Hospital and pay $75 for an emergency room visit. Furthermore, it was announced that the health center would no longer provide students with 24-hour health care, forcing people to go to Midcoast at night regardless of whether they needed a physician's appointment or not.

For students with cars, this only became a minor inconvenience, but for those without (the vast majority), this policy became a major hassle. In addition, the health of students with life threatening chronic conditions was given a further hurdle to overcome—that of not having needed health care during the night hours.

While the current situation at Dudley Coe is at most "tolerable," what becomes even more problematic is the possibility that the health center might be closed down altogether. As of late, rumors have circulated throughout the campus community that certain administrators want to force the closure of Dudley Coe and make all students go to Midcoast for $75 a visit.

Having spoken to Dean Craig Bradley, I was assured that the rumor was false "and that there was no question Dudley Coe would stay open." Bradley said that what administrators are considering is either a move of Dudley Coe to another location on campus or providing students with managed health care through an HMO in the town of Brunswick. The latter possibility, he said, was not at all likely since it only proved extremely effective at large universities. What he did not indicate, however, was whether or not there would be further cutbacks in managed health care for students.

All bets, say many others to whom I spoke, point to the budget axe falling once again on the people at Dudley Coe. It is a fact that President Edwards has floated the idea of turning Dudley Coe into administrative offices. In addition, it was recently proposed that the health center become student housing. Either way, Dudley Coe would be forced to move, and this would be a prime opportunity for another "reorganization resulting in a scale-down of paramount student services." A Coe employee speaking on condition of anonymity stated that an e-mail was circulated to various members of the Bowdoin staff saying that the Administration was considering to "outsource selected health center services."

Then, of course, there is the question of notifying the Coe family of the proposed cutbacks in the health center they donated. Of course, I assume that any efforts to move the health center will be brought to the attention of the Coe and I assume such a move would be worked out in full cooperation with them.

It is interesting to note that while Bowdoin has been grinding its health services nearly to a halt, other schools in the area have been building their health care resources. Having spoken with health care administrators at Bates College, I discovered that they had recently voted to provide their health center with even more funding. Coe, likewise, provides its students with a full time physician, three full time nurses and 24 hours of services. Colby College does likewise.

I would think that Bowdoin could provide its students and staff with service at least comparable to what Bates and Colby are offering. One way to do this is to sell each one of the new light fixtures in Wentworth Hall. Each one of those fixtures was purchased for roughly $25,000. Selling them would give us a doctor. However, I doubt anyone would buy them.

In sum, if Bowdoin wants to balance its budget, I applaud its efforts to do so, but school administrators shouldn't sacrifice the health of students in doing so. Sacrificing personal health is akin to airlines cutting maintenance when they have budget cutbacks. Companies like USAirways and ValuJet have learned a very important lesson from budget cutbacks—when you cut maintenance, the airplane will crash. Do we really want Bowdoin students to "crash?" Whatever one's opinion regarding this matter, one thing must be done. Bowdoin must make it clear to faculty, staff and students that budget cuts will affect their health. The first step might be to rename Bowdoin "Valu-College" in accordance with the cutbacks.

Doug Fleming is a sophomore government major.
Civil rights exhibit unifies politics and art

BY KEVIN NEWBURY

"Those of you who are my age will be transported back to a more interesting and a more vibrant time in American political life," Julian Bond said of "Appeal to This Age: Photography of the Civil Rights Movement, 1954-1968." Bond's lecture, delivered on Thursday, April 2, kicked off the exhibit's opening at the Bowdoin College Museum of Art. Listeners filled Kress Auditorium to hear "Creating the Color Line," a lecture sponsored by the museum, the Department of Africana Studies and the Rwusawurm Lecture Series.

In his introduction, Professor Dan Levine offered the audience a hint of Julian Bond's leadership in the Civil Rights Movement. Bond led the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee in the 1960s and was later a member of the Georgia legislature. Bond's lecture reflected not only his past commitment to the Civil Rights Movement, but also the ongoing responsibility he feels to inform his University of Virginia students of the "modern day struggle for human liberty."

Bond addressed his listeners about the legacy of the Civil Rights Movement. Addressing the political and social history of racism in the United States, Bond encouraged his audience to ask questions about the movement's goals, successes and failures. While challenging institutional racism and "racist or reluctant" presidents, the Civil Rights Movement, according to the professor, paved the way for future social progress. Bond wished that all modern students consider the movement's importance, whether related to religion, age, race, or gender, can be traced back to the activity of those in the 1950s and 60s.

The "Appeal to This Age" exhibit provides a context to examine not only the famous leaders, but also the anonymous faces. Bond's words breath new life into the Civil Rights Movement as he stressed the importance of looking to past generations to remember "those initial battles were won."

Although Bond acknowledged that African-Americans have made great gains in the last 40 years, he also recognized that "dear racial faults ... divide American society as much now as at any time in its past."

The solutions to the current racial problems in this country, Bond professed, will be much more difficult to implement than the desegregation of a lunch counter.

In an age of "scientistic racism and social Darwinism," Bond said that we need an "indictment of our times and our economic system."

The lecture pointed to the U.S.'s severe economic stratification, as well as a politically organized "tolerance" in which the victim has become the perpetrator. Bond also drew attention to the fact that many beautiful places are redlined, with minorities constituting the majority.

"Black Americans see a deep gulf between the American dream and the reality of their lives," Bond said, adding that the color lines can only be crossed when white America "surrender[s] a world view which is older than the United States."

Bond offered the enthusiastic crowd his opinions about the importance of affirmative action, education and handgun regulation. However, alluding to the words of W.I.B. "It's a good point presented to this audience, but we can only improve the racial situation if we strive for "greater efforts and grander victories."

While looking to the past for inspiration, we need to discover new methods, new techniques, and new targets for combating racism in the United States—and, "that is the promise we must all seek to honor today," he said.

Julian Bond's lecture elicited laughter and even provoked a group rendition of "Will the Circle Be Unbroken." However, it was Bond's overwhelming message of responsibility that seemed particularly germane to the gathered members of the Bowdoin community. Bond asserted that the power of modern youth cannot be underestimated, but he reminded listeners that "no one passed a torch of leadership on to me."

This lecture is the first in a series of talks which are designed to supplement the "Appeal to the Age" exhibit which will be on display at the Bowdoin College Museum of Art during the next few weeks. The people, places and events depicted urge us to re-member the Civil Rights Movement. However, the images also force us to address the racial problems facing the Bowdoin community today. "Appeal to This Age" should encourage us to grab the torch of leadership and according to Julian Bond, we "have to take it."

Spring Dance Performance

This year marks the Bowdoin Dance Group's 26th annual Spring Performance at Pickard Theater, at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday April 11 and 12. Presented by the Department of Theater and Dance, the performances are free and open to the public.

The yearly concert features a lively, diverse selection of 13 dances ranging from African drums to hip-hop and postmodern inventions. The evening presents original faculty and student choreography.

Lecture Paul Servais' intermediate dance repertory class will perform "Push" to music by Ricardo Tisci. Lecturer Gwyneth Jones' advanced repertory class will perform a dance choreographed to Bach's cello solos.

The introductory repertory class, also taught by Gwyneth Jones, offers "Just Say Don't" accompanied by "Honey Don't" (Carl Perkins), "Honey Don't Say No" (Elvis Presley) and "Don't Force Me In" (David Byrne).

Three student independent study projects are featured: Senegalese influenced "Femme Nuau Bubass" by Esther Baker '97; a multimedia work by Dana Wickner '97 which incorporates slides, lighting and music; and the second part of a three-part dance titled "Memory" by Lori Simkowitz '97, which explores presence and absence through the character of Anastasia Romanov, the young-dead daughter of Czar Nicholas II. Professor June Vail, chair of the Department of Theater and Dance, is adviser for the projects.

A traditional Chinese ribbon dance performed by Hueliee Lee '99 and a mask dance by Dave Carroll '98 in Balinese style reflect the department's broad range of dance interests.

In addition, the diverse program includes "Put a Little Spice in Your Life" choreographed by Luong Van Viet 00, "J.A.M. "by Margaret Gaffney '97, to Irish music; "Looks Like Rain," a trio by Shani Ankort '99, "So-nata Brute" by Carter Smith '97, and "Um-laut" by Allison Ayer '96 and John Horn '98, with music from the Bulgarian Radio and Television Female Voice Choir.

June Vail promises that this year's concert will be entertaining and provocative."Many people look forward to the Spring Performance as a high point of the year. They won't be disappointed," she says.

—Press release

26th Annual Spring Dance Performance

Friday and Saturday, April 11 and 12, 1997

Pickard Theater

8 p.m.

—Sponsored by the Theater and Dance Department—

Roman art visits Walker Museum

BY DOUGLAS SILTON

STAFF WRITER

Within the Atrium: A Context for Roman Daily Life was billed as an exhibition that focused "on the material culture of the Roman family in the context of the atrium, the main hall of an ancient Roman house. Drawn primarily from the permanent collections at the Museum, objects include architectural relief fragments, domestic cult objects, and numerous household utensils which help elucidate aspects of Roman life," according to Anna-Maria Canettella '95. Canettella is responsible for the exhibition that is a culmination of her year-long work at Bowdoin.

Painted frescoes and ornamental fire causes embellish the atrium in a small room in the downstairs of the Bowdoin College Museum of Art. However, the main stream of people that poured through the atrium last night during the exhibition preview barely glanced at the superbly laid out room. The ancient Roman household went unnoticed as most patrons made a beeline for the African American exhibition, Appeal to This Age: Photography from the Civil Rights Movement, 1954-1968. Such a pity ... and those people completely ignore the beauty of the Roman atrium and the religious, political and social views that it displayed.

The religious aspects of the atrium cover the left and right walls. As the patron circumnavigates the room, they first come across the image of a savior, Silenus, who was responsible for raising the god Bacchus from childhood. Next to Silenus is Dionysus, a ram-headed god, who was originally the chief deity of Thebes. Continuing the pilgrimage around the atrium, the listener is met with a simple glass case with pilar adornments houses the family lar. The lar inside the lararium is the protecting divinity of the house that ensures the strength and maintenance of the family. Perpendicular to the lararium is a relief of the Gorgon Medusa, showing the suppliant nature of the family.

Political aspects of the atrium came into play when the male figure of the household used the atrium to greet his business partners and in the morning at the curriculum, an offering table. But the business aspects of the atrium ceased when the male left for the forum to take care of other business.

A more social context then arose for the atrium. Editors of a family room in which the mother of the family educated the children or directed the slaves' work. The women would groom themselves (the ancient Romans believed that one's appearance communicated to others an expression of one's character) and case filled with miscellaneous items. Needy goods and ends from earrings to hair pins to wretters demonstrates this need to be edible. Articles from the walls of the atrium is the decoration of the portrait and bust of a young boy; the portrait signifies the fertility and strength and continuity of the family. The fertility symbolism is carried one

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"Leprechaun 4" is a visual disappointment

BY RYAN C. JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

When the first "Leprechaun" movie came out in 1990, they said it would be the last. Of course, they were wrong. And even before the 1990s ended, we were promised that there were no plans for a 1991 sequel. Well, the movie was too successful for that to happen. So, what do you do when your previous movie has been so successful that you need to make another one? Well, why not make another one? So, in 1993, we have "Leprechaun 4." This is a sequel to the 1990 film, and it's just as bad as the first one.

The basic gist of this movie is that a bunch of people get together and start killing each other. And the main character is a little girl who is named Sassy. She is the only survivor of the first movie, and now she is back to kill some more. The movie is filled with horror and gore, but it's not really scary. It's more of a cheap horror movie than a good one.

One thing that "Leprechaun 4" has going for it is the cast. There are some decent actors in this movie, and they do their best to make the movie work. But the script is terrible, and the direction is even worse. The movie is a mess, and it's not worth watching.

But if you're a fan of the "Leprechaun" franchise, then you might enjoy this movie. It's not as bad as some of the other movies in the series, but it's not good either. So, if you're a fan, then you might want to check it out. But if you're not, then you should probably skip it. It's a waste of time.
Roman artifact exhibit opens in Art Museum

By Gabriele Carotti

BRILLIANT promotion belies a disastrous album on U2's "Pop"

After seven albums, two eps, one "side project" and an abominably bad soundtrack album, what once were angry young Irish teens have come back after two critically and commercially underrated albums with a re-release reeking so much of postmodernism that the French St. theorist Roland Barthes is probably rolling over in his grave several times right now. Before I actually talk about the songs on this semiprecious stone of a record, I gotta say that without listening to it, my opinion of the record grew just by looking at the sleeve and reading the song titles. And here's why.

Bozo, The Edge, Larry and Adam are not stupid. They are brilliant self-promoters. But not in the Madonna or Spike Lee sense, but in a very ironic, nasty and thoughtful way that could only come out of the U. K., or countries close to it. Right now, these four guys are all laughing hysterically in their respective homes in Monte Carlo, St. Moritz, Weston, Connecticut, or wherever else rich rockstars live. They are laughing because all these stupid teenagers, 20 and 30 somethings all over the world bought their album without a second thought. They bought it because the single talks about clubbing and the album is called Pop. Because they, and you, those of you which already have this album in your canned free-disc changer for all next month, hope to have the same tantric experience with this album that you had upon first hearing "Who's Gonna Ride Your Wild Horses."

But you, Wal-Mart shopper, J. Crew loyalist, Party of Five fan, you the one that actually liked Battle & Hum, (one of the worst musical mistakes of all time, the Watergate of rock music), you, the non-individual that actually is seduced by song titles like "Mojof" and "The Playboy Mansion," are precisely who this album is geared towards. Wearing shoes that the Stray Cats had on. All this is also found in the music: the song "Miamis" is a cowering satire of 80's "Singles-Out" faux-glam rhetoric; "print skirts and southern accents...cigars and big hair...batteires in the handycam,...skinny girl in the photo shoot...freshmen squawky cleavage,...getting hot in a photo booth." The subsequent song samples The Byrds (can you believe that?) and says "If Coke is a mystery, and Michael Jackson is history, if O.J. is more than a drink, and a Big Mac, bigger than you think." A Crystal Pepsi clear elucidation of the corporate world that, wait, they are the center of it! Wow! Amazing.

And that is why the album is lifted from the barren wasteland that it would otherwise be in. I am very harsh, I know, but one has to be harsh with U2. All their albums have been brilliant or close to it (See "that" one). All either 1) have beautiful songs 2) changed the face of "pop" or 3) did both. Roy was new, refreshing and amazing, W. In the world that Brillant, The Unforgettable Fire changed the formula largely due to the production by Enno and Lanois and The Joshua Tree brought every-thing into the limelight. Aching Baby made the fall of communism look punk, and in Zoropa industrial complexes look like Bush forests. But this one falls short.

It falls short because Enno and Lanois are gone and Howie B. and Flood stayed on from the last album. The innovation brought by the two producers is now lost in slick production from a record cabling of knobs. Howie B. is a great composer and DJ but does little except add a Nana Vasconcelos sample which shouldn't be and help do a bad Chemical Brothers rip off. "Discothèque" is one of the strongest tracks, but does not pack enough of a wallop, it could be an outtake from Zoropa and "Staring at the Sun" is an incredibly embarrassing experience which sounds more like "Black Hole Sun" than anything else. Although "If God Will Send His Angels," has a Bolan-quality lyric "No one to point the finger, it's just you and me and the rain," it is a minimalist ballad which is very refreshing. As are... "Do You Feel Loved Today?" and "Night On Earth," anthemic Joshua Tree leftovers. My favorite part of the album, though, is the last five songs: the first of the art, not yours, day off, the other two lull you slowly and softly to sleep and by the penultimate track you're in REM sleep and everything perfect! Now the four working class Irish lads are not lads anymore, and they know, being at it for 15 years, that the industry demands. They know they can't be on the leading edge of pop anymore because what once was hip is not anymore. The trendy crowds do not listen to rock, they listen to trip hop, drum 'n' bass, acid jazz, jungle, ambient, Goa-trance. And they listen to it in their rooms where they used to listen to Under a Blood Red Sky. The trend-setters are not the rockstars, but the DJs. One year ago U2 and Seal were on the Batman Forever soundtrack. Now in another Val Kilmer flick, The Saint, there is Underworld, Orbital, Moby, and The Chemical Brothers. But U2 are aware. The heyday of "Mysterious Ways" has disappeared...Now, they ride on cocktails. "But not to be hurled at the audience," says the album, and while the new album is charting at number one for at least a few weeks, wipe off the dust from your old copy of War and slap it on the turntable.
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Polar Bear Sports

Baseball ready to heat things up

- Led by their red hot bats, the Polar Bears hope the snowy fields of Brunswick don't cool off their momentum from a successful Florida trip.

Chris Buck
SPORTS EDITOR

Upon its return from its annual trip to Florida, the Bowdoin softball team is showing some promise for the 1997 season. The Bears carry a 5-3 record, but they have won three straight games and will hopefully continue their success this weekend.

The Bear's first seven games. He led Bowdoin with a .556 batting average, including three doubles, two triples and three home runs. He also scored 12 runs and racked up 15 RBIs to pace the Bears in both categories. He returns to Brunswick with a .625 on-base percentage and an on-base of 1.149 slugging percentage (total bases per at-bat). In addition to all this, MacDonald hit a triple and another homer in a scrimmage against a powerful Maimi-Dade Community College that aren't included in his official season stats.

With hitters like McDonald and Meehan leading the way, the Bears haven't had much trouble scoring runs. However, these two are not the only ones that have been causing nightmares for opposing pitchers. Dave DeCew '99 has done an outstanding job in replacing Mike Flaherty '96 as the team's leadoff hitter. DeCew second on the team in Florida with both a .476 batting average and a .566 on-base percentage, a mark which allowed him to score 12 runs tying him for the team lead. He has also been impressive defensively while anchoring the Bears' infield at shortstop.

Helping DeCew set the table has been Dave Caturuzolo '98, who is perhaps Bowdoin's best all-around player. Cat not only hit .429 down in Florida, but he also hit the Bears' best pitcher, throwing 8.2 scoreless innings, while allowing only four hits and striking out eight. He is currently ranked third on the team with 11 runs scored, and has stolen a team-high four bases. When he is not on the field the Bowdoin's #1 - second base, complementing DeCew in what is a solid defensive infield.

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Young softball squad faces difficult task

- With the majority of its starting line-up lost to graduation, the softball team has only 12 games to unite and overcome their mission of improving last year's 10-11 mark.

Chris Buck
SPORTS EDITOR

After losing seven of its top players from last year, the Bowdoin softball team enters the 1997 season with a young, inexperienced roster. However, the Bears are optimistic that they can improve on last spring's 10-11 record despite dropping their first two contests to Wesleyan and Tufts.

The most painful loss for Bowdoin was that of starting third baseman Jon Fortin '96, who led the team in hits, doubles, total bases, slugging percentage, on-base percentage and batting average last season. Also the team's best defensive player, Bowdoin was certainly one of the school's all-time greats.

Helping Fortin will be veteran catcher Abby Votto '97, last year's RBI leader. Votto drove in 15 runs while batting .353 and one homer. Her .469 slugging percentage and .313 average placed her fourth among the team's starters. She is now the Bears' sole captain and most feared hitter, in addition to being an outstanding catcher.

With the departures of Bowdoin, Jen Flynn '96 and graduation and Tara Schroeder '98 to study-abroad, the Bears will have a completely new infield this season. Kris Gerard '99 will replace Bowdoin at short, while Beth Previte '98 will complement her at second base. Senior Jody Zagoen takes over at first, while Emilie Guerin '00 will cover the hot corner at third.

Kell Conroy '98 will be the Bears' only returning starter in the outfield. Last season, she hit a solid .293, second among all returning players. This year, she will be looked upon for even more offensive production, as she will bat clean-up behind Votto. It appears as though the rest of the outfield will be mostly newcomers, as First-Years Melissa Alker, Megan McHugh and Annie Pinekett will all see valuable playing time.

With last year's ace Erin Collins '96 also lost to graduation, Donna Strohmeyer '97 steps in to take over as the team's top pitcher. She will be looking to improve her outing, as Collins capped off an impressive career with eight wins and a 3.55 ERA last season. J.C. Hargreaves '97, who won one game for Bowdoin last year, could also see some time on the mound.

What could eventually hurt the young Polar Bears is their unusually short schedule. The team is to play only 12 games this year, a number that could be made even smaller by bad weather. Hopefully, the team will pull together quickly, a difficult task with so few games and so many new faces.

Nationally ranked lacrosse team looks unstoppable

- The men's lacrosse team had some fun in the sun as they won two games in Florida and a third at Babson.

Katie Lynk
STAFF WRITER

Bowdoin spring sports teams returned to campus at the end of Spring Break thinking that warm weather was on its way. Instead, they watched snow accumulate on their playing fields as a result of Monday's storms. Hopefully, this will not dampen the spirits of the talented Polar Bears, who have won three straight games, are now 5-1.

During the break, the team traveled to Florida where they faced Springfield and Williams. They clinched a 14-13 victory over Springfield on March 18 with a goal in double overtime and a brave raid and a 9-8 victory over Williams on March 25. Their third victory came from a 16-7 bout with Babson on March 29. As a result of these impressive performances, the Polar Bears are ranked 15th in the nation in this week's United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association poll.

Their next challenge will be this weekend against Connecticut College at 1 p.m. on Sunday at Pickard Field. The Bears are currently ranked 16th with a record of 2-1. At the end of last season, Bowdoin lost to Connecticut College 8-7 in the ECAC semifinals.

According to Coach Tom McCabe, the team is hungry for this game. This year's team is just itching to get a foot in the door of the national rankings and perhaps spoil the party of the Purple Panthers.

As for the defense, McCabe said, "I think we have the talent of the midfielders, especially face-off men Ben Chaset '97 and Scott Fox '99. Their ability to gain possession of the ball has led to many big plays for the Bears.

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2. Ethan Chan 6-2, 6-2
3. Lisl Hacker 6-1, 6-2
4. Amy Gubbins 6-4, 6-2
5. Shanna Gagnon 6-6, 6-0
6. Sally Polkinghorn 6-6, 6-0
Doubles
1. Dugan and Chan 8-4
2. Hacker and Gubbins 8-2
3. Gagnon/Polkinghorn 8-6
Final Score: Bowdoin 9, Monterey Men's 0

3/21 vs. Sonoma State
Singles
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2. Ethan Chan 6-4-6
3. Lisl Hacker 6-2-6
4. Amy Gubbins 6-4-6
5. Shanna Gagnon 6-1-6
6. Sally Polkinghorn 6-1-6
Doubles
1. Dugan and Chan 9-8
2. Hacker and Gubbins 9-8
3. Gagnon/Polkinghorn 8-6
Final Score: Bowdoin 6, Sonoma State 3

3/22 vs. Menlo College
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3. Lisl Hacker 6-0-2
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Doubles
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3. Gagnon/Polkinghorn 8-3
Final Score: Bowdoin 9, Menlo College 0

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Bears riding three-game winning streak

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Keppney in the rotation will be Todd Berenguer ’80, who pitched well in Florida, recording two wins while striking out 12 in only 10 innings. Opponents are batting .158 against him, the lowest such mark on the team.

Buckley, Mellor and Mike Taranto ’92 could also play significant roles on the mound for the Bears, as all three pitched in relief over the break. Buckley also started one game, allowing three earned runs in four innings against a powerful Wesleyan team. He could possibly alternate with Cataruzolo as the team’s third starter. Mellor gave up three earned runs in 3.2 innings over the break, but did record five strikeouts.

The Bears must now play the waiting game, as the snow slowly melts behind Farley Field House. There were originally three games scheduled to be played at Bowdoin this week, but this past weekend’s storm has caused all these games, and perhaps even next week’s contests, to be canceled. The team may travel to Cape Cod this weekend to play several unscheduled games, but this has not yet been confirmed. Hopefully, the Bears’ bats will not have cooled with the weather when they finally resume their season.

Comments from the peanut gallery

by Ted Maloney

Well, the major league baseball season has begun and people are asking all sorts of questions. Do the Yankees have any chance of repeating? That’s like asking how long it will take a man to fly to the moon. Miami seems to be posting a lot of wins, but that’s just like saying you’ve won the lottery just because you had a winning ticket two weeks ago. Everyone knows that baseball is boring. “Over there, he hit a long ball! Who cares?” and “Isn’t what has caused this loss of interest in the national pastime—and more important, how external the blame? Everyone around the game likes to blame the “94 strike for baseball’s current downturn.” However, every one also agrees that the greatest role in baseball’s fan base is left by the lack of the younger generation, who expect nothing more than pure, unadulterated, selfish great out of our professional athletes. Football fans don’t even come out to the stadium when their team is down by a touchdown. No, they stay at home, watching the game on the television while vacuuming, and the fanatical fan something by which to vent their_selvish frustrations. While baseball has its spectacular moments, those moments are far from MTV action, and that is precisely the beauty of the game. If sports were a video rental store, baseball would be in the drama section. On an action adventure level, baseball is never going to compete with a sport like hockey, where men slam each other into walls at extraordinarily high speeds, so it should simply stop trying.

Major League Baseball is making a huge mistake by stripping baseball of its tradition in an attempt to win new young fans. By adding four new teams to the post-season every year, they eliminate the nail-biting drama that used to mark the last few weeks of the season. By introducing interleague play, they eliminate the mystery of the World Series, and further eliminate the intensity of the last month of the season. Baseball can survive the bad sportsmanship of Bobby Allison (remember Ty Cobb), and it can survive the legalization of gambling in the past, but it can’t survive the destruction of the game’s traditions in an effort to sell it to kids.
Women's lacrosse out for revenge

After a dismal 1996 season, the women's lacrosse team now has the talent and desire to return to its winning ways of the past.

DEBORAH SATTER
STAFF WRITER

A challenge for any team lies in trying to translate its talent and leadership into success. The Bowdoin College women's lacrosse team hopes to turn its multitude of talent and leadership into a successful unit that boasts more wins than losses. The team is set to prove that last year's 5-7 record was an aberration in a string of winning seasons. "Our long term goal is to make post season play," said Head Coach Nicky Pearson. "We have the ability to be a very successful team this year and we are going to take it one game at a time."

Coach Pearson emphasized that the game of lacrosse is quickly changing from a dominate passing game into primarily a running game. She noted how it effects her role as the coach and what she is now looking for in her players. "I am trying to develop all the players into well rounded players. It is no longer a game where you can consider yourself just an attack or a defense. You need Captain Eliza Wilmending, '97 (right) returns to lead the lacrosse team on its quest for the playoffs. (Shelley Magie! Bowdoin Orient)

Track team faces great expectations

RYAN JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

It's a good thing the Blizzard of '97 that paralyzed Boston and Western Massachusetts failed to make an appearance in Maine, because that would have only delayed further the beginning of the women's outdoor track season. In any event, for the past few days, the women have been practicing indoors while the spring snows slowly melt from the track and temperatures climb above freezing for the first time since last October.

This weekend, the team opens at Connecticut College, pretty far away for an opener. However, Bowdoin is set to making a big impact this weekend. Coach Peter Slovenski has been very pleased during the first week back after break. "We've had good early season workouts," Coach Slovenski said during an early season press conference held at Williams. "And I've been very impressed with the spirit and dedication on the team."

Senior Jen Connor returns from a strong indoor season last year. She returned big in the pentathlon to move up to the outdoor heptathlon. Connor is the leading returnee in both the 100 meter and 400 meter intermediate hurdles and Coach Slovenski praises her achievements over the past four years. "Jen has been a terrific athlete and contender for post-season honors and Julie Smith '99 is back from a great indoor season to tackle the high jump. But Coach Slovenski believes the throwers hold the key to the team's success this year. Two first-years, Michelle Ryan and Stacey Jones, are looking to be two of the top newcomers in the conference in the discus and shot. They

While snow covers the ground, the women's track team has been hard at work preparing for the outdoor season. (Shelley Magie! Bowdoin Orient)
New Housing Lottery offers equity

Class of 2001 brings ability, diversity

Carolyn Sages
STAFF WRITER

Eagerly awaited acceptance letters were mailed last week to the 1343 high school seniors who were asked to join the class of 2001, a number that includes the 175 students who were admitted under the early decision program. Those 1343 students represent approximately 34 percent of the 3975 students who applied, including the 484 early decision applicants.

While the number of applications this year was the third highest in school history, the 3975 applicants represented a decline of 10.6 percent from last year’s pool, the largest ever.

Dean of Admissions Richard Steele noted that this drop was not unusual as other schools such as Williams, Yale and Harvard also experienced similar declines.

Steele attributes the drop to several factors, one of which is a secondary result of recalibrated SAT scores. He believes that the re-centered scores of two years ago made the scores of those applying last year appear higher than they actually were. In turn, the SAT results prompted many students to apply to a higher number of competitive colleges.

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BETH HUSTEDT
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Michael Mella
NEWS EDITOR

Last Monday’s Brunswick Town Council meeting ended the College’s 14-month polemic over the drafting of a new zoning ordinance on a down note despite the predominantly positive results of the process itself. The council voted against Bowdoin’s appeal for the right to build classrooms and offices on the two-acre stretch of land between South Street and Longfellow Avenue.

The College was contesting the Town Council’s 5-4 vote on March 17 which overturned an initial compromise that banned dorms but left allowances for classrooms, offices and the daycare center which Bowdoin had hoped to expand onto that plot of land. According to Director of Facilities Management Bill Gardiner, the current zoning prohibitions are "a potential problem which the College will have to overcome."

The zoning task force of local citizens which mediated the debate between town and College said that Bowdoin’s intended uses for the land were consistent with its current purposes as the site of the Longfellow School, but the Council sided with the College’s neighbors of Longfellow Avenue who wanted to keep the area va-
Faculty meeting examines academic issues

"We cannot fairly urge participation or demand it by election of others and then say that it is unimportant relative to teaching and scholarship."

—Craig McEwen Professor of Sociology

Professors gathered in Daggett Lounge Monday afternoon for a meeting of the faculty to discuss academic, administrative, and procedural issues facing faculty at Bowdoin.

Topics discussed included changes to the reappointment and tenure procedures, opposition to the Landscape Master Plan and changes to courses, including the decrease from six weeks to two to drop a class.

David Vail, professor of economics and chairman of the Faculty Affairs Committee, presented the FAC's proposal to amend the portions of the Faculty Handbook concerning reappointment procedures and tenure. One of the major provisions would clarify the role service at Bowdoin plays in the evaluation process with relation to teaching and research. According to the faculty handbook, "[w]hile all three criteria are considered significant, two are of paramount importance..." The tenured faculty members will be judged in part on their service to the College, including college and departmental committees, they should not become immersed in institutional functions at the expense of either their teaching or their professional service.

Craig McEwen, professor of sociology, submitted additional recommendations to the FAC. "In reviewing the faculty handbook with an eye toward its treatment of 'service,' I was struck by the language of the handbook and the meanings that it may tacitly and inadvertently convey," he said in the motion.

"First, in my view, the term 'service' means the character of faculty responsibilities for the governance of the institution and for enriching the intellectual and artistic life on campus. I suggest we replace "service" with "contributions to the College community" and define those contributions in a somewhat different way," said McEwen.

"Contributions to and participation in the College community are important aspects of the professional role and responsibility of faculty members. Faculty participation in the College community helps to enrich the intellectual and artistic life of the campus. Students and for colleagues. Faculty have a particular responsibility to share in the governance of the College through effective participation in the deliberations of the Faculty, faculty committees and academic departments and programs," according to McEwen.

In addition, McEwen proposed weakening community concerns on equal terms with teaching and research in the processes of promotion to full professor and continuing evaluations of tenured professors. "I am less convinced... that contributions to the College community should place a distant third in evaluations of tenured members of the Faculty. Tenured faculty have a particular obligation to take leadership roles in governance and in enriching the intellectual and artistic life of the community... We cannot fairly urge participation or demand it by election of others and then say that it is unimportant relative to teaching and scholarship."

The most controversial point in the FAC's proposed Handbook changes, however, concerned the elimination of classroom visitation as an evaluative technique. The FAC chose to eliminate the procedure because of its "dramatically demonstrable ineffectiveness," said Vail. The wording in the handbook was changed to allow classroom visitations only when a department can prove that "the standard procedures are insufficient for evaluation in a particular discipline or interdisciplinary program."

Several faculty members defended the classroom visitations as a valuable tool in evaluating junior faculty. Professor Allen Wells of the history department proposed his own amendments to the FAC's recommendations giving departments the power to use classroom visitations if they so desired. After a long period of debate, Wells' amendment was defeated and the FAC's original proposal with the omission of classroom visitations was approved.

James Hodges, professor of modern languages and German, spoke on concerns with the current landscaping plan. His motion, which passed, stated on behalf of the faculty that the Landscape Master Plan was viewed "with concern and considerable reservation." The motion cited millions of dollars expenditure for "largely cosmetic changes which will not support scholarship funds or academic programs, but lead to "parking or add personnel" coupled with the loss of approximately 100 parking spaces were two reasons cited. Packets distributed at the meeting detailed the financial costs of the plan, including the College's present debt and concerns about which areas of college development would suffer at the expense of the plan. Maps showing exactly where roughly 100 parking spaces would be lost were distributed.

Franklin Burroughs, Jr., professor of English, presented the Recording Committee's recommendations on changes in the add/ drop deadlines for courses. The add deadline will be shortened to two weeks from the present three and during those two weeks students would be allowed to change the credit/fail status of a class as well.

The more controversial proposal was to shorten the six-week drop period to two weeks, except for a student's first semester at Bowdoin when six weeks would be given. Some professors questioned whether two weeks would be enough for a student to get a true feel for a course when they may not have had a single evaluative experience. Others questioned the exemption for new students. Both the add and drop deadline changes were passed.

Ann Kibbie, professor of English, presented a motion amending the course catalog for interdisciplinary studies which would list courses not found under existing departments. The example given for the benefit of this 1996, a course of offered last year that was cross-listed with physics and history but did not readily fall into one department category.

The separate listing, Kibbie said, would encourage faculty to develop such courses. Some faculty questioned the need for a separate listing when interdisciplinary programs and courses are already offered, but the motion was passed.

New courses were approved in the anthropology, art history, biology, English, environmental science, geology, government, mathematics, physics, philosophy, psychology, religion and Spanish departments. In addition, requirements for the major in several departments were revised, including Spanish, French and the mathematics/computer science coordinate majors. There will be a new minor in African studies accompanied by the elimination of the coordinate minor in the psychology major. Science 101 will be restructured and the biology department will renumber its core courses.

Beyond the Bowdoin Bubble

by Greg Arendt

Britain's 1997 general election will likely usher in a new Prime Minister. Fundists say that after her loss at the polls, Conservatives will lose to Tony Blair's Labour party. John Major, the current Prime Minister, has refused to discount apecular and somewhat humorous claim that: "If there's an anti-sleeze candidate in this country, it's me." Odder still is that some Tories have threatened to follow Mr. Blair around wearing chicken suits.

The party led by Haiti's former president, Jean Bertrand Aristide, has claimed victory in elections held last weekend. International observers noted that only five percent of registered voters actually turned out to cast ballots.

There has been no official word after President Clinton's summit with Russian president Boris Yeltsin concerning the enlargement of NATO, but the accepted rumors that Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania and Slovenia will be invited to join the organization.

Brazilian television broadcast a video of police officers in Rio de Janeiro drinking beer and beating eleven residents of a poor neighborhood. The officers, who did not arrest anyone, were arrested themselves after the video was aired.

The scene of the crime is a temperatures of 36 degrees (that's Fahrenheit, not Celsius) encouraged St. Peters- burg residents to enjoy the early spring by stripping down to sunbathie by the wall of the Peter and Paul fortress of the Neva river.

An extensive search continues for an Air Force jet that was lost last week. The plane was carrying five passengers and was last seen on radar passing over Colorado.

Gov'tor Island, just south of Manhattan Island, was opened to New York for $1 million in a condition that it be used for public use. New York dithered and the 172 acre island may now be sold to developers for as much as $500 million.

The Supreme Court ended a 170 year old debate by ruling that a large part of Ellis Island belongs to New Jersey.

Two years after acquiring Snapple, Quaker Oats sold the beverage company for $300 million, losing $1.4 billion in the deal.

Eight Senator Republicans, three of whom are committee chairs, will back new legislation that would raise cigarette taxes to help pay health insurance for poor children. The tax may be a good thing too, because in an attempt to reduce the Federal deficit, President Clinton has proposed to cut $18 billion from Medicare over five years.

A Federal appeals court in San Francisco upheld the constitutionality of California Proposition 209, protecting the right to ban the use of racial and sex-based preferences in state-sponsored affirmative action programs.


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Junior class aims to reclaim tradition

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STAFF WRITER

Pete Sims '98, the president of the junior class and Carl Hall '98, last year's class president, are heading up an effort to build a reading room on the second floor of Moulton Union in honor of Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain. "Most classes donate gifts to the school at their 25th reunion, but we are hoping to donate our gift by our graduation," commented Sims.

According to Sims, the purpose of this project is "to bring back tradition to Bowdoin in the face of many changes that are taking place here."

More specifically, this effort represents the junior class' attempt to revitalize the legacy of Joshua Chamberlain, in whose honor only the Admissions Office, rarely referred to as Chamberlain Hall, is named.

"Pete and Carl felt that there was not sufficient recognition of Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain on the campus and that the College should be more to make students aware of the important role he had played in American history," says Vice-President for Development with relations William Torrey.

In Sims' opinion, "Bowdoin students don't feel connected to the great tradition that we have." The reading space will be furnished with Chamberlain's books, his portrait, memorabilia and furniture. The junior class hopes that the reading room will be conducive to individual study, seminars and meetings.

In his honors project on the life of Chamberlain, Jeremiah E. Goulka '97 writes that he entered Bowdoin in February 1848 and graduated in 1852 despite entering the school a semester late and taking a year off for medical reasons. He later became a professor of rhetoric and oratory at Bowdoin and helped his students "move away from repetition and into free thinking."

In 1863, he joined the Army of the Potomac and at the battle of Gettysburg, his attack, according to Goulka, "protected the Union from almost certain defeat" and won him a Congressional Medal of Honor. His heroism was later recognized by Ulysses S. Grant, who promoted Chamberlain to brigadier general.

"Of all the officers in the Army of the Potomac, Chamberlain was selected to receive the official surrender of Lee's great Army of Northern Virginia," writes Goulka.

After his involvement in the Army, Chamberlain was elected governor of Maine for four terms and later became Bowdoin's president. He "can be credited with bringing the College into the modern world and laying the foundation for its present liberal arts education," continues Goulka.

This reading room, located on the second floor of Moulton Union where some of the administrative offices are, will serve another purpose for the students. Christa Jeffries '98, vice-president of the junior class, says that the reading room will provide a space for conversations between deans and students and will encourage them to interact with one another.

The fundraising for the room, led by Sims with the help of Torrey, is projected to be completed by the end of this summer.

Greg SChellBE STAFF WRITER

New study and lounge spaces are scheduled to be added to several residential halls and houses on campus this summer. The renovations will be a major step in implementing plans of this spring's Interim Report from the Commission on Residential Life.

The common areas of three brick dorms and four College-owned houses will be remodeled, at the cost of approximately $500,000. Maine, Winthrop, and Appleton Halls will all be outfitted with improved spaces for studying and socializing. Most of the renovations will involve improving the spaces that already exist. In a few cases, however, spaces that are currently individual dorm rooms will be converted into additional common space. The basements of the dorms are also targeted for improvements.

These spaces will be converted into more lounge areas, with televisions and couches, as well as bike rooms. Moore, Hyde and Coleman halls are tentatively scheduled for renovations next summer.

Burnett, Baxter, 7 Boody Street and 238 Maine Street, currently Wellness House, are scheduled for remodeling as well. With the exception of 238 Maine Street, which already has one, the houses will be outfitted with new kitchens. Additionally, Baxter Hall will be relieved of several of its first floor walls, making room for a large common area, kitchen and study spaces. The basement will be converted into a lounge.

Though the details are still being worked out, 7 Boody Street, Burnett and 238 Maine Street will see similar renovations.

The purpose of the renovations is to create central social areas for campus housing, with the assumption that the space will be used for organized social events, informal gatherings and regular study space. According to Dean of Student Affairs Craig Bradley, students should be pleasantly surprised by the remodeling. The architects have created "comfortable, inviting spaces," claims Bradley. He further asserts that the changes should be quite dramatic for the amount of money being spent, noting that little or no structural work will be done, leaving ample funds for furniture and cosmetic work.

Lou Dobbs inaugurates Cassidy lectureship

Jim Phillips  
STAFF WRITER

"Tom wanted it this way. Tom would agree with me on this."

These words acted as a refrain on Monday night as Executive Vice President of Cable News Network (CNN), Lou Dobbs, gave the inaugural lecture of the Tom Cassidy Lectureship.

Dobbs spoke to the audience in Kresge Auditorium on a number of subjects, from his experiences covering the Gulf War to his belief that "the future is brighter than it has been in this century." But the memory of Thomas J. Cassidy, a member of the Bowdoin Class of 1972, was the focus of the night. Cassidy, a business reporter at CNN since 1981 and the host of "Pinnacle," a show profiling leaders in business, died in 1991 at the age of 41 from complications of the AIDS virus.

Cassidy first publicly discussed his experience with AIDS on the air in March of 1990, and in the last year of his life was the subject of numerous magazine articles and television reports.

"He spoke candidly of his deteriorating condition in an effort to put a human face on the disease," said Dean for Academic Affairs Charles Beitz in his introduction of the lectureship.

The lectureship itself was established by a bequest of Mr. Cassidy and by gifts from his family and friends "for the purpose of bringing to Bowdoin a distinguished person who in his or her work as a journalist, editor or writer..."

Foster Peabody awards.

Michael Glass, a friend of Cassidy's and the executor of his will, offered perhaps the most touching comments of the evening. "It has become apparent," Glass said, "how much less fun life has become in the years since Tom's death."

He added, "Tonight marks a turning point," saying that the Bowdoin community will now associate Tom with this important lectureship.

Glass also mentioned the Tom Cassidy Scholarship, which is designed to help students who plan to be journalists after leaving Bowdoin. Surplus funds from the lectureship will be directed there.

Dobbs asked his comments saying he did not know how much of a formal speech he would make. He instead said "I will give the reporter's view of the world."

True to his word, he jumped from one topic to another, turning a CNN "Moneyline with Lou Dobbs" among other programs on CNN. For his work he has been awarded the Cable Ace, Emmy, and George Roberts Award. In conclusion, he said to the audience: "That's as close as either one of us can get, and Tom would agree with me on that."
Students, staff and faculty convene in Smith Union to continue celebrating 25 years of women at Bowdoin

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On Thursday, April 3, Bowdoin celebrated 25 years of women with a series of readings, reflections and musical pieces at the Smith Union. Speakers and performers included students, staff and faculty members.

The evening began with opening remarks entitled "Bowdoin's Forgotten Women," given by Alice Rivero, academic department coordinator for romance languages, German, and film studies.

Other highlights included a cappella musical piece by Naïma Horsey-Fauntleroy '00, several prose and poetry selections and a reflective speech delivered by Professor of German and the Humanities Helen Cafferty. Cafferty comes from a position of experience, having been at Bowdoin since the first women were welcomed as students 25 years ago.

The evening concluded with a rousing contra dance, which brought participants from both Bowdoin and the surrounding community.

The celebration gained support from the Women's Resource Center, the Bowdoin Women's Association, the Department of Theater and Dance, the Bowdoin Dining Club, the Dining Service and Brunswick Power and Light.

Claire Wilson '97 served as one of the instrumental figures in the planning and organizing of the night. She also participated, giving a reading called "Warm Fuzzies." "We tried to include as many voices as possible and highlight as many experiences as possible. We wanted to show the story, especially of the forgotten women," said Wilson. She feels that the feedback has been very positive. "People seem to have learned a lot, and were really moved. I thought it was very successful, and the contra dance was a nice follow-up. It was a good mix of community."

Nevertheless, Wilson stresses the need for further effort on the gender issue. "We need continued dialogue between women on campus in order to transcend differences and network more. And the administration needs to continue working on effort and awareness."

All in all, Wilson felt that the night offered a "good blend of cynicism and celebration."

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—Claire Wilson '97

(Right) The celebration also featured an art exhibit titled "Creating Women," which included over 100 student works. (Adam Zimmon/Bowdoin Orient)
On March 31, a student reported a suspicious device in the Havemeyer-Langellow Library when it appeared he was following her. She described the person as a white male, about 5'10", with shoulder-length brown hair, dark eyes, scruffy facial hair and wearing a green and black plaid shirt. If you spot this individual in the library, please contact Security immediately.

Also on March 31, a student at Colby Tower reported that he had been assaulted by another student. A report was made and the Deans' Office is handling the incident.

Michael Cobb, Betts' cousin, had the windows in his car smashed in behind the fraternity, causing approximately $250 worth of damage. When asked about the incident, Cobb said, "I know some of the members are upset with me, but none of them that I know would do something like that."

President Edmund Eades, dean of Student Affairs Craig Bradley and Director of Residential Life Bob Graves recently agreed to allow Kappa Sigma and Chi Delta Phi keep their respective houses from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The are allowed to use the houses as a meeting place under the condition that they don't host any parties.

The Chi Delta Phi House Corporation president reported $200 worth of furniture stolen between March 25 and 27.

A visitor to the College found the window of his vehicle smashed and the car's CD player stolen on April 1.

At 11:00 Wednesday night, three students stole an audio-visual golf cart and drove it around campus. No damage to the vehicle was reported.

A fire alarm went off unexpectedly at Delta Sigma Pi's mountain home between 11:00 and 11:15 a.m. on April 2.

Two of the 12 students with facial protection had to be called in from Auburn to shut it off.

Wednesday morning, a college-owned 1986 plumber's van exploded behind Security. The vehicle caught fire after workers had been working on it. No injuries were reported.

The Flames did, however, come perilously close to 12 Cleveland Street, the home of the campus’ beloved Bandit Orient. Were it not for the heroics of a few brave individuals from Bowdoin Security, the annals of journalistic greatness could have been lost forever.

Professor of history Allen Wells has been appointed associate dean for academic affairs. He will be Acting Dean on Aug. 1, 1997.

Effective March 1, 1997, Stephen P. Hyde has been named director of planned giving. Hyde had been the associate director of major gifts since 1993 and prior to that he was director of corporate and foundation relations, a position he held since 1988. Hyde succeeds Jonath H. Drummond Jr. who worked as a director of planned giving for 14 years.

The Booth Ferris Foundation has awarded Bowdoin $100,000 as a contribution toward the construction of Bowdoin's $20 million science center. This foundation was established in 1957 under the wills of Willis H. Booth and his wife, Chancie Ferris Booth. The foundation's primary interest is in the field of education, including smaller colleges and public initiatives in New York City.

As part of the "Celebration of 25+ Years of Women at Bowdoin," Elizabeth Mitchell, Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives, as well as other women from around the state and world will discuss their journeys as leaders on April 21, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in Main Lounge, Moulton Union and from April 22 from 7:30-9:30 in Kresge Auditorium, Visual Arts Center.

Nahyon Lee '97 of Burnsville, Minn., has been awarded a Thomas J. Watson Fellowship for 1997-8. Lee is among 60 graduating seniors in the United States chosen from 182 nominees to receive a $18,000 Watson Fellowship for a year of independent study and travel. More than 1,000 graduating seniors from 50 participating colleges vied for the scholarship in what was an unusually competitive year. Lee is the 49th student from Bowdoin to receive a fellowship. Lee will travel to Argentina, Chile, Spain and Venezuela to study the roots of traditional Latin dance.

Professor Mary Lou Zeeman of the Department of Mathematics, Computer Science and Statistics at the University of Texas at San Antonio, will deliver the Cecil T. and Marion C. Holmes lecture on Tuesday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m. in Kresge Auditorium. In her talk "Getting Things in Perspective" Zeeman will focus on how the human eye views works of art created in perspective and the geometric principles behind the theory of perspective. Zeeman will also lead a colloquium talk titled "Geometric Methods in Population Dynamics" at 4:00 p.m. in Adams Hall 302. Zeeman's talk will examine how the growth and wave of one species is dependent upon other species.

Myra Marx Ferree, professor of sociology and women's studies at the University of Connecticut will deliver a lecture titled "One Germany, Two Patriarchies: Gender Issues after Reunification" on Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. in Beam Classroom.

Professor of Religion Burke O. Long has been awarded two fellowships in support of his research on biblical scholars, the Holy Land and American cultural identities. Long was selected in a national competition for a grant from the American Council of Learned Societies. In addition, Bowdoin has awarded him a Kenan Fellowship for Faculty Development. Long will use these funds over the next few years to explore how debates about the uniqueness of American experience, race, religion, scientific progressivism, democracy and socialism were entangled with romantic notions of holy land and scientific world views in the technical and popularized work of biblical scholars who came into contact with the Holy Land. Long will be on sabbatical for the 1997-8 academic year.

Christopher M. Evans '88 is a finalist in the 1997 Truman Scholarship competition. If awarded, Evans will receive $30,000 for his senior year and $27,000 for two or three years of graduate study. The 243 students from 172 U.S. colleges and universities compete for 75 scholarships awarded in March and April. Scholars are selected based on their leadership potential, intellectual ability and likelihood of "making a difference."

Freeman Fellowships for student research are awarded to Bowdoin students to encourage travel and research in Asia. These fellowships are intended to increase understanding and awareness of Asia among students majoring in any academic discipline by supporting research or study projects in Asia resulting in the award of academic credit. Fellowships may be taken during summer months, between semesters, or to extend study away experiences. Fellowships may also be used to support credit-bearing summer language training in Asia. Fellowships may not be used for study away programs during the academic year. These fellowships are made possible by a grant from the Freeman Foundation. Applications for the first set of grants are due in the office of Dean of Student Affairs by Friday, April 25, 1997.
Acceptances sent out to class of 2001

82 percent of the accepted students are in the top 10 percent of their high school classes and 59 percent are in the top 5 percent. Of the approximately 85 percent of those who submitted SAT scores, 47 percent scored above 700 on the verbal sections and 41 percent above 700 on the math section.

Steele also marked that this class "has a good chance to be the most diverse class in history, in terms of geography and race."

—Dick Steele
Dean of Admissions

Chairman Reading's photograph, Fannie Lou Hamer Singing, March Against Fear, Mississippi, 1966 is part of the Walker Art Building's current exhibit entitled "Appeal to This Age: Photography of the Civil Rights Movement, 1954-1968" through June 1. The Museum of Art is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; and Sunday, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Other exhibits at the Museum currently include Frozen By Fire (through June 8); Modern Art: Selections from the Permanent Collection (through April 27) and Within the Atrium: A Context for Roman Daily Life (through June 8).

The Museum also features a continuing exhibition on Art and Life in the Ancient Mediterranean and Crosscurrents. For further information call 725-3275.

The Orient is currently looking for a critically minded individual with technical experience for the position of Systems Editor next year. Responsibilities would entail the paper's overall aesthetics and maintaining an Orient website. Anyone interested should contact Meg Sullivan at mdsulliv@arctos or Emily Church at echurch@arctos.
Defining our uniqueness

According to Dean of Admissions Dick Steele, accepted numbers have declined at Bowdoin and other small, liberal arts colleges. Compared to last year, the figure is down almost 11 percent. This reduction, while pronounced, is part of a larger trend in which Bowdoin in some ways has little competition. "It's not that other institutions are disappearing," he explained, "but other institutions with similar characteristics have similarly seen decreases in the size of their applicant pools. It seems that as private colleges are faced with an increased demand for access and an increased demand for prestige, the number of students who look towards more reasonably-priced public institutions as alternatives."

However, Bowdoin's tuition rate is the highest in the nation, largely due to its small size. It is the only public institution to actually report an increase in applications this year, a 9 percent rise, demystifying its reputation as a school that人们 find positively to our future prospects. The enthusiasm of the Ad Hoc Residential Life Implementation Committee is just one example of students facing reality and making the most of it. They show the unyielded and unavoidable ability of our community to rise above the status quo. This ability to recognize problems and work to remedy them shows a willingness and enthusiasm which speaks more to the potential of a student to make a difference at a college than any published statistic. This non-quantifiable characteristic is where our strength lies.

Hence, we must publicize our problem, our struggle, and our desire for change. This atmosphere of innovation will serve to attract the kind of students needed to make the new system work. Admissions policy can do this in two ways. First, it must be committed to diversity—not only in racial, gender and geographical considerations, but also in diversity of talents. Only when our student body is comfortable with its differences can the kind of intellectual dialogue about which the Commission Report speaks occur. Second, a generous financial aid policy must be continued and expanded. Without it, the inclusiveness which the Report strives towards will be false because it will be a product of a financial and social elitism rather than a true embracing of people from all backgrounds.

It remains that Bowdoin dropped from fourth to eighth in the U.S. News and World Report rating system is a problem of ours alone. As artificial and non-justifiable, their rankings are. the fact is that unforgiably, many prospective students use them as part of their selection process, be it when they are selecting the schools to which they will apply or when they are deciding among colleges after they have been accepted. Still, the College cannot become too concerned with the magazine's erratic rankings. Instead, if students, faculty and administration learn to work together on Bowdoin's recognized lack of infrastructural framing, and the resulting strengthening of the college community will continue to attract exceptional applicants.

A place to study, any time of day

It's 1:30 a.m. Security has just informed you to vacate the Union so they can lock it up for the evening. You yawn and glance at your watch for the third time that minute, hoping for your guardian angel to somehow save your paper. You turn your laptop, unzip your bag, grab your bag and head for the door. The cold wind blowing across campus sends goose bumps running down your spine as you trudge back to your room, where your roommate is either snoring loudly or watching taped episodes of 90210 again.

Where can you go to continue your academic ruminations?

Unfortunately, dorm rooms often fail to provide an atmosphere that is very supportive of our academic endeavors. Whether it be roommates, neighbors or the call of Telnet, distractions abound, showing you are not very self-disciplined student. If only there were somewhere for the tired and poor to assemble to finish their assignments or invent plausible justifications for paper extensions.

The overwhelming majority of us has in a small situation at least once here at Bowdoin, still needing to do work but lacking a suitable place to so long after the Union and Library have closed their doors. This is why we need a haven for those late nights when the pressure is on and the external factors run their course. There needs to be somewhere to find sanctuary, a quiet atmosphere in which that paper can be finished, complete with soda and candy machines (that, dare we say it, accepts one dollar bills), and the escape from the menace of any halogen lamps.

Let face it. College students often have abnormal living habits. This is why most schools have common space open 24 hours a day and seven days a week. Larger universities are able to offer more facilities because of demand, but the smaller schools manage to provide at least a few tables, chairs, a couch and a Coke machine. Unfortunately, here at Bowdoin, our only 24 hour facility is the Hatch computer lab. Dunkin' Donuts and Christie's are the only places where we can get food all night but, both require a walk downtown, which is not always attractive late at night or during bad weather.

With all of the renovations taking place there must be somewhere for all of us training to be vampires can huddle together in the face of academic collapse. With the new science building on track to be finished this fall, maybe a couple of rooms in Searles could be renovated. The recently-abandoned Curtis Pool would be even better due to its more centralized location and bigger atmosphere.

Perhaps most logically, some of the new social space included in the upcoming renovation of the brick dorms could be devoted to late-night study areas. While a place for recreational gatherings is needed, a quiet study space, this is not the same as study space, which should be quieter and include carrels and tables for doing work.

A 24 hour gathering place for all of us who find ourselves stranded at two or three a.m. the night would be warmly received. If procrastination spells disaster for the following day, such a place may provide the atmosphere needed for a last ditch effort at a grade that's just barely above a D. If the situation is futile, it would at least give us a space to meet a place to gather with others who find themselves in similar predicaments and bond over shared helplessness.

Not a bad way to spend a weekend.
To the Editors,

I understand that the Board of Trustees has voted to abolish fraternities at Bowdoin. I am greatly dismayed by this decision. The fraternity system provides a great deal of positive experiences and I am not optimistic that the College can replace them. As you may be aware, during the recent Administration, Geoffrey Stanwood ‘38 served as assistant to the president. He also was on the Board of Trustees and shocked my courage, encouraged us in our studies, congratulated us on our community outreach, and modeled for us a life of joyful service. Would that Brother Stanwood were alive today! He would not be writing a letter. He would be sitting before you and speaking more eloquently and passionately than I can.

Abolishing fraternities at Bowdoin is a grave mistake.

I have seen several letters this year supporting the administration’s decision. Their arguments and prejudices are but a few prevalent traits. They speak of the benefits of self-governance and the development of leadership skills. They speak of the opportunities for emotional support. They speak of historical ties to the College. They speak of the necessity to make it clear that I benefited in all of these ways and more. I recall the opportunities, the experiences, social interactions and camaraderie from my fraternity. The College, of course, would have it any other way, but I make it clear that I took advantage of experiences afforded by the College: I participated in the musicals, the theatrical Paraclesus, intramurals, outing club, volleyball and Volunteer Services (where I served as student director). I received the Gen. R.H. Dunlap Prize and graduated cum laude.

Clearly, the fraternity was not the sum of my undergraduate years. Yet, the fraternity enriched my life in many ways. I went to Cee for counseling at one point. It did nothing for me, whereas having a senior in my fraternity looking out for me immensely. I dined at Coles Tower, but the cafeteria atmosphere there stifled open discussion and I was able to expand my perspective and experience, and was exposed to the atmosphere of my fraternity. Half of my close friends are from outside of my fraternity, but we would not be spared to the rest of the campus. This is in the class of 1989 and all freshmen that I took. I never would have met Brother Stanwood, or any of a number of alumni that graduated years before me. I never would have become friends with undergraduates from ‘84–’92. I would never have known the late Charles Hunger. I would not have had the responsibility for a group of individuals as I did when president with the fraternity. The presidency was the most demanding and rewarding responsibility I had in my years at Bowdoin.

I feel sad for those to follow that will not have the freedom to choose such opportunities. I have seen previous efforts on the part of students to encourage the building of fraternity and program houses. These are worthwhile experiences. For some people, they are meaningful. They did not, could not, replace what I gained from my fraternity. I know some people that felt very intimidated at Bowdoin. They were shy, or poor, or unversed in Shakespere. Some made it only because of the support of the fraternity system. One of my brothers is now of a different generation, his feelings, simply left the College. Perhaps, future students will be perfectly satisfied, that it is simply a personal choice and they have missed. I will still feel sorry for them.

Not only am I disheartened that these opportunities are no longer available, I am disappointed that the College has displayed such a paternalist attitude toward the current members of the fraternity (though I must be frank to the College that I believe it is not the case). It is not the case that the College would have it any other way, but I make it clear that I took advantage of experiences afforded by the College: I participated in the musicals, the theatrical Paraclesus, intramurals, outing club, volleyball and Volunteer Services (where I served as student director). I received the Gen. R.H. Dunlap Prize and graduated cum laude.

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I am not surprised but disappointed that your board has voted to abolish fraternities at the College. I ‘ve been the first or the last, you now have your Board of Trustees voted to force the fraternities to admit women. I was a member of Theta Delta Chi at Darmouth, Class of 1930, but have never been a strong fraternity man, although I do hold my fraternity’s award for achievement and served rather pro forma, as vice president of its educational foundation. But for some 50 years I have been an administrator in 10 institutions of higher education, four as president, three as vice president, and three as dean. Only half had fraternities.

I am convinced from my experience, that if properly managed, an organization in which the alumni return a real asset to an institution—that means, above all, getting the drinking situations under control—will remain popular for several years ago, I predicted that if the fraternity was not done, fraternities would be eliminated from campuses at Harvard, Yale, Princeton, University of Rochester, and the fraternities had been violating standards of good behavior. I had all the fraternity presidents in and warned that continued unsatisfactory behavior would result in their expulsion from the campus. But they shaped up and the University continued to assist in numerous ways, including guaranteeing loans for the construction of new houses. If clubs are substituted for fraternities, as at Yale, there is no great loss. But a college without one or more is a lesser college. The abrogation of student rights. By this logic, Oating Club trips would be disallowed as well. I do not think that would be acceptable to the atmosphere of my fraternity. Half of my close friends are from outside of my fraternity, but we would not be spared to the rest of the campus. This is in the class of 1989 and all freshmen that I took. I never would have met Brother Stanwood, or any of a number of alumni that graduated years before me. I never would have become friends with undergraduates from ‘84–’92. I would never have known the late Charles Hunger. I would not have had the responsibility for a group of individuals as I did when president with the fraternity. The presidency was the most demanding and rewarding responsibility I had in my years at Bowdoin.

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Bridging the gap

By Jeffry Bedrosian
Opinion Editor

More than one month has passed since the Committee on Residential Life announced its findings. During this time, our College and its community have been exposed to every opinion and conceivable reaction, good or bad, opinion, about this issue. I applaud that this dialogue is taking place and am proud to have an active part in facilitating the discussion further. However, I am troubled greatly about where the discussion is headed at this point.

A meeting was held on the Sunday after the decision was announced many people came to voice their displeasure and I attended the forum, fully expecting to hear these opinions voiced. In the forum, it was my duty as a student at Bowdoin to attend this meeting and be a part of the discussion. However, I initially felt that the forum was just an unproductive waste of time. Not only could it have been far better facilitated, but it also left me feeling unsatisfied. Suffice it to say, the forum opened my eyes to a range of issues that I had never even considered. These were truly important issues like Bowdoin's ability to fully serve its minority students and make their experiences here as gratifying as that of everyone else. However, this was not all that I discovered at this meeting.

What troubled me the most and has troubled me heretofore was the clear communication gap between the student body and the Administration. Reiterating what I said at that forum, for the Administration to build the workable community so it desires to create by implementing the Commission's changes, its top priority should be abolishing fragmentation. It should be rebuilding its bridge with the students. For, like it or not, the students and the Administration are equally important, co-dependent entities at Bowdoin. One cannot exist without the other. Currently, both groups are trying to exist in spite of the other. This must change if we are to build the brave new community so envisioned by the Commission on Residence Life.

What do I mean by all of this? First, I was struck by the level of misunderstanding Bowdoin's students took into the first forum. Granted, the purpose of this forum was to clear up such misunderstandings, but once the forum had ended, I can say with confidence that this really had not occurred. For example, one of the most prominent concerns of Bowdoin students at this meeting was that we had not been consulted before the Commission made its final decision. If this were the case, however, many Bowdoin students would have a right to be concerned. However, this isn't true, at least according to the Administration. Nevertheless, in spite of all the meetings held and people consulted be-
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See more of John Bibeau's "Frozen by Fire" in the Bowdoin College Museum of Art (Adam Zimman/Bowdoin Orient)

Requiem for Easter

Flow the campus flat
But still—barren everywhere.
Cry not for dead Houses
Crumbling mortar, faded friendships
Deep shared memories, Sunday morning pancakes
Remember Blueberry days at Leiths House,
Kendrick's Far, Herbies speeches,
Radiance from the college Sils
Every coffee cup a fraternity
Cry instead for faded students
Sudden spirit and a bittersweet Administration
All in the face of vacuum
Who knows the Real use of "sorority"
Where spirit droops in the place of broken swords
Cry now for isolation and the kind of soul
That thinks New buildings and flashy coin
Bring rich cement to withered days
So dry in the arid corridors of
cold heart, cold people, all lonely

The King said, "We are all God's children"
But there are no children here.
Lost in the pines so swept of Light
You cannot even see the night.
Steeples are nothing
Unless in the grasp of greeting
The Hands that feel
Eyes that desire
The arms that hug.
And the hearts that thrill
When people ask instead of tell

What scholar will rise at Easter
To be beyond himself?
What Teacher will go the extra step
And with books aside
Take the day as friend
Together in secret woods
So many paid to find

By Paul Wade '54

Letter to the Editor

Fraternity issues affect the entire Bowdoin community

To the Editors,

We are writing in response to an article which appeared in the April 4 edition of the Orient regarding the recent closure of Beta Sigma's kitchen. In this article, Molly Scharfe '99 made a statement to the effect that the destruction was a "house issue" and that house members should not be "bothered about it." The last time we checked, Beta is an organization affiliated with Bowdoin College. College employees prepare the meals eaten by students belonging to the house. The Director of Residential Life oversees all of the fraternities on campus. Although the house is not owned by the College, the College is responsible nonetheless for its occupants and members as well as their actions. For the past four years, we have seen fraternities as a viable option for some students. We considered their existence as a part of the college experience, not, as Ms. Scharfe contends, a separate entity.

Ms. Scharfe attests that such incidences affect only house members and dismisses the ramifications for the College at large. Beta members now must eat in our already overcrowded dining halls. Some may have to be moved into other college housing as a result of this incident. Furthermore, and perhaps the most important concern, any reference to such problems does not merely stay confined to the house or even the Bowdoin community. It can be reported in local, regional or even national newspapers depending on the situation's severity. Therefore, Ms. Scharfe, it becomes an issue for the entire College, not just the 80 or so members of Beta. Negative issues like this reflect upon Bowdoin in a very unbecoming light. We are supposed to be some of the nation's most talented students. Does the needless and unfounded destruction of a kitchen reflect that?

We sincerely hope that other students will be more careful than Ms. Scharfe when they discuss the problems on campus. No matter which organization is involved, be it a fraternity, an athletic team or any other student group, such actions affect us as a community and as a college. In closing, we encourage all students to think before they act.

Liz Dolan '97
Katie Frost '97

Compiled by Brian Billock and Alice Liddell
International flare inspires spring dances

By Lara Blackburn
Staff Writer

The 26th annual Spring Dance Performance will be held Friday and Saturday, April 11 and 12, at 8 p.m. in Pickard Theater. You should go. And I’m going to tell you why.

You may say that you know nothing about dance. Sure for a few ballet lessons in first grade, I knew zilch about dance until June Vail, chair of the Department of Theater and Dance, helped me out. She was kind enough to grant me an interview where she patiently and succinctly explained everything I needed to know in a nutshell.

Let’s start with a brief history. Dance at Bowdoin began 26 years ago, which would put us back in 1971. All throughout the 1970s, all over the world, there was a dance explosion. That sounds like it could be messy, right? Well, it was. There was dancing not only on the floors but also on the walls and ceilings. (Just ask Lionel Richie.) There was improvisational dance, and everyday movement as dance. There was, simply put, a lot. Ever since that point, people have been figuring out what works as dance and what does not. Dance has been consolidated, and there is now more of a focus on aesthetics and technical and theatrical aspects. Dance right here at Bowdoin has not been without this same evolution.

So, that’s the general scoop. Specifically, the Spring Dance Performance began as a way to showcase the year’s work. The winter performance, in comparison to spring dancing, is a more informal studio show. The spring show has no theme. It is designed to give the dancers a way to look at what goes on with dance at Bowdoin. Dances are chosen which represent work of classes, Vague (the student-run dance group), and individuals. They look for curriculum-related, original, risk-taking, and aesthetically pleasing dances. The goal is a well-balanced hour and a half of dance that is enjoyable, entertaining and enlightening for the audience.

As the student body becomes more diverse, a broader range of experiences is brought to the dance department. Students from different backgrounds bring dances from their native cultures. Two examples of this are in this week’s performance. “Fei Tian” is a traditional Chinese dance dating back to imperial courts of the Tang Dynasty (c. 600 AD) and was taught by Huelng Lee ’99. “J.A.M.” is an Irish-inspired dance choreographed by Margaret Gaffney ’97. Each dance represents the student’s heritage.

Experiences from study abroad also influence pieces. “Tec Namu Bubas” was created in an independent study and is based on choreographer Esther Baker’s ’97 experiences during her junior year in Senegal.

Another independent study is a multimedia performance choreographed by Dana Wickner ’97. She incorporates complicated slide projection into her dance. Vail said that while there have been multi-media dance performances before, this one is definitely the most complicated and takes advantage of new technology for seamless interaction of the elements. This promises to be a very visually exciting piece.

For those of you who saw Lori Simkowitz’s “Memory—Part I” during the Kona Coffee House in Smith Union before spring break, you won’t want to miss “Part II A” to be presented at this performance and “Part III” which will be performed at “Museum Pieces X.”

When asked how many of the dances were student-choreographed, Vail replied, “They all are, to some extent.” Even in the department classes, students add their own aspects to the dances. Choreographers also have a lot to do with costing, lighting, and of course, music. Having sound this year is handled by an independent studio, which promises to add a new level of professionalism to the show. Other technical aspects are handled by students and staff of the Theater Department.

Vail promises that there is something for everyone at this show. Looking at the program, one can see that there were indeed diverse inspirations for the dances. We’ve got ethnicity, political statements, modern dance, jazz and yes, we’ve even got some Spice Girls. If you’ve seen a performance before, keep up the good work and be there this weekend. You won’t be sorry. As Vail assures me performances “get better and better every year.” If you haven’t been, there’s still time for redemption. If I can learn this much about dance, anyone can! See you there!

Levine lectures on non-violent protest in American history

By Elizabeth Heuser
Staff Writer

On Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. downstairs in the Bowdoin College Museum of Art, professor Daniel Levine of the History Department gave a gallery talk titled “From Ghandi to Greensboro: Non-Violent Direct Action and the American Civil Rights Movement.”

The museum show that it was based on, “Appeal to This Age: Photography of the Civil Rights Movement, 1954-1968” is a powerful collection of photographs taken throughout the most crucial years of an important time in American history.

Levine’s talk focused on the impact of the non-violent tradition on the leaders and the course of the civil rights movement. “Sit-ins, marches, and other peaceful demonstrations that are now obvious were never until the 1950s. It was the influence on Martin Luther King by Ghandi and others that led to the adoption of the non-violent direct action approach by the leaders of the early civil rights struggle.”

Zimbabwe’s famous words “hate the sin, love the sinner” came from the non-violent philosophy that was the basis for India’s rebellion against the British Empire in the 1930s, but the challenge for King was applying this method to the United States civil rights struggle of the 1950s. He was effective in solving this problem, and, according to Levine, “The Civil Rights Movement followed the five steps of non-violent direct action closely. Waves of marches and sit-ins across the south by students dramatized the March on Washington in 1963. There King delivered to masses of black and white supporters the ‘I Have a Dream’ speech, which ended in his talking about the nonviolence approach to the civil rights movement.

After the mid-1960s, non-violent protest did continue but was not undisputed. In 1966, there was a symbolic struggle between non-violence and violence when Martin Luther King and Stokely Carmichael walked side by side in the March Across Mississippi. While King and his followers sang, ‘Black and white together,’ Carmichael shouted, ‘What do we want? Black Power!’ Eventually, this more aggressive and violent approach dominated the movement. ‘Non-violent direct action never found a way to confront economic, housing, and occupational discrimination. The inveniveness of the people involved ran out, and most of them knew nothing of the religious aspects or philosophy of non-violence,’ Levine said.

Levine’s talk was brief and followed by a question-and-answer period. When it was over, people walked around the gallery looking at the variety of black and white photographs in the show. They are in chromologi-cal order, and the captions give information about the subjects and photographers.

Professor Daniel Levine of the History Department spoke last Wednesday on the role of protest in American history. His talk was one of an ongoing series based on the Civil Rights photography exhibit currently showing in the Museum of Art. (Adam Zimm/ Bowdoin Orient)
the saint

Why are there so few good young ac-
tors nowadays? Some even is a guitar-
plucking mess (His band, Dogstar, sucks, not that you needed us to tell you). Brad Pitt is nothing but a lot of talk and some
losses of blonde hair. Jim Carrey is a comician, not an actor, who did his best work behind a plastic mask. Matthew
Modine hasn't done anything good since 1989. Woody Harrelson is concentrating
on his chili. Leonardo DiCaprio was the
worse screen Romeo ever. Johnny Depp is okay, but his only action film, "Nick of Time," was a complete flop. Christian Slater was
a "Untamed Heart." River Phoenix is dead.

Vai Kilmer is a very good young actor.
In Oliver Stone's "The Doors," Kilmer
is hard to notice. His portrayal of Jim
Morrison was so seamless that people
forgot that an actor was involved. This
may explain why Kilmer was not even
erominated for any academy Award
for that performance.

His work in the recent "Island of Doctor
Moreau" is nothing startling, Kilmer
regularly turns in performances that capture
the essence of the characters he portrays
or evokes. Who can forget his hilarious
Doc Holiday in "Tombstone" or his pre-
cious turn in "Top Gun." In "The Saint,"
Kilmer is again hard at work turning himself into interesting roles, and
now, so is the character he's playing.
Simon Templar is a run-away orphan,
turned master thief and double-dealer.
He succeeds by shifting back and forth
amongst myriad identities.

Elle Shue, brother of "Memory Place"
star Andrew Shue, justly received
high marks for her work in 1990 in
"Leavin' Las Vegas." However her role as
the above-mentioned Russian physi-
genius, Brynna, is her most
earlily work in "Adventures in Babysitting" and "Cocktail.

Shue has a chance here to show
her a different side that she's never
had a chance to show. She's never been
good in her eyes for most of the film, and, although she is in her 30's, looks younger (and far, far prettier) than meet Bowdoin
first years, underwrite her character sta-
tus as a genius. At the same time her eyes
always seem to be constantly watering due
to some vague emotional trepidation
as if she's afraid that at any moment she
will lose Templar's love or receive a punch
in the nose.

At one point in the film, Russell is
presenting her research on cold fusion
to a group of Oxford students. When one
austere young physicist asks her how cold
fusion actually works, all she can muster
is a long rambling speech about the beauty
of the limitless energy contained in cold fusion.
We can't help but wonder whether she is talking about a scientific theory, or
some twisted combination of The Saint
and a vegan falafel bar. And the speech keeps
getting repeated during the film.

In spite of the absolute ludicrousness of
Simon Templar's character, "The Saint" is a truly
joyable two-hour escape. After battling ef-
fands in "Siver," "Patriot Games" and "Clear
and Present Danger," director Phillip Noyce
delivers himself in "The Saint" and reminds
us of the quality of the earlier work held in
"Dead Calm." "The Saint" is basically a rewriting of the
techno-gadget thriller model that traces its
roots to James Bond and the "Mission Im-
possible" television series. This film is very
similar to "Mission Impossible," the movie.
Both were derived from television series,
but since we've never heard of the British
"Saint" show, which apparently starred Roger
Moore, it just doesn't matter. In addition,
both "The Saint" and "Mission Impossible"
are set in the former Soviet bloc, involve
violence, without a lot of actual killing,
and rely on disguise and Macintosh
Powerbooks for implausible and superflu-
ous communications between various cre-
spirators.

Fortunately for (The Saint), the bulk of a
rather feeble and simplistic plot is some-
thing. Kilmer's tongue-in-cheek perform-
ance is marvelous. He cracks jokes and
refuses to be taken seriously in the most
wonderfully. Tom Cruise never cracked a smile in
his life that wasn't called for by a director.
He's a roly-poly, Jetty Maguire, with the
most forced piece of crap we've ever seen. Nevertheless, it was
the "Perone Gump of 1990." We're
wishing "The Saint" a long and successful life.
It may find its shaming celebration of ca-
ulators in a part of the world that is infat-erated with computers.

The best line in the film comes from
Tommy Noyce, who is impersonating the lead
of the BBC show. He says, "I wish who was great in the recent "Before The Rain," but his has now apparently sold out for
well paying roles to go back to the real world
come head to head with the actual guy,
before debly escaping (yet again). Templar
swards, "The hardest part about being a
is pretending to be bad in it."

What is the plot in the parts?

The title itself is worth seeing on the
big screen and in digital sound. The backdrop,
which features Pete's old favorites INXS
Darin Duran and Devo, nothing breaks the
price of admission by itself. The action
scenes are loud and not particularly over-
the-top, like most recent Hollywood action
films. You almost never see the blue screen.
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Every once in a while something happens that completely alters the course of human existence. Some of the most famous include the discovery of the wheel, and the creation of the atom bomb. But these landmark events are just flies in the Cocks Tower saguaro compared to epic drama that unfolds every Sunday night at 8:00 p.m. on USA (cable network for those of you who have the infamous Appleton reception).

What is this modern miracle, you ask? Two words: 'Pacific Blue.' Quite frankly, this may be the most important television show to ever hit the small screen. With a combination of wit, humor, action, and of course a gratuitous helping of beautiful people, 'Pacific Blue' chronicles the lives of five Santa Monica Beach bikers, who work really hard to make the beach safer for you and me. Hell, crime is everywhere— even at the beach!

Each following episode features our friends patrolling the beach for the worst kind of scum. Whether it be ATM bandits, mysterious murderers, or just ruthless beach thugs, the crew at 'Pacific Blue' always get their felon. In the mean time, 'Pacific Blue' features some of the greatest bike action sequences ever recorded on film. Our fearless officers are forced to jump huge distances, pull 360s, and perform many other interesting bike stunts that I don't even know the name of. Plus, they ride those really cool Trek Y-tikes that no one in their right mind can afford. There is even a Hummer back at the station (that just sits in the parking lot). But what else should you expect from the best from 'Pacific Blue.'

The action scenes are impressive, but what really makes the show work are the stories surrounding PB's five officers. Victor Del Toro (Marcos Ferrae) is the cocky, yet well-rounded show-off who has proven himself to be the best rider on the force. Ex-Navy pilot Chris Kelly (the exquisitely named O'dale Vigil) could kick the crap out of anyone here at the Camp. Sergeant T.C. Calloway (Jim Davidson) is the sharp veteran who lives for the thrill of being the hero. Cory McNamara (Paula Trickey) is a dedicated-by-the-book officer who is more dependable than the sun at sunrise. Finally, there's Bruno in April. But the glue that holds the team together is their fearless leader, Lieutenant Andrew Palermo (Rock Rosenberg, AKA The Slenderman at the founding father of the PB unit, Tony puts his neck on the line in front of his officers every single day. Action, romance, attractive people, what more could you ask for? So are you normally one Sunday night? Sick of sitting around complaining about no more fraternities or the lack community at Bowdoin? What are you doing? Call your roommate or commit- tee? Heck, no! Get a life and watch 'Pacific Blue' on USA! If you do not have cable, find a friend who does. If you have no friends, come to my place. Chances are we tape it.

BOOK REVIEW

Massive Infinite Jest touches the mind and the heart

JUSTIN D. HASELL STAFF WRITER

"Alas, poor Yorik! I knew him, Horatio—a fellow infinite jest, of most excellent fancy."

—Hamlet, act V, scene I

The '90s will hardly be recognized as the renaissance of American literature in the annals of fiction history. Thus for a decade strikingly reminiscent of the escapism of popular culture during the Depression in fashion, music, film and literature. America in the 1990s finds itself searching for a new identity, confounded by a myriad of its past and paralyzed by a fear of the looming millen- nium, struggling vainly like a blind and somewhat lame octopus, tentacles quivering in a state of nervous anxiety, grasping pa- thetically for solid ground.

In his gargantuan work Infinite Jest, David Foster Wallace claims that this might very well be all that is left that is good and pure in America. Wallace's 981 page monstrosity is nothing if not hefty, particularly with an additional 90 pages of footnotes. This alone should assuage any thoughts that this is a "beach book." Fit for summer reading as you pass in that wonderful yellow cancerous ultra violet glow reading a big book in the hopes of attracting the attentions of Wallace's whale of a novel makes Michael Crichton and John Grisham look like a couple of guppies with bad cases of diarrhea. A magnum opus in the truest sense of the word, harkening back to Joyce's Ulysses and continuing the modern tradition of Caddis and Pynchon, Infinite Jest is, in the simplest of terms, a book about addiction. Wallace fills his pages with an enormous range of charac- ters, each with voices distinct enough to lead one to wonder if perhaps the book were written by a number of people, and each bearing the telltale mark of addiction and the loneliness that accompanies it. In his very strange and often somewhat confusing world, Wallace makes addiction more than a bad habit gone awry as most addicts would claim, or a disease as most addiction groups would claim; instead, addicts become life's own blood, feeding the body not by the cause and source of the addiction, but by the very ad- diction itself. Each page is filled with desire and need such that it becomes clear that these people are more addicted to the addiction itself than anything else.

The book takes place in a near future America where time is subsidized and Que- bec and the United States have formed a larger political entity called O.N.A. or O.-North American Nations. Whole sections of the eastern seaboard have been designated industrial wastelands where garbage is literally flung from miles away or dumped from above and where huge herds of homicidal hamsters roam free. Shakespeare's Yorik becomes emboldened (or disillusioned, as the case may be) in the person of the late great James O. Incendio, the late-blooming brilliant film-maker, deceased due to a slight problem with his head being placed in a microwave patriarch of the Incendia family which much of the book revolves around, founder of the tennis academy upon which much of the book takes place, and certifiably crazed director of the lethally addictive entertainment called "Infi- nite Jest" which has been released for political- purpouse into the general public with devastating and simply unpleasant results. This book's greatest sin might be argu- ably its most striking weakness— it's no gripping pulp page-turner. This isn't a book that you'll be dying to pick up because you can't wait to find out how the penny will escape from the alien ship in time to deliver the crucial evidence to the court room to save the President. This is charged for the (morally understandable) murder of the First Lady. Instead, this is a book that you will pick up because it will become a part of your life and you will become a part of its world. Each page will constantly surprise you and stimulate you as you realize the resources in our modern culture — your heart and your brain.

...Despite how outrageous as so much of Inf inite Jest is, it becomes much easier to become part of the book because the characters seem so much like people you know, or even like you. They react and think very naturally to somewhat unnatural situations. There are no predators in this book. You can't see a $200 million film based on this book this summer. It's arguable that you will even have a difficult time finding anyone to talk about this book with other than your friends who think you're certifiable for tot- ting around a book that is bigger than many textbooks. However, Wallace presents a clear and accurate understanding of the modern life that has led to the saturation of our lives with mindless driving that is so worth reading for no reason other than to step outside and better understand yourself and the world you live in.
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POLAR BEAR SPORTS
Bears fall in final seconds

DEB SATTER
STAFF WRITER

Sixty ticks. A mere revolution of the second hand. One minute remained when the faces of the entire Bowdoin women's lacrosse team dropped instantaneously. Katie Friend of Tufts (5-1) had just broken through the Polar Bear defense and scored the game winning goal to lift the Jumbos to a 8-7 victory in Brunswick on Tuesday. The loss is Bowdoin's third straight, dropping their record to 0-5.

Both teams battled fiercely throughout the game, as neither team was able to maintain control for an extended period of time. Trailing 8-4 midway through the second period, Bowdoin evened the score on goals by Co-Captain Eliza Wilmerding '97 and Kathryn Forest '99.

Bowdoin then surged ahead 7-6 only 26 seconds later as Brooke Goodchild '99 scored her second goal of the game. The Polar Bears' intensity and pressure increased as they fought to maintain the lead, but with 3:16 remaining Cathy Chauncey scored a goal at seven for Tufts, setting the stage for Friend's last minute heroics.

The Polar Bears were led by Goodchild, who scored two goals and dished out three assists on the afternoon. Wilmerding also scored two goals and assisted on another. The other goals for Bowdoin came from Kristin Dougherty '99 and Allison Tusits '97. Sarah Cotchet '00 made six saves in the losing effort.

Though the loss was clearly a disappointment for the talented, Bowdoin team, Head Coach Nicky Pearson saw the positive aspects that emerged from the contest. "It felt like a really good game defensively," she said. "Pressuring the ball and double teams caused a lot of turnovers. To improve and earn victories we need to work on passing the ball in transition, as opposed to running it," said Pearson.

The loss to Tufts came only two days after another frustrating contest, which saw the Polar Bears fall 12-9 to undefeated Williams College (3-0) Sunday afternoon in Brunswick. The Polar Bears jumped on the board first, as Zuri Gugelmann '99 rattled off the first of her four goals just under five minutes into the game. Williams answered with two goals of its own to take a 2-1 lead.

Bowdoin roared back with goals from Dougherty and Gugelmann to reclaim a one goal lead at 4-3. That was the last time the Polar Bears would be on top, as Williams scored five unanswered goals to take an 8-4 lead at the half. In the second half, Goodchild scored a pair of goals to help pull Bowdoin to within one at 9-8, but Williams increased its lead with a two goal onslaught in less than a minute. Bowdoin first-years Liz MacNeil and Heather Havens looked impressive as they notched their first collegiate goals. Coffinett was solid in net, turning away six shots.

"We did not play badly against Williams at all," said Pearson. "Our shot selection just needed to be better against them."

Bowdoin's sights are now set on a victory in their game against Wesleyan (4-1) on Saturday at 12:00 at Pickard Field. In looking ahead to the game Pearson said, "They have a few strong individuals, but overall we are a better team."

The Bears then travel to Bates on Tuesday to take on the Bobcats at 4 p.m.

Softball off to rough start

CATLIN RILEY
STAFF WRITER

The Bowdoin women's softball team suffered two losses on Thursday afternoon as they fell to the Husson College Braves by scores of 3-1 and 10-7 in a double-header. Donna Stromhjerm '97 picked up both losses on the mound, but contributed with three hits, including two RBI doubles. Capitalizing on Bowdoin's defensive errors, the Braves scored 11 of their 13 total runs in the initial innings of both games. "We allowed Husson to take advantage of our defensive mistakes, and those first innings did hurt us," commented Coach Howard Vander seena. "But our defensive game is improving, it just takes time."

Earlier in the week, the University of Southern Maine Huskies tired the Bears out, wrapping up the game with a 14-1 victory. First-year Melissa Aikens led the team with two hits and scored the Bears' only run. Aikens, a left fielder, currently leads the team in batting, but due to a bout with a case of mono, she may miss the next several games. Along with Aikens, Co-Captain Abby Votto '97 sets the pace for the Bears. Votto has batted .300 and is knowledgeable and experienced behind the plate at catcher. Anchoring a team of mostly first-years, Votto comments, "We have lost several key players to graduation, but fortunately the freshmen class has stepped up and filled in many of the holes. Each one of them adds so much to this team, and we are grateful for their contribution. The season has only begun, and we are looking forward to success in the future."

Despite Bowdoin's 0-5 record, it is early in the season, and the Bears have 15 games left, all of which they will play in the state of Maine. This year's Bowdoin women's softball team is young, enthusiastic and athletic, and with such optimism, their season can only get better. "We are out there swinging," Vander seena concludes. "We are learning as we go along, and our game sense will only improve."

The Bears look forward to another double-header tomorrow against Colby beginning at 12 p.m., along with games against New England College and Bates early next week.
The baseball team did a little spring cleaning as they swept a doubleheader against St. Joe's.

CHRIS BUCK
SPORTS EDITOR

Forced away from the friendly confines of Pickard Field, the Bowdoin baseball team traveled to sunny Cape Cod this past Sunday to play a doubleheader against St. Joe's. Neither Pickard nor the Monks' home field in Windham, Maine were in good enough condition for games, so both teams made the trip south to continue their respective seasons. The Bears had already cancelled three other games during the week, including a scheduled double-header against UMaine-Farmington on Saturday, so the change of scenery was more than welcome for a squad that had won its final three contests in Florida. St. Joe's jumped on Bowdoin starter Andy Kenney, '98 in the bottom of the first by taking a 1-0 lead. Things stayed that way until the top of the third, when shortstop Dave DeCew, '99 hit the first of his two home runs on the day. The Bears would score three runs in the inning and would eventually take a 3-2 lead into the fifth.

In the top of the fifth, Bowdoin struck again, as three more Bears crossed the plate to give them a 6-2 advantage. They would add one more run in the sixth, leaving it up to Kenney to hold the Monks off. The Bears' top starter a year ago cruised through five, but hit waterocks in the sixth, when he allowed two runs and could not finish the inning. Kenney did earn the win, however, as he pitched five innings, striking out six and allowing four earned runs on three hits and four walks. Bowdoin relief ace Dave Cataruzlo, '99, who also had a single and a run scored at the plate, came in and shut the door on the St. Joe's rally. Cat allowed one run in two innings to record his second save of the season. Even more impressive was the fact that five of the six outs he recorded were strike outs.

Offensively, the Bears were led by DeCew, whose two home runs and four RBI spearheaded a strong offensive attack. Catcher John Paquette, '97 also added some punch by going two for three with two RBIs, a run scored and a stolen base. First-year Rick Vallarelli drove in Bowdoin's only other run with a double as the Bears won the game by a score of 7-5.

In gamewo, Bowdoin continued its powerful display with seven more runs. This time, the offensive star was centerfielder Matt MacDonald, '98, who hit his fourth and fifth homeruns of the season to lead the charge. One of the homers was an absolute bomb, a shot estimated at over 450 feet. MacDonald also drove in three runs and scored three as he increased his slugging percentage to 1.176 on the year. He currently leads the team with a .292 batting average, three doubles, two triples, five homers, 16 runs scored, 18 runs batted in and a .390 on-base percentage.

Cataruzlo, who played both games, also continued to shine as he belted two hits and scored twice. The Bears' only other hit came from Captain Joe Meehan, '97, who went one for three, and Paquette, who went one for four with a run scored and one RBI; his eleventh of the year.

Bowdoin outscored the Monks 5-0 in the first three innings, giving starting pitcher Todd Benaglieri, '98 all the support he needed to cruise to his second collegiate win. The promising first-year notched his first complete game of his career with a masterful seven inning performance, allowing only one earned run and striking out seven. St. Joe's managed only three hits and one walk against him as they fell to the Polar Bears 7-2.

Benaglieri now ranks first amongst the team's regular starters with a 2.65 earned run average and 19 strike outs.

With a record of 6-2, including five straight victories, Bowdoin hopes to get back on the diamond as soon as possible. The Bears will return to Waterville to host Colby on Wednesday, but field conditions forced the game to be postponed. The team hopes to play tomorrow afternoon, but will have to wait and see what kind of shape the field is in. Bowdoin then has a double-header scheduled to start at 1 p.m. on Saturday afternoon against Husson College. Hopefully, the Bears can continue their torrid pace despite playing such an unpredictable and sporadic schedule.

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**Goals:**
Bowdoin: Strohmeyer 3, Tufts.
Assists:
Bowdoin: Strohmeyer, Husson.
**Saves:**
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**Pitchers**
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**Men’s Lacrosse**
12 in Division III national poll

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**Men’s LAX**
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McCabe, the team led by some hungry seniors, is on a mission to be a great team.

Wysor supported this notion, "The group of seniors is the core of the team," he commented, "And we’re definitely ready to win the championship and not go for third or fourth place this year."

This team may have the ability to do that. According to Wysor, this year’s team is different from teams of the past. "Every time we take the field," he said, "we feel like we’re going to win and we’re unstoppable," he said.

The next team on the Polar Bears’ agenda is Wesleyan. Their team suffered a tragic loss last Friday when their Senior Captain Chris Yohan was killed in an automobile accident. According to McCabe, the game will be played in his memory. The contest will take place at Pickard Field at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

The team will play that game as well as the rest of their games thinking of their goal to be best in New England. According to Wysor, "Everything will take care of itself if we keep that in mind."
A New England perspective by A Concerned Fan

Why can't I stand Dan Duquette, you ask? Well, I can think of at least three good reasons, other than the fact that he is an Amberst graduate. Reason number one: his lack of respect for veteran players. A prime example of this is Roger Clemens. The three time Cy Young Award winner, team leader and ace of the Red Sox pitching staff is a member of the Toronto Blue Jays this season, one of Boston's biggest rivals over the past ten years. Clemens is as much a part of Boston Red Sox tradition as Kevin McFalle is a part of Celtics lore. Both possess indomitable competitive spirits and unstoppable athletic skills, and both added something special to the histories of their organizations. But instead of being able to finish his career with the team that he loved, Clemens is now pitching in Canada. Think about it. A Texan pitching in the Great White North. Why? Because Dan Duquette does not understand that it takes more than statistics to build a team. It takes leadership, toughnes and the ability to come through in the clutch. Clemens possesses all of these characteristics, along with one of the best arms in baseball. He has reinvented himself as a pitcher, relying less on his rocket-armed fastball and more on his control. He only began to work on his new style last year, and he still finished as one of the top five pitchers in the American League. As one of the (supposedly) premiere general managers in baseball, Duquette should have realized that he would be even better this season.

Duquette Insulted Clemens with the salary that he offered him, forcing Clemens to seek employment outside an organization that he had called home for his entire professional career, which began in 1984. Now, my favorite player is gone, replaced with an Atlanta Brave with whom I do not identify, and more importantly, a Brave who can not replace the spirit, experience or talent of Clemens. Duquette was also responsible for the departure of another of Boston's veteran leaders, Mike Greenwell. Plagued by injuries throughout his career, the Gator was never able to regain the form that made him an All-Star in 1988 and placed him second in the MVP voting that same year. Only the 40-40 season of Jose Canarce (ironically enough, another former Red Sox player that left because he hated Duquette) beat out Greenwell for the most coveted award in baseball. Despite his health problems, Greenwell played with intensity, and he always gave 100 percent, no matter what. Even though he didn't put up the numbers that he had produced in the past, Greenwell led the team both vocally and with his performance on the field for ten years. And he Clemens were the only Red Sox players left from their miraculous 1986 trip to the World Series. Now, both are gone, along with all the leadership and experience that they brought to the club. Thanks Dan.

Reason number two: Johnny Pesky. I will not pretend to know much about Johnny Pesky, or that I have ever seen him play. However, I have seen his number hanging at Fenway Park ever since I saw my first baseball game there many years ago. To hear that Duquette (and possibly others) moved Pesky off the bench and into the front office against his will disturbs me, and it tells me something about the nature of the people running this team. When a man or woman devotes their entire life to an organization, and they proved in the course of their tenure that they will always have something to offer that organization, then that person should be allowed to continue to do what they do best. As Mo Vaughn pointed out, what Pesky did best was support the players and give them a sense of the tradition that exists at Fenway Park. But now he has been moved upstairs, away from his beloved and well-deserved place on the Red Sox bench, and the Red Sox have lost another piece of themselves.

Reason number three: Kevin Kennedy. I am as much a bottom line person as any fan out there. If wins are not produced in a reasonable amount of time then I believe it is time to make some changes. The problem with sports today is that if the wins are not there, the coach is usually the first to go, whether or not he deserves this fate. In the case of Kennedy, we have an example of someone who clearly was not at fault for the Red Sox terrible start last season. Enter Duquette, the still relatively new and inexperienced general manager, trying to show that his regime will get results and get them fast. Duquette fired Kennedy, a coach whom the players loved, a coach who knows the game and a coach who would have taken the Red Sox to the World Series if Duquette had acquired the remaining pieces of the puzzle. Instead, Duquette broke up what was a maturing system, and he replaced Kennedy with a manager who I personally feel does not want to be in Boston.

The common denominator in all of Duquette's foolish moves is that they point to a lack of loyalty. But it is not, as you would expect, a lack of loyalty on the part of the players. Duquette and his number crunching crosses did not understand that chemistry, leadership experience, and loyalty shared between management and players are as vital to a team as pure talent. As rumors that Vaughn and John Valentin want out of Boston to continue to circulate the sports scene, Duquette claims that he will no longer cater to the stars. Well Dan, does this include stars who love their team and still have great seasons to offer, a coach who knows the game and understands the players, and a man who is an essential link between baseball generations of past and present? The answer is no, and Duquette's failure to realize this is destroying the Boston Red Sox.
Bears aspire to rule New England

As the men's lacrosse team continues to ascend in the national rankings, the Bears are focusing on catching Middlebury.

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The men's lacrosse team's primary goal is to be the best in New England. Every game, they come closer to achieving it. The Polar Bears passed both Connecticut College and Tufts this week on the road to victory.

Last night they played the University of Vermont, a Division I team. Prior to the game, the Polar Bears held an unblemished record of 5-0. Unfortunately, the Bears fell to Vermont by a score of 14-12.

The 13-18 victory over Connecticut College was a turning point in the team's move-up in this week's United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association Poll. The Polar Bears are ranked 12th after jumping up three spots from the 15th position last Wednesday, ranked 11th, is currently the only other New England team ranked higher than Bowdoin.

The team proved it is worthy of its new ranking when it overpowered Connecticut College last Sunday. Bowdoin started the scoring when Co-Captain Nat Wyuar '97 put the ball in the net just over two minutes into the game. The Polar Bears had five more goals: in that half and the score rested at 6-3 during the break. The team was able to hold their lead thanks to scoring wizard Judd Newkirk '97 who fired four shots into the goal during the second half. In total, Newkirk scored five goals. First-year goalender Will Casella made ten saves.

The victory over Connecticut College was long overdue. No one on the team had ever had the experience of beating the Camels, because the last time the Polar Bears won a match between the two teams was more than five years ago. In addition, it was Connecticut College who ended the Polar Bears' season last year, Bowdoin lost to the Camels 8-7 in the ECAC semi-finals. According to Wyuar, the victory was a huge payback.

The Polar Bears carried the momentum from their win into Tuesday's game in which they trounced Tufts 15-3. Ten different players tallied goals for the Polar Bears while Newkirk and Ben 'O'Callahan '96 had three goals apiece. Casella stood strong in net and allowed just one goal in the first half. Matt Engler '98 replaced him in the second half.

The scoring pattern of the game illustrated one of the team's main strengths. According to Coach Tom McCabe, every member of the team made an impact. "We're really balanced," he said. "There are no weaknesses. We're playing strong everywhere.

One of those places is in the net. Casella is currently the number one goaltender. McCabe credits Casella's "overdue" ambition. As he gets on the field, he gets better. "He is playing with a lot of confidence right now," he said. "He is not your typical first-year." Besides skill, another of the team's major strengths is motivation. According to McCabe, "The Polar Bears are definitely driven by their desire to win. They have a fire in their bellies that is not to be underestimated."

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MEN'S TRACK

Men's track finally catches Bates

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After a winter track season focused on individual efforts and unsatisfying team results, the men's track team has come together this spring to become a definite threat in the New England Small College Athletic Conference. With a combination of strong leadership, youthful talent and depth, Coach Peter Stricklen and his Polar Bears are looking at a successful spring season. This past Saturday they started out on the right foot, winning their first meet against some tough competition. All winter long, rival Bates, always seeming to have the upper hand, frustrated Bowdoin. This season, however, the Polar Bears attacked the Bulldogs early and often until Bates found themselves running away from Whittier Field with their tails between their legs, defeated by a score of 163-137. Bowdoin also dismantled Colby, Westfield State, Southern Maine and Amherst.

This victory was due, in part, to the fresh talent of the first-years. After an impressive indoor season with a State of Maine Championship under his belt, sprinter Scott Schilling '00 didn't miss a beat, exploding out of the blocks with wins in the 100 (11.28) and 200 (23.02). Schilling annihilated the stereotype that Bowdoin lacked talent in speed events, as he also anchored the 4x100 relay team to victory in 44.40.

In its first meet of the season, the men's track team pulled away from the rest of the field as it beat Bates, Colby and Amherst. (Shelly Magiei/ Bowdoin Orient)

After experimenting with his first indoor track season, Peter Dayan '00 finally showed his stuff by running away from the pack winning his first collegiate race, the 3000 meter steeplechase, in an impressive time of 9:53. In his first steeplechase ever, Dayan was the third Polar Bear to do so under 10 minutes. With his whole career ahead of him, he looks to be in perfect position to catch the school record of 9:33.

With a successful indoor season behind him, Eric Fortin '00 stepped into the shot put pit circle with fire in his eyes as he heaved the shot 45'5", good enough for the gold. Being on top is nothing new to Chris Downe '00, after dominating the indoor middle distance circuit. With his signature kick, Downe left the competition's heads spinning as he won an exciting 800 in 2:01.4. Although the first-years were the talk of the day, the experience of the upperclassmen certainly lent a helping hand. After toying with the competition in a few indoor meets, Dorian LeBlanc '97, who also played basketball during the winter, has committed himself to track and has already proven himself to be dominant in the jumping events. In his specialty, the high jump, LeBlanc leaped more than five inches over the competition with a 6'5 first-place effort. Greedy for more, LeBlanc impressed the crowd with a 6.54 meter win in the long jump.

After a rollercoaster indoor season, Dave Kahill '98 conquered the pole vault and found himself where he rightfully belongs, in first place with a leap of 13-6. Finally over the barrier that plagued him all winter, James Johnson '97 is focused on adding another All-American season. His hunger to help Bowdoin, and hoping to make nationals in the 10,000. Just for a little 'speed', Johnson blew away the competition by over a minute with a 15:18 victory in the 5000.

Other competitors that had impressive top-three performances this first-year Ryan Johnson '00 with a second place finish in the 1500 in 4:11.2. Ben Beach '97 was right behind Johnson in third with a time of 4:12.2. Matt Klick '98 was third in the steeplechase in 10:15. Josh Andre '98 took third in the long jump with a 6.11 meter leap and Josh Heath '00 took third in the pole vault with a leap of 12'9".

The men hope to continue their domination this Saturday as they travel a short distance to Waterville to battle the White Mules of Colby at 1 p.m.
Ad Hoc Committee outlines preliminary housing system

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The Ad Hoc Implementation Committee, having prepared their preliminary report over the past four weeks, delivered their recommendations to the Commission on Residential Life last Saturday. In response to student concerns about a lack of choice in the new housing system, the committee members proposed an arrangement which allows students to change their affiliation after their first year.

One of the questions current students have is how the new house system is going to affect them. The committee, consisting of Dean of Academic Affairs Craig Bradley, the three student members of the Commission on Residential Life, and 13 other students chosen to design the house system, wanted to give students the freedom for house activities to be open ended and allow students to be as involved as they want. This is where "House Association and Choice," one of the reports main sections, affects them.

According to this section, student leaders have already been chosen, and the five houses, Baster House, 7 Body Street, Burnett House, Howard Hall, and 238 Maine Street, have been filled with those accepted student leaders. Those students who are not leaders have those options: they can choose to be associated with the house their first-year dorm is identified with next year, they can form groups of up to 12 people and be randomly assigned to a house, or they can also choose to not to participate at all. Upperclass association with houses will happen before the end of the year.

The class of '01 will be assigned to a house the second year by their dorm. If they want to transfer houses they must wait until after spring break and file an application stating the reason for the transfer. If there is a problem which requires "immediate attention," that situation will be handled by the Office of Residential Life.

Committee member Michael Volpe '97 explained that first years can not make a transfer until after spring break because the committee believes "they should give [the house] a chance."

"We hope that everything will work out," said committee member Liz Morse '99, "but there will be ways for students in bad positions to get out. We wanted to make it flexible as we could in the context of the [Commission on Residential Life] report."

Integrating the academic and social spheres of Bowdoin will occur largely through "Faculty Involvement within the House System," which constitutes the report's second section. Those professors who are assigned to a first-year dorm this year through the advisor program will next year be available to "assign and advise us," and also the house. Additionally, there will be two faculty advisors for each house who will be able to assist in the organization of house academic events and to "answer questions and address concerns regarding academics."

Committee member Kevin Cuddy '97 sees academic events in the houses ranging from "things that have already been going around campus such as faculty lectures" to "informal talks in an informal setting." He hopes that the department lecture series could be placed in houses to draw more students.

Academically and socially, Cuddy said, activities will really be "whatever the students want to do. The house system gives you the physical space and some of the resources."

House leader Dana Ostberg '00 related some simple activities to find common interests with the faculty such as playing Risk with government professors or playing Monopoly with economics professors.

The activities will be structured around "an environment with a lot of freedom but with the control the Administration wants," said Volpe. "It's really a good compromise."

College nears completion of Sexual Misconduct Policy

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The long-awaited Sexual Misconduct Policy is in the final stages of revision and will be finished in time to appear in next year's Student Handbook. The new policy contains pieces of the current policy, but includes a system of campus advisors as well as a new option for victims who do not want to take student charges adjudicated by the Judicial Board.

The policy has undergone revisions for the past year, but nothing concrete came out of the process. This year the Student Affairs Committee was charged with the creation of a new policy; it approved the bulk of the changes this spring and will be printing out details in the next week.

"We have reached a consensus in principle about this," said Dean Betsy Maier, a member of the Student Affairs Committee. "...we will continue to refine pieces of it."

Two of the new policy that differ substantially from earlier versions include the choice of a small board hearing for students to student cases, and the creation of faculty, staff and student advisors who will be trained by the Sexual Assault Support Services of Midcoast Maine (SASSMM).

According to Dean of Student Affairs Craig Bradley, students will have the choice of a student advisor. They can participate in the current policy, or they can participate in the new policy. The board will be chaired by Bradley and will include a faculty advisor from the Sexual Misconduct Board and a student from the Judicial Board.

Maier hopes that the new board will bring forward students who might have been intimidated by the atmosphere of a Judicial Board hearing. She also hopes that "the cases will be more quickly resolvable and the speedier disposition will help us with the idea of continuity."

The details of the new campus advisors system are still being discussed, but the goal is clearly articulated: to create an atmosphere on campus that discourages sexual misconduct, encourages victims to speak to trained counselors, and ultimately brings their cases to adjudicating boards.

Maier explained that publicity for the campus advisors will begin next fall, and the Dean's Office hopes to attract a cross-section of Bowdoin faculty, staff and students who will be readily available for community members who need counseling, or who have questions regarding the policy itself.

The model tentatively includes a group of 24-25 advisors, with eight new members appointed and eight members rotating out each year. Maier hopes to create a sense of continuity, while training as many people as possible.

"The benefit over time is that we will create a different environment on campus just because there will be more trained people," she said. "That's going to be good for the community." The Dean's Office will also fund a condensed training for the Residential Life Staff, and run programs in sexual assault for incoming students during first-year orientation.
Asian week features panel on women's rights

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This Asian Students Association recognition of "Asian Week" with a series of activities and lectures celebrating their cultures and discussing current issues in Asia.

On Thursday, a panel on Asian women was held in Kresge Auditorium. Professors Nancy Riley and Sree Padma discussed the state of women in China, India, Korea, and Japan.

Professor Riley talked about the status of women under the communist state in China. Under state policies the number of women who have entered the work force has increased dramatically, today approximately 90 percent of women aged 15 to 55 in urban areas work. But while women are working, they have not achieved equality. They are often paid less (dual-income lower-paying jobs), and even when performing the same tasks as men, they receive comparable wages but minimal health and family benefits.

Another major state initiative that has caused problems is the rule that women who marry must give their children to one child. The Chinese culture values its sons far more than its daughters, which causes parents to go to great lengths to have a son. This has led to the "missing girls" phenomenon, where 12 percent of females who should have been born were not after birth.

Female babies are often killed, abandoned, or not officially reported. Ultrasounds are widely available and, although it is illegal, sometimes parents choose to abort a fetus when they learn it is female, regardless of the sex.

The value of sons in the Chinese culture is deeply rooted and difficult to change. Typically, a son is married to his bride, and the rest of her life with her husband's parents and is essentially "lost" to her family. And unlike their urban counterparts, rural workers receive no pension, so when they retire, having a son to take over their farm is their only chance for survival.

There have been some improvements in the lives of Chinese women. With the privatization of many industries, opportunities for women have increased, but most of the jobs have been given to men. Many women are being hired in new national and international factories, which they have not been paid for, but income questions have been raised as to whether the factories exploit the women.

Professor Padma discussed the women's rights movement in India. Unlike China, where individual human rights (and thus women's rights) are not part of the culture, the Indian constitution guarantees women equal rights. In India before the arrival of Europeans, women had very little status in society. When the English colonized India, it became fashionable for the ideal Indian to send both their sons and their daughters to European-style schools.

The "new" Indian woman was seen as the maintainer of Indian culture, a spiritually supreme "godess." She was more sophisti-
cated and patient than her predecessor, and she knew a life beyond the confines of the home. These new women participated in the Indian independence movement, and stood as symbols of the nation's heritage.

Even with the guarantee of equal rights, however, "unseen restrictions" are placed on women that prevent them from true equality. They were paid lower wages. Culturally, they were still viewed as inferior and subversive to their husbands and in-laws. With the caste system, women who were not members of the lower classes were at an even greater disadvantage. Exploitation was rampant.

After the 1980s the women's movement faced serious restrictions as Muslim and Hindu women separated on ideological differences. An amendment to the Indian constitution was added such that the Muslim minority was allowed to have Islamic law take precedence over Indian law, including such practices as a man being able to break off a marriage simply by saying "I divorce you" three times.

The lecture ended with a question and answer session between students and Professors Riley and Padma. Comparisons between the two cultures were made, and students asked about current developments in the movie "Kama Sutra" by a female screenwriter.

Speaker discusses "lost" Korea

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On Thursday in the Maine Lounge, Robert LaFleur, an Asian studies professor at Colby College, gave a talk in honor of Asian week entitled "Discovering Korean Culture: Confessions of a Chinese Historian."

He began by discussing how Korea is often "lost" in East Asian studies in U.S. higher education courses, mentioned only as a conduit for information from China to flow through Japan. It was not a conscious decision to ignore Korean history. Rather, the whole model of East Asian studies was developed by Harvard, one specializing in China, the other in Japan. The other East Asian countries, including Korea and Vietnam, were often neglected for the professors' concentrations. Other universities and colleges adopted the Harvard program with its focus on Japan and China.

LaFleur was trained in this type of East Asian studies program at Colby to teach an East Asian survey course in this fashion. One of his students, however, pointed out that the syllabus contained no mention of Korea. LaFleur quickly changed the curriculum to add mention of Korea, and wondered why he had never thought about Korea. He spoke to other graduate students and learned that they, too, had learned much about China and Korea but little about other countries. In addition, research material on Korea as well as primary sources in translation were scarce.

To help rectify this situation and draw attention to the need for Korean studies, LaFleur recently developed an experimental course in East Asian history, designed with the breadth of a survey and the depth of a research course. The concept was to appeal to students that he ended up teaching two sections. As the students pursued their independent research and reported back to the class, everyone's understanding of Korean history was deepened. Parents and alumni began contributing funds for books on Korea, and the Colby library has promised to try to acquire some. To LaFleur, Korean studies need to use an "integrated topic approach," combining a detailed study of Korean specifics with a broad understanding of East Asia.

An informal discussion session followed the lecture, as students and professors debated the fact that much of Korea's economy was "borrowed" from the Chinese.

All cultures, it was pointed out, incorporated aspects from foreign cultures when they found appealing. Buddhism, often cited as an example of Chinese culture adopted by Korea and Japan, was in fact originally from India.

Amnesty International speaker condemns death penalty

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The six members of the Bowdoin chapter of Amnesty International wanted to focus on an issue for a week to raise some questions, and maybe give a few answers.

According to the group's coordinator, first-year Katy Lampadario, they decided to concentrate on the death penalty during the week of April 14 because of Amnesty International's controversial stance on the subject.

Joshua Rubenstein, the Northeastern regional director of Amnesty International, spoke Monday night to an audience in Hubbard Hall about the organization's beliefs concerning capital punishment.

"Amnesty is a prisoner centered organization" said Rubenstein. "We work for the release of prisoners of conscience, we oppose the use of torture, and we oppose the death penalty because it is a form of torture."

A staff member of Amnesty International for more than 20 years and author of three books, Mr. Rubenstein pronounced to look at the death penalty squarely, on a realistic basis, and to show on these terms that the death penalty is an indefensible form of punishment.

After making clear that Amnesty's position on the death penalty "has nothing to do with sympathy for those who commit heinous crimes," the speaker made several statistically supported points. First, he said, "the death penalty is a horrifying lottery." Close to 5,000 people are subject to the punishment each year, asserts Amnesty's research, but jurors only sentence 150 to 200 of that number to death row.

Rubenstein went on to cite the exorbitant expense of keeping a criminal on death row and the role that race seems to play in the sentence process, noting that white capital punishment is inherently flawed. He also chal-

Northeastern director of Amnesty International Joshua Rubenstein (Adam Zimman/Bowdoin Orient)
Sexual Assault Awareness Week raises consciousness

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This past week, Safe Space, a student group that educates the Bowdoin community on sexual assault and helps its survivors to deal with their experiences, organized a series of events in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Week. According to Safe Space co-coordinator Christa Jeffers '98, the events were designed "to raise general campus awareness of sexual assault taking place here."

Marc Sieffert '98, another co-coordinator, believes that "sexual assault doesn't get talked about enough," and because of this, one of the purposes of this week's events was to encourage more discussion. He hopes to "provide a bit of support for the survivors on this campus. There are quite a few of them and they are being ignored."

Marc continued by saying that "rapes do happen on campus all the time" and that Bowdoin's statistic of zero rapes is wrong. Safe Space hopes to let the whole Bowdoin community know that sexual assault is everybody's problem.

The event that started this week was the performance of the F.L.I.T.E, an intensive theater group consisting of five people that work for public health and education programs. The group put on a short play about date rape that featured students in an environment similar to Bowdoin's. After the performance, the actors led a discussion with students in the audience. The purpose of the group's performance was to demonstrate that "it's quite conceivable that it [sexual assault] can happen here."

On Tuesday, Safe Space, along with Struggle and Change, hosted Sharon Simone, who offered her insights as a survivor and expert on abuse and child trauma. During their childhood, Simone and her sister were sexually abused by their father, against whom they successfully brought sexual assault charges four years ago. Simone's speech, according to Sieffert, was to be "improvisational and to demonstrate that you can overcome [sexual abuse]."

The next day, in Massachusetts Hall, a talk was held for students to speak out about their experiences with sexual assault, and their views of it. "Some shared their experiences, but most of the discussion was focused on sexual assault on campus and the silence associated with it," said Sieffert. Many people voiced their views on what needs to be improved to make it easier for the survivors to come out and talk about their sexual assault experiences. One of the things proposed was an anonymous report form that an assaulted student would fill out and turn in to the Dean's office, so that the administration would keep a more accurate statistic on sexual assaults on campus.

On Thursday, Jackson Katz, a nationally recognized expert on sexual assault, delivered a lecture entitled "Football, Feminism, and Other Contemporary Contradictions." Jeffers thinks that Katz' male point of view and his athletic background will shed a fresh light on sexual assault issue.

Sexual Assault Awareness Week will conclude tonight with the annual silent candlelight vigil that will start on the steps of the Art Museum at 8 p.m., circle the quad, and finish at the steps of Moulton Union. The vigil will commemorate the survivors and victims of sexual assault.

Stephen Wainwright, Duke University's James B. Duke Professor of Zoology Emeritus and former president of the American Society of Biocheinics and the American Zoological Society, will be delivering two lectures sponsored by the biology department next week. On Wednesday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Beam Classroom in the Visual Arts Center, he will present "Learning by Hand." This lecture mixes science and art to explore the human capacity for learning using such tools as slides and biological "toys" use model real-life organisms.

On Thursday, April 24 at 4:00 p.m. in Searles 314, Wainwright will deliver a seminar with the same title as his latest book, Axis and Crisscross. This talk will focus on the biological evolution of animals from worms to cockroaches and people.

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House leaders selected for new residential system

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Under the new lottery system, 95 students were selected to be student leaders in the new house system. These 95 students were chosen out of the 135 who applied to be associated with the Class of '98 in the Hurd House, 238 Main Street, Howard Hall, Baxter House, and 7 Boody Street.

Decisions were made by Dean of Student Affairs Craig Bradley and the 16 students who make up the Ad Hoc Implementation Committee. Members were overwhelmed by the volume and quality of the applications they reviewed.

"I was really shocked that so many people applied," said Michael Volpe '97, member of the Ad Hoc Committee. "After the first 10 minutes of reading, we realized that the number of applicants would have made bad leaders.

Committee outlines work to date

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ian, Executive Board Representative, and First-Year Residence Hall Representative will be filled. Students will be elected to these positions with no restrictions on their grade or living situation.

Many people would like to see the traditions and rich history of the houses restored. Cuddy believes, "The real traditions of the house will be revived and taught to the freshmen who will make their own traditions."

The houses will all be renovated over the summer. To what extent renovations will occur, remains unsure, but common areas in all of the dorms except Howard Hall are scheduled to be improved and expanded.

Marc Zimman '98 has been attempting to figure out what options might be available in the way of dining services. He met with Mary Lou Kennedy on Thursday to discuss their options. While the house will probably never eat all of their meals together, Zimman sees a weekly house meal as an option "five years down the road or so."

There are many other intricate facets of the house system that will eventually be implemented. Some will be put into the report, while others will be left to the discretion of the individual houses. Concerns about the new house will be entertained by the committee at Wednesday's forum. They encourage everyone's attendance.

Copies of the report may be picked up in the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs. There will be an open forum on Wednesday, April 23 at 8 p.m. in Main Lounge to give students an opportunity to ask questions and to make comments and suggestions to the committee regarding this preliminary report.

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Sharon Simone speaks as survivor

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On Tuesday, sexual abuse activist Sharon Simone led a well-attended panel discussion on child abuse and sexual assault. The event, sponsored by Struggle and Change and Safe Space, was one of many recent events recognizing Sexual Assault Awareness Week.

With a great deal of grace and humor, the activist went on to explain that the trauma of almost losing a daughter to alcoholism brought on flashbacks from her own childhood, uncovering memories of how her own father had sexually abused her. Her life as a Harvard University faculty member quietly crumbled and she was forced to take a leave of absence, sleeping in her car most nights to avoid her own troubled home. "I couldn't cope. I was flooded with memories," she remembered.

She became controlling and angry, almost violent at times. Simone was unable to handle all her internal anger.

Her sister had decided she needed therapy and had become a counselor. She was a result of her father's sexual abuse. Simone feared that she would become addicted to the drug of therapy.

Unfortunately, the case fell through when Simone's sister pulled out. Motivated by her sister's courage and determined to finish her job, Simone decided, along with her older sister, to sue her father for sexually abusing them all.

She and her sisters became the first to win such a case in U.S. history, winning a total of $1.3 million. The familial nature of the case attracted national attention. Sparking further controversy was Simone's father himself, a national expert on child abuse and a prominent FBI official. The irony continued; he was responsible for legislation mandating that school guidance counselors report incidents of child abuse. The attention that the case received culminated in a "20/20" report and even a TV movie, "Ultimate Betrayal."

Simone warned people to know that child abuse is a problem that people carry with themselves for a lifetime, and even pass onto their children. Her own children, she testified, were destroyed by their obsessive, controlling mother. Her activism could be attributed to the regret she feels from this.

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THE BOWDOIN ORIENT NEWS FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 1997
The Ad Hoc Implementation Committee, a group composed of 19 students, has arrived at the following preliminary conclusions and ideas for the implementation of the College House System for the 1997-98 Academic Year. These conclusions and ideas are based on the values espoused in the Commission on Residential Life's initial report and are the result of four weeks of intense information gathering, brainstorming, and discussion. Student who need an additional copy of the Commission's interim Report may pick one up in the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs.

38 groups of students applied to live in and be house leaders in one of the five campus houses (700 delights, 238 Maine St., Baxter, Burnett, and Howard Hall). 21 groups were chosen. We are very excited about these diverse groups of House Leaders and are confident that they will help to create and maintain an inclusive and vibrant residential community at bowdoin next year.


The members of these three classes have the following options:

1. be assigned to a house with which they are affiliated or have no affiliation.
2. choose to be assigned to a house with which they are affiliated.
3. choose not to participate in the College House System.

The Future: The Class of 2001 and Beyond

We are proposing that funds for professional development be provided to compensate the Faculty Advisors and that meal tickets be available to all faculty who wish to dine with students, as has happened this year. We will also enable them to enjoy meals at any of the houses on any occasion. Finally, we propose that a Student Proctor Chair be part of the administration of the system of each house. The Student Academic Chair will also help to increase community among faculty members of different disciplines, and work with student organizations and academic departments to plan lectures and academic events in the houses.

The Residential Life Student Staff

The Residential Life Student Staff has placed student staff members in the houses for the 1997-98 Academic Year. A leadership seminar for the Residential Life Staff and the House Leaders is currently being planned for next fall.

The house proctors are expected to take a much more active and substantial role in the houses than RAs in the past. Proctors will plan academic events, converse students to support networks and resources on campus, mediate conflicts between students as they arise, intervene in crisis situations, and provide a direct line of communication to the Dean of Residential Life and the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs.

In addition, the Residential Life Staff and the Dean of First-Year Students Tim Foster will plan social events and meetings at the beginning of the year. These meetings and events will occur after the House Leaders have reorganized the first-year homes. These meetings and events will enable first-year students to meet upperclass students and become familiar with the history of the houses and of the College.

House Governance

Each house will elect a president, a secretary/treasurer, a social chair, and a house manager. House leaders chosen to live in the houses will be eligible to run for these primaries positions this spring so that during the upcoming summer, they can begin planning and organizing for the fall semester. In following years, elections for these primary positions will take place in the early spring. This will allow them to "shrink" and learn from the present officers. The individuals elected to hold the primary positions will be required to live in their house for the duration of house leadership terms.

In addition to the primary positions mentioned above, there will be a variety of other elected positions in each house. Elections for these positions will be held three or four weeks into the fall semester to allow other house members, including those from the first-year class, to run for office. The identified individuals to these positions will not be expected to live in the house.

The following is a tentative list and description of the governance positions within the College House System:

• President: Responsible for organizing and facilitating regular house meetings, acting as the official house representative at College functions and meetings, and the Froster in responding to any complaints or conflict issues in the house, and acting as the Inter-House Council (IHC) representative.

• Vice President: Responsible for chairing the Events Committee comprised of the Volunteering Chair, the Academic Chair and the Communication Chair (positions described below), and acting as the house leader in the absence of the President.

• Secretary/Treasurer: Responsible for managing dues and financial resources provided by the College, allocating funds to offices groups within each house according to the budget created and voted upon by each house at the beginning of the school year, and attending SACF meetings when appropriate.

• Social Chair: Responsible for collecting ideas and suggestions from house members regarding house-sponsored events, planning and organizing events which have been approved by at least 1/3 of the house members and attending SACF meetings when appropriate.

• House Manager: Responsible for ensuring the smooth running of the house on a daily basis and acting as the Facilities Management/Resident Coordinator.

• Voluntary position for collecting ideas/suggestions from house members regarding possible volunteer/service endeavors, environmental projects are planned and carried through to completion and overseeing the house's one large volunteer project of the year.

• Academic Chair: Responsible for planning and coordinating house events involving faculty members and coordinating any other "educational events" at the house.

The guidelines list should be published in the College House System program, and the house managers will be required to live in the houses during the time they hold office.

We propose that dues be set at a nominal amount for each house. Members who cannot pay dues may contribute a "house service" in lieu of paying dues. House services may include cleaning, setting-up equipment for house events or assisting with publicity.

Housekeeping and Facilities Management will continue to plan a clear and frequently updated list of events at the houses. House managers, as directed by the House Manager, will be responsible for clearing reasonable messes and coordinating the College in the event of property destruction.

The guidelines listed and discussed above will be included in a College House Handbook and distributed to all houses next fall. Handbooks will be available to all students and may be modified by individual houses.

We invite the campus community to an open forum to discuss this Preliminary Report with us on Wednesday, April 23 at 8 p.m. in Main Lounge. This is an opportunity for you to ask us questions, and to voice your suggestions and concerns.

If you have any questions before the forum, please do not hesitate to contact one of us. We look forward to seeing you at our Wednesday evening.

The Ad Hoc Implementation Committee Craig Bradley, Dean of Student Affairs, Hannah Brown '97, Kevin Cuddy '97, Agostinho Ferreira '97, Christine Fedor '97, Julie Johnson '97, Nahyon Lee '97, Steve Lew '99, Shureen Lindquist '00, Liz Morris '00, Leah Muhs '99, Kim Nuzum '97, Megan Roessing '97, Tim Ryan '98, Jeffrey Schneider '97, Jon Shukie '99, Bully Small '99, Heather Tindall '98, Michael Volpe '97, Marc Zimmer '98.
Honest action after a long wait

Six months ago Dean of Student Affairs Craig Bradley made a commitment to include a revision of the Sexual Misconduct Policy in the 1997-1998 Student Handbook. As a week of sexual assault awareness draws to a close, the Student Affairs Committee is finalizing a new policy which reflects a long-awaited administrative commitment to face issues of sexual assault and harassment in a proactive manner.

The purpose of this new policy is the emphasis on building trust among community members who in the past have looked upon the adjudication process for sexual misconduct as a bureaucratic labyrinth marked by inconsistent policies and intimidating boards. The new three-member board, for example, offers an alternative to the large-scale Judicial Board hearing, the rarely used, untrained Sexual Misconduct Board and the face to face mediation process.

A significant feature of the new policy is the system of trained advisors—faculty, staff and students—who will be available to community members needing counseling or those with questions regarding the policy itself. This is an excellent way to create a system and train students and faculty to handle issues outside the lines into an evolving policy backed by trusted names and faces. The success of the new policy, however, is contingent upon highly trained, highly visible advisors. Working with Safe Space, this group will form the backbone of the system by disseminating information, opening dialogue and generating an atmosphere that encourages victims to seek assistance. The publicity campaign in the fall should not be underestimated—the community’s first encounter with the new policy and the advising system will set the tone for future dialogue.

We also urge the continued involvement of Safe Space in the process. Safe Space has provided invaluable services, especially during a period in which administrative response to sexual misconduct was inconsistent, and their advice and input should be actively sought as the Dean’s Office attempts to implement the new policy. Working with the Office of the First Year Class Dean, Safe Space members could help begin the process of education during Orientation. The best way to ensure the success of the new policy is to foster open dialogue about sexual misconduct early on—if first years trust the system, then we have a chance of moving beyond old attitudes and assumptions on the part of both students and administrators.

Also encouraging is the emphasis placed on training for those who will be advising victims of sexual assault or harassment. In past years Safe Space struggled to train a group of student advocates while the Administration offered no assistance. According to Bradley, the Dean’s Office will be working directly with Sexual Assault Support Services of Mid-Coast Maine to train the advisors, some Safe Space members and Resident Life Staff. The acknowledgement that training is essential when advising victims of sexual assault is a critical step towards rebuilding the community’s trust.

After four years of frustration and anger with an Administration that seemed unwilling to grapple with the issues of sexual misconduct, we are finally at a turning point. We, as a community, have the opportunity to put the past behind us and move toward an atmosphere where sexual assault is not just a misleading “zero” in the Security Report statistics. Through a policy that members of the community understand and trust, we can finally end the cycle.

Student issues, student input?

The decision last week by faculty members to reduce the drop period at the beginning of each semester—six weeks to two—indicates a dangerous lack of understanding of student life at this college. Two weeks—two or three class meetings in some cases—is simply not enough time to make an informed decision about a course’s value.

There are two problems with this action. The first is that it does not include provisions for students who are taking more than four classes. While this may not represent a significant portion of the campus, it is nonetheless an important omission. Students elect to take five course for many reasons, and while many can handle the added work and expectations, others find later in the semester that they cannot. These students need at least six weeks during which they can drop a fifth course because the first two weeks of a term are rarely characteristic of later periods when there is more demanding coursework. There needs to be a fifth course extension to this policy.

The other significant issue here concerns not the policy but the method of its acceptance. The effects of this decision will likely be of more concern to students than to the faculty who took the vote, and yet the decision was made without any student input, and once passed, it was not publicly announced. An issue which has the potential to affect many students in such a dramatic fashion should not have been made without student input. This is not to say that the decision is wrong, but only that it is a slap in the face to the members of the student government and to the students at large.

Decisions regarding academic policy are, rightly, made by faculty and members of the Administration. This does not, however, mean that they should be made without the prior solicitation of student opinion. When discussing issues which will have a direct impact on the lives of students, it would do the faculty and Administration well to offer students the opportunity to voice their opinions.

We are not advocating that a committee be formed every time the College is contemplating a change in academic policy, but only that students be made aware of the issues affecting them so that they may express their opinions before the final votes are cast.

Finally, when decisions are reached, they need to be publicly announced. The fact that faculty members voted on this issue behind closed doors at a monthly faculty meeting and then failed to announce their decision signifies a disrespect for the very students who will be most affected by this change in policy. This type of action aligns the faculty with an Administration which many students feel works against them, and perpetuates the reputation of both bodies as unconcerned, unilateral actors. It is in the interests of students and faculty members to avoid this type of process in the future.
Letters to the Editor

Helping students with learning disabilities

To the Editors,

Imagine what it’s like: You arrive at college for the first time and immediately face the whole new world of adult responsibilities. For the first time in your life, you do your own laundry. When you're hungry, you have to get up and get your own food, or you do not eat. You select and sign up for classes, and then you spend hours each week studying on your own. Now imagine trying to adapt to this when you have a learning disability. While everyone else is trying to figure out the basics and what’s happening in Brunswick on the weekends, you're struggling to find basic support services. And, on top of all this, imagine that you have no telephone service in your dorm and no e-mail to link-up to the campus library. Welcome to Bowdoin. That was my initiation this year.

For those of us with learning disabilities, finding the college “system,” and getting it to work for us can become a real challenge. Usually, the first step is sound, practical advice to those establishing campus-wide policies. There are guidelines so students and professors can work out solutions to problems they have to get new students of that professor to get notetakers, to be able to tape the classes and then figure out how to use that information incredibly supportively, but each professor has to have his own point of view about learning disabilities. Without a universal policy, however, I have the option of refusing to cooperate, despite the fact that the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) clearly establishes the rights of students with learning differences. Why is a student still forced to justify themselves to every professor? If I have to work harder at some things, that is a fact of life I’ll have to live with. An established policy acknowledging students rights to support services would simply validate my needs and help improve the system as a whole at Bowdoin. Identifying one person on staff to implement an L.D. policy would simplify matters and take effective pressure off Dean Foster, who became an invaluable resource to me this year.

This paper needs a method of making, students and faculty members aware of the resources available—what do you need— who do you turn to? I didn’t discover Jackie La Vie, head of the quantitative skills department, until my second semester. As a new first year, I didn’t understand the importance of deciding fast, while I still had the option, to transfer out of a class that was not what I’d expected. What can this year’s first-year class do for next year’s incoming first years? We can share our experiences, our study methods, trouble spots associated with certain courses and certain professors, and even what it meant, based on our own experience. Most of what we know about college life, we didn’t know in September. We can help each other by volunteering, tutoring, or even just talking. This is a very real need.

By establishing a campus-wide policy that eliminates the potential of discrimination against L.D. students and spells out to all, the procedure for getting support services fast, hopefully the worst problem all first years will face next year will be: Did I put too much detergent in the washer?

Josh Schneider ’00

Student responds to alleged misrepresentation

To the Editors,

I am writing in response to the libelous comment quoted in the “Bita Incidents” article on April 11. I am upset that the hard letter to the editor that followed which was published in the Orient’s last edition.

On April 11, I was notified by a call from the author of the article on Bita. When my roommate was unavailable he asked if I would be willing to comment. Feeling uncomfortable about the situation and having very little information on it, I declined to comment. Feeling uncomfortable I constructed another story else in the house would. At this point another member of the house got on the phone and made a comment in my favor. This was not a new comment for it was later reported out of context, perhaps for the effect it obviously had. What she in fact said was “This is a house issue. You should not bother the house about it. If you would like a comment, contact either our President, Vice President or maybe even Nat Wysor.”

The person who actually said this is completely willing to take credit for her statement. It was meant only as a suggestion; not a comment for the paper, which is why she did not give her name. She responded in this way because at the time, we ourselves were not fully aware of the situation concerning our kitchen. She believed that these individuals, as the elected leaders of the house, would be better suited to speak on our behalf.

The letter to the editor that was published in the April 11 issue, in response to my supposed comments, was extremely upsetting. Not only was I attacked for a comment that I did not make, I cannot understand how the letter was ever printed at all. When I, myself was thinking of writing a letter to the editor in response to the first article, I knew that I would have to write a policy clearly states that no letter will be published if it contains a personal attack on comment. I was not going to construe any other way? The authors of the letter speak directly to me in a number of instances. I look the letter personally and as a direct attack on my character. The tone of the letter was disrespectful, but unspoken.

The writers of the letter imply that I did not think before I spoke and I also believe, you do not know if I was aware of a sensitive person, as any one who knows me will maintain as true. To be spoken to in such a manner was more than upsetting, it was painful. I do not hold the authors of the letter responsible, I even agree with some of the points mentioned. I will be in the community. Their points, however, were made at my expense. Their letter stems from incorrect information they and the rest of the Orient received as a result of the Orient. The paper went a step further when it ignored its responsibility and promise to prevent such harsh letters from ever being printed.

This situation with our kitchen was a delicate one. I had no desire or intention of involving myself in a further affair I already was, as a house member. I certainly did not want the responsibility of speaking on behalf of the house, nor was I the Orient’s representative. I simply had to speak about the incident, which is why I declined to comment. I, in no way tried to stand in the way of the writer’s right to get the information he needed. Instead I tried to be helpful by offering to find someone else to talk to him. For my attempts to be helpful, I am treated in a way that no person deserves to be treated.

First, I was quoted in the paper for something I never said just so that the Orient can avoid the need to use the comment out of context.

Then, my character, my intelligence, my morality of self dignify was attacked, by people I do not know, strictly on the basis of this comment that I never made! Lastly, the Orient has such a lack of respect for me as a member of the Bowdoin community that they actually printed the falsehood that the above points were comments made at my expense. Clearly, the Orient has acted in a completely unprofessional manner in almost all aspects of covering an important story. Their desire to get a story overwritten their sense human decency. As a result, I have been unfairly treated and demand an apology for the numerous wrongs that have been committed at my expense. The situation calls for a retraction of the letter should be printed, so that other students on campus will know the truth. One would think that in the nations longest publishing college weekly, such mistakes would not be made. I do not intend to allow the Orient to continue to go unchecked.

I hope all students will also not allow this sort of action to go away unnoticed. The Orient has given more proof to the belief that you cannot believe everything you read. Perhaps it is the Orient who should heed the last sentence of that letter to the editor, “we encourage all students to think before they act.”

Molly Sarke ’99

Experience warns against removing fraternities

To the Editors,

The recent report of the Commission on Social Life at Bowdoin under the guidance of Don Kurtz ‘52 has come to the expected conclusion of recommending the cessation of the Bowdoin College fraternity system. This process has been hovering on the horizon over many years though. Snix represented the death of a non-Bowdoin student at a fraternity function that was unsanctioned by the College during the past year.

Few would deny that society has changed over the years and that the current fraternity system at Bowdoin has had a negative impact over the years gone by. As the father of two recent Bowdoin graduates, I have heard their depiction of life to have generally been otherwise than otherwise nor have ever occurred, and cemented what will likely be life-long friendships. For the other, there was a childlessness that accompanied the hazing and pledging process that seemed inconsistent with adult behavior. Each would likely acknowledge that, without the existing fraternity system, the social side of life at Bowdoin would have been bland and unadorned and would not likely be replaced by college supervised housing complexes. Few would deny that the College had to do something to regain control after recent events within the fraternity system, that the system as a whole was in a grossly harsh and, perhaps, futile means of modulating student behavior. As one who has not had the misfortune to be a member of any in any way of any fraternity membership at Bowdoin and the resultant friendships that emerged, the departure of the Bowdoin student from that choice for those who would like to participate threatens to truncature what little social life the fraternity systems provide. There are innumerable examples of private clubs, social organizations, business firms and professional groups of varying degrees of exclusivity (and often questionable relative to everyday life) that are nonetheless highly unlikely. More than likely, whatever problems that have existed will merely go “underground” beyond public scrutiny. In my own experience in fraternity life, an assigned college adviser was present at all social functions and responsible to the Orient of Students for some sense of decorum. That system seemed to function quite well. Sadly, there is no yardstick available by which one can quantify the decideded positive aspects of the fraternity system and one is left simply to accept the idea that there is something that is otherwise unavailable in everyday college life; popular with some and not others. Additionally, the fraternity system altogether strikes this alumno as throwing the baby out with the bath water.

J. Warren Hartrome, M.D. ’53
What groundskeeper Willie knows that you don’t

By Doug Fleming

Well folks, as your tuition rolls in, here’s a look at how your money is being spent. According to the Bowdoin College Landscape Management Plan, a report commissioned by the school to Carol R. Johnson and Associates, the total landscaping budget for the year was well above six million dollars. This includes well over $4,207,000 the school wants to spend on "campus improvement projects." Since the bulk of the budget is "campus improvement projects," the answer is that they all are "landscape engagements designed to reflect positively on the overall landscape of Bowdoin." Simply put, they are big ticket items designed to make Bowdoin look pretty. In this case it is fine and dandy until one looks at what each of these projects entails. Take, for instance, project number 14, "The Upper Park Row Edge," which would be a project facing the window of my residence. It sounds appealing enough, but the description of the Upper Park Row is an aesthetically pleasing area. It is not exactly something that would make someone want to spend $135,000. However, the College thinks differently. According to Bowdoin, the goals for the Upper Park Row include, "Eliminating a college edge which does not impede the views to the core. Remove the overgrown hedge and other underplanting. Add planting with green points along this edge. Regrade existing gravel pathway. Add historic wood fence. Add lighting." Keep in mind that all of this would cost you, the tuition payer, $135,860. In addition, this project would include "adding stone dust and gravel where worn out stone dust exists." This leads me to question whether there is a difference between "new" and "old" dust and whether we should spend $19,500 for what is essentially dirt. Another point worth noting is the existence of the "overgrown" hedge. I measured the "overgrown" hedge, and it is "overgrown" to the point that it is mere one and a half feet in width. Unless you are a bonsai tree farmer, I hardly call this "overgrown." Of course, the next thing your tuition money will buy is a new fence and this hedge and install a fence. Finally, I hardly think that additional lighting is needed in the area, especially when I have a hard time sleeping at night due to the bright lights present outside my window. However, more than likely, the lighting will cost you, the tuition payer, over $15,000. But the waste goes far beyond "campus improvement projects." The average purchase by groundskeeping at this school is far more wasteful, the upkeep of people, is far less responsible. Take for instance, the price of several items which the College purchases. One such item that exists is the "little container," costs approximately $250 according to the Landscape Master Plan. The College even claims that "somehow a "little container" is different from a "trash can," when, in fact, they are both the same. The College did some price comparisons, and Amens hopes to be having a beautifully pleasing "little containers" for under $20! Another item worth noting is the "ash urn." According to the College, one "ash urn" is $250. Again, notice the wording, the college says "pay up" for and differentiate from "ash can," when, in fact, they serve the same purpose. Sears happens to be selling "ash urns" for roughly $30. After all this makes me wonder whether the College is buying hand-crafted platinum "ash urns" from Italy rather than purchasing them from the local Auichon hardware store. For the College, one outdoor table, four chairs, and an umbrella is $1655! When I called Wal-Mart Discount City and asked for the price of their most durable set of outdoor furniture, they spend $45. Call that a set with a lifetime guarantee! In addition, the set came with seven chairs and an additional umbrella! Moving on, we see that the College continually buys even more ridiculously expensive things. Already well into the $30,400 10 light poles and fixtures amounts to $15,500 A campus bench is $400! 100 linear feet of fencing is $280! 100 square feet of granite pavement is $200! A bench in Moulton Union is $250. For the College, the budget is to spend a total of $36,900 on new bike racks! Bowdoin seems to be flooded with fiscal irresponsibility like diarrhea from a colitis attack! And it doesn’t stop here. Bowdoin has appointed workers to "inventorize trees noting species and condition" and involve students in activities promoting "tree awareness." Altogether, the cost to you, the tuition payer, is well over $100,000.

My next question is why on earth has the budget committee been approving all of this waste. It would seem that if they took a closer look at some of these items, we could have our tuition lowered substantially. Simply eliminating the Park Row Project altogether would give Dudley Cole Health Center two full time doctors.

The school needs to seriously reconsider how it spends its money. If there is an answer to why tuition is jacked up past the inflation rate, it is this. And I should not single out landscaping as the only culprit. Most department reports in this school contain a motherlode of wasteful spending rivaling that of the U.S. government. What irks me is that, not just the cost of the projects, but to all of these problems is very simple, but nobody thinks about it. Require each department to be motivated by profit margins rather than spending of its money before the end of the fiscal year, and the tuition rate would fall drastically.

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Student Opinion

Special prosecutor madness

By Wystan Ackerman
Political Persuasions

It's hard to think of a governmental process which is more ridiculous and absurd than the appointment of special prosecutors. The special prosecutor law was passed by Congress in response to Watergate and seemed at the time to be a good idea. Basically, it provides that officials, or their general counsel, should appoint an independent prosecutor to investigate criminal allegations against high-level government officials in both the executive and legislative branches. Special prosecutors are not so special; any more, as a general counsel, I have appointed a relatively large number of these lawyers to investigate various different officials.

Most of the investigations have been very unsuccessful and have wasted millions of taxpayers' dollars. It's very easy to see why this is happening. First of all, regardless of what illusions Congress may be having, attorneys general are partisan officials. Their allegations, first and foremost, are to their bosses, the president. In most cases, truly independent special prosecutors will not get appointed to investigate members of the Administration or the political party in power. Granted, for a while the usual tactic was to appoint a special prosecutor at the first hint of an allegation, in order to give the appearance of fairness and impartiality. However, quite clearly, many of these allegations were spurious and all these lawyers poking around got annoying and expensive. Another problem is that the special prosecutors are handpicked by the attorney general. It's hard for Janet Reno to avoid the appearance of picking a lawyer who learns to the left without picking an overzealous Republican who is going to cause trouble and waste our money for purely partisan reasons.

This law is riddled with all sorts of problems. It provides that, if the attorney general herself has a conflict of interest (or was in the focus of the allegations), the next highest ranking Justice Department official without a conflict of interest would appoint the special prosecutor. Well, first of all, in nearly every case involving the executive branch, the attorney general has a conflict of interest to some degree. Secondly, if the attorney general got into trouble, who in the Justice Department would appoint someone to investigate her boss?

Under the Constitution, Congress ought to be the one running these investigations. It is the House of Representatives which is responsible for investigating and indicting (impeaching) public officials, including its own members, for "treason, high crimes, or misdeemors." All of these special prosecutor allegations involve "high crimes, or misdemeanors." In passing the special prosecutor law, Congress basically dumped a good deal of the job onto the Justice Department. Congressional Republicans should not be blaming Janet Reno for not appointing a special prosecutor to investigate the Democratic fund raising during the last election. If a majority of the House needs that high-level officials (including the president and vice president) have committed potentially impeachable crimes, it ought to form a committee to investigate them. Of course, this sort of action would require a lot of time and effort on the part of the members of the House, and would be less likely to take place when the allegations are purely partisan and unsubstantiated. For obvious reasons, that is probably why the founders designed the system that way. Also, Congressional special committee investigations are likely to be even more expensive than special prosecutors, and the citizenry might not re-elect members of Congress who initiated this investigatory power.

Congress can easily take back the special prosecutor power from the attorney general. A simple majority vote, along with a presidential signature, can repeal any law. Instead of griping and complaining, that's what Congress ought to do. It seems quite obvious that the President doesn't care for special prosecutors, and that he would gladly sign a repeal. Wystan Ackerman is a sophomore government and mathematics major.

Letters to the Editor

Statement questioned

To the Editors,

I am writing to reply to the articles in the past two Orient issues that dealt with the closing of the Beta Sigma kitchen. The most important issue here is the statement attributed to Molly Schaefer in the April 4th issue and the subsequent response to the statement in the April 11 issue. First and foremost, Ms. Schaefer was not the individual who made the statement to the Orient. Secondly, the statement was taken out of context. Simply, it was a miscommunication between the Orient writer and the house member on the phone.

When addressing the Letter to the Editor printed in last week's Orient, I feel that there was an extreme lack of decorum used by its writers. Before writing such a slanderous article, it is imperative to know the full situation. I suggest that in the future you heed your own advice: be more careful when discussing your comments on campus.

Rob Brown '99
President, Beta Sigma

Looking back to the future

To the Editors,

When Don Kurtz and I came to Bowdoin in the fall of 1948, almost 50 years ago, the "system," put us into a "house" within the freshman classmate. This "system" also put the rest of our Class (all but 5 percent who elected not to join) into a "house." Although the "house" "bid" on us and we "selected" the "house," this selection process was arbitrary because we had no way of knowing what a "house" was like in a five-day examination and neither did the "house" know what we were like in this short time frame.

The result of this process, way back when, created a diversified group of "houses" which formed the social life of the campus. What Don and his Committee have recommended, and what the trustees have unanimously adopted in principle is a "system," designed to reflect current social conditions and times, which worked so well in the past.

I am very proud of my fraternity brother and classmate, Donald Kurtz, for his wisdom and guidance as the College goes forth into the 21st century.

William H. Hazen, '52, member, Board of Trustees
Margaret Gaffney’s “Yawp” prepares for its first performance on Tuesday, April 12. “Yawp” is an independent study in dance which incorporates “a piece that communicates a great deal, while saying very little.” This use of communication seems to reach far beyond words. (Adam Zimman/Bowdoin Orient).

Professor Gaffe’s “Yawp” expresses itself beyond words. (photograph)
Jane’s Minstrels showcase their talents

By KEVIN LEE NEWBURY
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On Wednesday night, as part of the 1996-1997 Bowdoin College Concert Series, Jane’s Minstrels treated audiences to a two and a half hour recital of vocal and instrumental music. The performance featured work from a variety of composers and showcased the talents of a fine quintet of musicians.

“For my 50th birthday, I gave myself the treat of forming an ensemble of all young people,” Jane Manning said during the second half of the concert. The accomplished English soprano added that when she formed Jane’s Minstrels in 1996, she personally chose each member of this “very special kind of group.”

To be the concert, pianist Dominic Saunders accompanied Manning on a selection of songs by Henry Purcell. Manning reminded her audience to be thankful for arrangements by Benjamin Britten, who have made older music, such as Purcell’s “Fairfax Isle,” accessible to modern audiences. Both artists beautifully projected what Britten called the “clarity, brilliance, tenderenss and strength” of the compositions.

Manning and Saunders also evoked the lyrical beauty of three songs by Thomas Arne, all of which were set to poetry by William Shakespeare. To contrast the playfulness of the Arne selections, cellist Orlando Jupling joined the two musicians for a stunning performance of Schubert’s “Auf dem Strom.”

Adding violinist Fenella Bartrop, Jane’s Minstrels concluded the first section of the concert with a sampling of Beethoven’s “Folk songs for voice and piano trio.” Manning admitted that Beethoven’s folk songs were among her favorites, and the audience seemed to enjoy the lively renditions of the Irish, Welsh and Scottish “gims.”

Two songs by Edward Elgar, for piano and violin, began the second half of the performance. Bartoon and Saunders brilliantly expressed the contrasting moods of “Chanson de Nuit” and “Chanson de Matin.” Manning then joined Bartoon for five selections from Ralph Vaughan Williams’s “Along the Field.” Also, clarinetist Don Goldberg, accompanied by Saunders’ piano, offered a striking performance of Tudor Weir’s “Sketches from a Bagpipe Album.”

Jane’s Minstrels concluded the concert with Anthony Payne’s “Footfalls Echo in the Memory,” for piano and violin, and Richard Rodney Bennett’s “Crazy Jane,” for piano, clarinet, cello and vocal. Manning told listeners that Bennett composed “Crazy Jane” specifically for her, concealing that it was merely a coincidence that Yeats’ used the name “Jane” in the poem.

Throughout the performance, Jane Manning demonstrated her acclaimed vocal talents and her unique, charismatic personality. Whether playfully inviting listeners to “come hither” in “Arne’s When Dainties Pail,” or dramatically conveying the sense of loss in William’s “Along the Field,” Manning brought her own personal touch to each piece.

Although Jane’s Minstrels beautifully supported Manning’s vocals, each member of the group was also given the chance to demonstrate their own individual talents. The piano, violin, clarinet and cello each took on a distinct persona, and each musician left his own personal stamp on the work. The concert, funded in part at the Jasper Jacob Stahl Lectureship in the Humanities, was, indeed, a performance by a very special kind of group.

Asian Art exhibit raises awareness of Tibet

By DOUGLAS E. SUTON
STAFF WRITER

The second event for the Bowdoin annual Asian week was a celebration of Tibetan art and culture. It was headlined by Nasanka O’Donnell ’97 and Liza Brown ’97 with help from Maine Friends of Tibet and Academic Department Coordinator for Physics and Astronomy Elsa Martz. The exhibit was displayed in the Johnson House from 2 p.m. until 9 p.m. on Monday, April 14.

“The important things is to raise the issues of what is happening in Tibet and the best way to preserve the Tibetan culture is by educating people,” stated Browns, co-chair of this ASA event.

The event included many videos showing the life and culture of Tibetans, and Professor Kidder Smith of the Asian studies department elaborated on Tibet’s oppressed society during his lecture at 7 p.m., noting several important myths in Tibetan history and culture. He eloquently explained that Tibet has managed to live in solitude away from the “swirling geopolitical forces” until approximately 50 years ago, when China crossed the Tibetan border and began to suppress their society.

The Tibetans are now a part of their own country and strict and unfair rules and regulations have been bestowed upon the population. For example, no images of the Dalai Lama may be owned or brought into Tibet. Professor Smith also stated that Buddhism touches all of traditional Tibet and that the oppression of the people and their religion has lead to many atrocities, such as the imprisonment of a 10-year-old boy who is thought to be the incarnation of an important religious figure.

Decorations and artifacts were used to lead the walls of the room with musical instruments, holy images of Buddhas and Bodhisattvas (Buddhas in previous lives), Thankas (water-color on cotton), prayer wheels and prayer flags and centered in the room was a large poster of the Tibetan icon, the Dalai Lama.

The exhibits and flyers proclaiming Tibetan tragedies implored us to help the oppressed Tibetans, and those who showed up for the opening of the exhibit carefully inspected the room looking at the artwork and viewing a slide show featuring the traditional Tibetan population. A representative from the Maine Friends of Tibet was on hand to answer questions concerning the country’s problems. For more information and a bilingual newsletter, write to Maine Friends of Tibet, 155 Jacques Lane, Winslow, ME 04902.

The exhibit did not have a very large turnout, but there is still more to come during Asian week. Make sure that you do not miss Karaoke on Friday night from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. in the Johnson House (across from Theta on Maine Street), a Go, Calligraphy and Chinese Chess instructional session and game time in Smith Union on Saturday from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m., and a demonstration of tea ceremony on Sunday also from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. in the Bean Classroom in the Visual Arts Center.

“Hope as the diversity at Bowdoin grows, tradition like these will continue,” stated O’Donnell.

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"Anconda" is the cheapest, most comically inept "jaws" rip-off since "The Swarm." What other creatures can Hollywood turn wood deadly? Having already run through the list of active carnivores of such renown as sharks, "killer" whales, lions, birds and insects, screenwriters are probably already turning their heady and blood-shot eyes to invertebrates, plants and -- wait, what -- animals. In the years to come, we fully expect to see such things as "Mad Cow: Just When You Thought It Was Over To Go Back To The Pasture," "Night of The Venus Flytraps" and "Killer Turtles: They're Not Just For Flipping Over And Leaving In The Sun Any More" filling the direct-to-video release shelves at the rental stores.

There is a fundamental problem with "Anconda" and, no, it's not Ice Cube. It's the development and depiction of the anaconda as the nemesis of the film. There are reasons phrases such as "Lightning quick like the charge of an enraged Anaconda" and "Devious and calculating like an anaconda" are not part of the everyday vernacular. You see, apparently the film's script-writer and assorted hack spent much of their childhoods sniffing glue and not enough watching PBS nature specials. The actual Anacondas, or at least the third-person variety, are far more frightening. They obviously ignored this film. In reality, anacondas and boa constrictors, governed by their thumb-nail sized "brain," occasionally manage to slowly slither upon sleeping or dead animals, wrap their coils around them, and suffocate them like an Open Policy Forum. The hapless victim is then devoured and digested while the snake sleeps for a month.

What anacondas do not do is, with planning, malice and an IQ of about 180, isolate and swallow half a dozen wary and armed members of an expedition on a moving boat over the course of about 18 hours. According to the film anacondas have "heat sensors" that allow them to detect and orient to the heat of live bodies. In reality, zoos keepers often have to repeatedly book anacondas and boa constrictors on the nose with rats to get them to wake up, let alone eat.

George's high school science experiment once had a boa. They fed the thing a chicken and it lay there for three months without moving. They all thought it was dead until it finally dragged its bloated frame across the cage to get some water. Scary.

But the reality is that even without all of the bad, animatronic, implausible animals, "Anconda" would still be a horrible film. For John Voight, we can hardly remember an actor who has gone from such good work at the beginning of his career to script utter derision in his twilight years. His roles in "Midnight Cowboy," "Deliverance" and "Coming Home" (for which he won an Academy Award in the highest echelon of screen actors). But since the 1970s, his career has spiraled down to the level of the made-for-television movie. His best work since the good old days was "Lonesome Dove." Now, when he does get on the big screen, he punched the clock in roles as stock characters. See also "Heat" and "Massion Impossible" where he plays aging nefarious no-bodies in bloated, ininsipid movies.

Reason Two: Wildly implausible plots and action sequences. Following the Kennedy assassination, the Warren Commission released its report on the event. One of the reports most dubious conclusions was that Lee Harvey Oswald was able to fire his bolt-action rifle three times in something like five seconds. Apparently, Gerald Ford and the other surviving Warren Commission members served as technical advisors on "Anconda." In one sequence, a female film producer fires three shots from a bolt-action rifle without working the bolt to chamber a new round even once. And all three shots hit this lightning quick snake in the head. Yeah right.

By now we should be the pro at watching bad movies. We cut our teeth on such sinisters as "Murdwarp," "Congo" and "Feeling Minnesota." We trained a & Travis Bickle for the tepid horror of "Screamers" and for the nauseating ordeal of "Assassins." Despite our fortitude and our long years of rigorous training, "Anconda" nearly killed us all. Rising from the mental abyss of this film gave us the intellectual bends and, with blind and pain and sickness, we stumbled from the theater and into the street like Bowdoin students leaving Dayton Arena after a Bowdoin-Colby men's hockey game. Don't see this film. If anyone mentions it with apparent interest, even in passing, kick him and burn his corpse. Ralph Reed might be a crusader for moral decency in America (Don't look now Ralph, but I think that's a UFO behind that comet) but we are crusaders fighting for your cinema soul. We spent our time on the cross that is "Anconda" for you. Any tithe would be appreciated.

"Anconda" gets a weak one glass of Moloko Plus. It's a pity glass. However, we would not say that "Anconda" is any worse than the catalytically bad "Congo" or "Feeling Minnesota."
**Weekly Calendar**

**Sat, Apr 19**
- **Event (12 p.m.)** Book signing with Jim Moore and Kathy Emerson
- **Event (2 p.m.)** Kora Temple Shriners Circus
- **Activity (10 a.m.)** Yoga
- **Event (7:30 p.m.)** Concert
  - Cleo Laine
  - Portland City Auditorium
  - Tickets: $18 - $25
  - For Info: 842-0800
- **Event (8 p.m.)** Concert
  - Seth Warner
  - Corbett Concert Hall
  - USC Campus, Gartham
  - Tickets: $79-7337
- **Activity (8 p.m.)** "The Tempest"
  - The Theatre Project
  - 14 School St., Brunswick
  - Tickets: $10 for students
- **Event (9 p.m.)** Asian Week's Third Annual Fashion Show
- **Activity (9 p.m.)** Moored Lounge
- **Activity (10 p.m.)** Smith Union

**Sun, Apr 20**
- **Event (3 p.m.)** Concert
  - Portland Players
  - 420 Cottage Rd., So. Portland
  - Tickets: $13
  - For Info: 799-7337
- **Event (3:30 p.m.)** "The Temper" by Craig T. T. Morgan
- **Event (6:30 p.m.)** "The Temper" by Craig T. T. Morgan
- **Event (7:30 p.m.)** "The Temper" by Craig T. T. Morgan
- **Event (8 p.m.)** "The Temper" by Craig T. T. Morgan
- **Activity (9 p.m.)** Smith Union

**Mon, Apr 21**
- **Event (6:45 p.m.)** Recital
  - Student Recital
  - VAC
  - For Info: 799-7337
- **Event (7 p.m.)** Lecture
  - "The Right to Work Movement, Democracy, and the Fight Against Despair"
  - Eddie S. Glaude, Jr.
  - Walker Art Building
- **Event (7 p.m.)** Meeting
  - Portland String Quartet
  - State Street Church
  - Tickets: $10 for students
  - For Info: 761-1522
- **Event (8 p.m.)** Concert
  - Portland Players
  - 2 Laclede St., Portland
  - Tickets: $13

**Tue, Apr 22**
- **Event (1 p.m.)** Meeting
  - Asian Students' Association
  - For Info: 799-7337
- **Event (3 p.m.)** Lecture
  - "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington"
  - Smith Auditorium
  - For Info: 799-7337
- **Event (5 p.m.)** Meeting
  - Portland String Quartet
  - State Street Church
  - Tickets: $10 for students
  - For Info: 761-1522
- **Event (8 p.m.)** Concert
  - Portland Players
  - 420 Cottage Rd., So. Portland
  - Tickets: $13
  - For Info: 799-7337
- **Event (9 p.m.)** Club
- **Event (10 p.m.)** "The Temper" by Craig T. T. Morgan

**Wed, Apr 23**
- **Event (12:30 p.m.)** "Art Quality Standards: The Collision of Law, Science, Economics and Politics"
  - A. Myrick Freeman
  - Moulton Union
  - For Info: 799-7337
- **Event (3 p.m.)** "Educational Technology - Will It Replace the Book?"
  - Carey Phillips
  - Andrews St.
- **Event (5 p.m.)** "To Render a Life: 'Let Us Now Praise Famous Men' and the Documentary Vision"
  - Smith Auditorium
  - For Info: 799-7337
- **Event (7:30 p.m.)** "Reflections on Women and the Civil Rights Movement"
  - Deborah Willis
  - Beam Classroom, VAC
  - For Info: 799-7337
- **Event (8 p.m.)** "Lloyd's Prayer"
  - Mad Horse Theater Co.
  - Tickets: $14
  - For Info: 797-3338

**Thu, Apr 24**
- **Event (10 a.m.)** "Tales of the Unknown"
  - Moulton Union
  - For Info: 799-7337
- **Event (11:30 a.m.)** "The Temper"
  - The Theatre Project
  - 14 School St., Brunswick
  - Tickets: $10 for students
- **Event (12 p.m.)** "The Temper"
  - The Theatre Project
  - 14 School St., Brunswick
  - Tickets: $10 for students
- **Event (1:30 p.m.)** "The Temper"
  - The Theatre Project
  - 14 School St., Brunswick
  - Tickets: $10 for students
- **Event (2 p.m.)** "The Temper"
  - The Theatre Project
  - 14 School St., Brunswick
  - Tickets: $10 for students

**Fri, Apr 25**
- **Event (12:30 p.m.)** "Art Quality Standards: The Collision of Law, Science, Economics and Politics"
  - A. Myrick Freeman
  - Moulton Union
  - For Info: 799-7337
- **Event (3 p.m.)** "Educational Technology - Will It Replace the Book?"
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Bears fend off Bobcats

Entering what could have been a disastrous week with a record of 1-3, the women’s lacrosse team regrouped and defeated both Wesleyan and Bates.

DEB SATTER
STAFF WRITER

If you look at the women’s lacrosse team’s record of 3-3, you can either see it as a cup that is half empty or half full. Regardless of your outlook, you cannot ignore the women’s lacrosse team’s two-game winning streak, which has pulled them back to 500.

On Thursday, the Polar Bears made the short trek to Lewiston to take on unbeaten rival Bates College (2-3). No matter what each team’s record is, this contest is always a battle for the Polar Bears. Bates is too strong and too fast for the Bears to win at this level. The team that writes the “W” down in the books also brings bragging rights and a piece of the CCB title.

The Polar Bears played well enough to fend off two Bobcat rallies in the second half and game away with a 17-12 victory. Bowdoin saw eight different players score in the winning effort and was led by first-year Adrienne Gratry’s four goals.

Before Bowdoin settled down to business with 16:52 left in the first half, Bates claimed a 3-2 lead. The Polar Bears then decided to take action to rectify the situation and scored nine of the next 11 goals to take an 11-5 lead. The Bobcats then began to surge of their own, netting five of the next six goals to cut the lead to 12-10 with 14:43 left in the second half.

That is as close as the Polar Bears would allow Bates to come, as both Gratry and Zara Gugelmian ’99 scored goals in time to close out the game. The Bobcats scored twice in a 12 second span with around nine minutes remaining, but failed to creep any closer. Bowdoin scored the final three goals of the game to seal the victory.

Gugelmian and Krista Dougherty ’99 both had frantic efforts to help win the contest, as well as Ontario Wilmerding ’97, Kathryn Forest ’99 and Heather Havok ’00 each scored a pair of goals. Also netting goals for the Polar Bears were Allison Titus ’97 and Amy Trumbull ’00.

The play of first-year goalie Sarah Coffin was particularly impressive, as she made 13 saves to give Bowdoin a reason to win in the first half.

The winning momentum Bowdoin carried into the contest with Bates began with their 15-7 victory against Wesleyan (4-2) on Saturday at Pickard Field. Determined to get out of a three-game rut, the Polar Bears started things off quickly as Havok scored just 35 seconds into the game to establish an early lead. Bowdoin then took an impromptu break, during which Wesleyan scored four goals in a row to take a 4-1 lead with 12:14 remaining in the first half.

The two teams then traded goals in the closing minutes of the half before Forest went on a tear, scoring two goals in an 18 second span to cut the Wesleyan lead to 5-4 with less than two minutes to go. Bowdoin made the most of the winning seconds as Gratry netted 5 goal with only 14 seconds before the intermission to even the score at five.

Forest scored three of her five goals in the second half and dished out an assist leading Bowdoin’s 8:2 scoring tear. Coffin made six saves for Bowdoin and Gwen Ann Arbor’s ‘00 came off the bench to block three more in the winning cause.

"In Wesleyan, we had a slow start in the first part of the game because they were burning us on the ground balls," said Pearson. "We were trailing 4-1. The key to that game was scoring three goals in the last minute and a half to even the score. Much of our success in that time was due to our excellent off-the-ball movement." "In the last two games we have demonstrated our depth on both attack and defense which will prove a challenge for our future opponents," said Co-Captain Holly Shaw ’97.

The Polar Bears will attempt to provide a difficult challenge tomorrow as they travel to Plymouth State to take on the Panthers. In looking ahead to the game, Pearson noted, "We are the better team on paper, but it is important that we start the game strong and play a solid 60 minutes."

The Week In Sports

Baseball team looks strong

Perry once again pitched well in relief of starter Bergeri, going two and one-thirds innings while giving up only three hits and no runs. Catararo returned from his injury but was the tough-luck loser as he allowed one run on two hits in the final one and two-thirds innings. Offensively, MacDonald again led the charge with three hits and two RBIs.

DeCaw and Faquet each chipped in with two hits apiece.

On Wednesday, a make-up game against Bates, rescheduled from earlier in the season, once again allowed Bowdoin to regain in its winning form. Vallarelli (2-1) and Kenney combined to strike out eight Bobcats as the Bears overpower their rivals 10-4. After Bates scored four in the first, Bowdoin struck for three of its own in the bottom of the inning on a two-run triple to right center by MacDonald and an RBI ground out by Pasquet. The Bears took the lead for good in the fourth, when they scored two runs, highlighted by Ryan Buckley’s RBI single. Buckley added some insurance runs for Bowdoin one inning later, when he cranked it to two-run double that pushed the lead to 8-4. It was all smooth sailing from there, as the Bobcats mustered only two more runs in the ballgame.

Buckley, finished the day with three hits and three RBIs, while DeCaw zapped up four hits and knocked in two. MacDonald ended the day with only one hit (dropping his batting average to a modest .549) but scored two runs and drove in two more. He now has 29 RBIs on the season, only 17 shy of Bowdoin’s all-time season record of 46. With at least 11 games left on the Bears’ schedule, he is in line to eclipse that mark.

Tomorrow, the Bears hope to continue their outstanding play when they travel to Brandeis for a double-header. Their Sunday contest at home against Babson has been cancelled, so Bowdoin fans will have to wait until April 25 to see their team in action. That game will be against Colby at 3:30 p.m.

The Oriente is currently looking for writers for men’s and women’s tennis. There is also an opening for a bi-weekly sports opinion column. If interested, call Chris at x5528 or email buck@artsoc.
Jones leads women's track

RYAN C. JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

As the men's track team headed to the desolate north to battle MIT this past weekend, the women headed south (where it wasn't too much warmer). In face, MIT, Bates and Colby in an early season duel. Bowdoin placed second out the four teams and the day was highlighted by some strong personal performances.

Out on the field, First-Year Stacey Jones became the first Bowdoin woman in 10 years to hurt the discus over 110 feet. That placed her second on the all-time Bowdoin discus list behind school record holder Donna Ingham '88, who threw 123.

Although Bowdoin went scoreless in the shot, hammer and javelin, Sophomore jumper Caroline Chapin improved her season best set to 16 in the long jump, and also added a victory in the triple jump with a leap of 39.5. Julie Smith '99 posted a third place finish in the high jump.

In the distance events, First-Year Eleanor Stockton won the 5000 meter in 19:55.51. Stockton has lotted a strong outdoors experience than she did during the indoor season. She is now running with confidence and power, both coming from her impressive training regimen. Laurie McDonough '98 captured third place in the 2000 meter in 11:34.06. Jess Tallman '99 and Vicky Shen '00 ran second and third, respectively, in the 1500, with Tallman edging Shen out by less than a second, 5:01.28 to 5:01.98. Tallman continued to carry on Bowdoin's successful tradition in the middle distance with a victory in the 800 meter (2:25.14), less than a second in front of a Colby runner, and supporting the 4x800 relay team to an impressive victory, more than 80 meters ahead of MIT and Colby.

Co-Captain Denise Molka '98 continued to race well in the sprints, winning the 100 and 200 meter with impressive times. In the 100 meter dash she ran 12.72 while her first two years, Laura Buellke and Jayme Okma, took fifth and sixth places, respectively.

Later on that afternoon in the 200 meter, Mokaba led a 1-2 finish for the Bears. She won in 26.88 seconds, followed closely by Sophomore Kittie Evrard in 27.20.

Also, in the 4x100 meter, Mokaba got the baton two yards out of first place and passed the Colby anchor in the final 10 yards for her third win of the day.

In other events, Evrard was third in the 100 meter hurdles (17.56), Jen Conner '97 won the 400 hurdles in 1:13.97, and the 4x400 meter relay team posted a time of 4:24.63, good enough for second place.

Overall, it was a good day for the Bears, who are now getting ready for their big home meet, the ALC meet that will take place tomorrow at 11:30 a.m. Make sure to take some time this sunny weekend to stop outside and catch a glimpse of the women's track team as they run on their home soil for the only time this season.

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Softball fights on

CATHLEEN RILEY
STAFF WRITER

With Bates ahead by the score of 11-3 in the top of the fifth inning, the Bowdoin women's softball team headed nowhere but runs. Fortunately, senior Jodi Zagor's double drove in Kelli Conroy '98 and Donna Strohmeyer '99, and the Bears cut the Bates' lead to seven. The Bobcats earned another run in the sixth, but Bowdoin came back with two more. The Bears loaded the bases for Annie Pinkert '00, who responded with a two-run double. Down by only five, Bowdoin rallied again in the seventh, but Bates eventually took the victory, 12-7.

Despite the loss, the Bears improved their offensive game. In the first inning, Megan McGugo '00 nailed her first collegiate homerun, and Emilien Grenier '99 and Pinkert also hit well throughout the game. Pinkert has not only been a force offensively, but is skilled and reliable at shortstop. Coach Howard Vandersee commended the three. "The play of McGugo, Grenier and Pinkert has been a pleasant surprise," he said. "They have improved tremendously and contributed immensely to this team."

The Bears dropped two games to Colby earlier in the week by scores of 6-2 and 9-1, but they remain confident that they can challenge any team they face. Despite the losses, Bowdoin is a new team, with improved game sense and experience. They eagerly await the return of Melissa Aikens '00, her leading batter, who has been battling mono for the last two weeks. The Bears will host a double header at 12 noon tomorrow against Thomas.

College football is probably the best fan sport in our country, as one could spend an entire Saturday, taking in game after game, and never cease to be entertained. One of the reasons for college football's tremendous appeal is that it comes as close as any major sport to being about the pure love of the game. Sure, an occasional kid takes money from an agent, and sure, an occasional underclassman or unexpected part-time job the year early, for the most part, it's about twenty-two kids battling each other on a grid (too bad they still get their scholarships and honor). However, there is an ever present enemy of college football. Its minions include sports writers, college syndicators, on the field and United States senators. It is greed. People all around the sport (and even those who are supposed to be far away from it on Capitol Hill) are trying to take economic advantage of the tremendous popularity of college football. The battles of the field seem to become a grotesque perversion of the incredible battles on the field, as Kentucky Senator Mitch McConnell, who happens to have recovered from Louisville's '93 snubbing from a major bowl, is pushing for a seeming ever-constant threat of the All-American is in violation of federal anti-trust laws.

McConnell is joined by three other senators of states who have been recently snubbed for major bowls: Senators Mike Enzi and Craig Thomas are angry that their outstanding Wyoming football team did not compete in a bowl, while Utah Senator Robert Bennett is rightly angry over BYU's absence from an alliance bowl. While did not seem right that these men would not take the love of their college football teams to Capitol Hill, what fan could blame them? The problem is that they are doing this neither for the love of their teams nor for the love of the game, but for money. McConnell was quick to point out that he was going to write to the president, O'Toole, sports editor of the Scripps Howard News Service, as saying, "If this were just about bragging rights, the government shouldn't be involved. But this is big business and the numbers are staggering." Apparently McConnell felt that such a statement would justify his simultaneously repulsive and ridiculous actions, but it only makes them seem far more foolish than before. McConnell's point, while upsetting, is not incorrect. College football is becoming big business.

Many people feel that the way to solve the problem is to create a college football tournament just like the multi-media business convention that is college basketball's Final Four. Once again, these people mask their economic issues with flagrantly noble statements. They claim that they want the championship to be settled on the field and not in the new swappers, but what really want is the incredible revenue that such a tournament would generate. The problem is that the purity of the game be sacrificed through its conversion into a financial investment, but it would be a far better thing if sets college football apart from all other major sports the importance of the regular season. Every game in the college football season counts no matter what time in the season, no matter how dominant the team. College football's beauty is actually striving to perfection, a goal that is conspicuously missing from most major sports. It would be terrible if the greed of our politicians and athletic governing boards took that away from the players and their fans.
**Baseball**

Bears continue to crush competition

■ With much improved pitching and an unstoppable offense that continues to pound the ball, the baseball team is striking fear in the hearts of its opponents.

CHRIS BUCK
SPORTS EDITOR

Following an up-and-down week, the Bowdoin baseball team now enters the second half of its season with a 9-5 record. If the Bears can continue their high level of play, they should be able to gain a high seed in the playoffs next month.

The team began its week with a tough loss to Colby at Waterville. The Mules took a 1-0 lead early but Bowdoin stormed back with three runs in the top of the third inning. Colby took the lead for good, however, with three runs in the bottom of the fourth. The Mules went on to win by a final score of 8-4. Matt MacDonald '98 and Captain Joe Meehan '97 each recorded a pair of hits and an RBI to lead the Bears' offensive attack, while John Perry '00 pitched well in relief of starter Todd Bessinger '00. Perry pitched five and two-thirds innings, allowing only one earned run on five hits.

Fortunately for the Bears, their hectic schedule gave them an immediate shot at redemption, as they played a doubleheader on Saturday at home against Husson College.

Matt MacDonald '98 is on pace to shatter Bowdoin's all-time RBI record. (Shaylee Magi/Medium Boudin Orient)

In game one, Bowdoin drew first blood in the bottom of the second when Chris King '00 doubled to left-center, scored to third on a groundout, and then scored on a Husson error. The Bears added another run in the inning later when Dave Cataruzolo '98 scored all the way from first on a double to center by MacDonald.

Already leading 2-0 in the fourth, Bowdoin used its speed to manufacture two more runs. John Paquette '97 led off the inning with a walk, and then stole second. After two straight strikeouts, Bessinger looped a single over the shortstop's head to score Paquette. Bessinger then stole second as well, and two pitches later came home on a single by S.J. Baxter '98.

The exclamation point came in the bottom of the fifth, when Cataruzolo led off the inning with a walk. MacDonald followed with a titan blast to the opposite field, his sixth homerun of the season, which landed well beyond the wall in right-center. That made the score 6-0, which was more than enough for Bears' starter Andy Kenney '98, who pitched extremely well to earn the victory. Kenney went the distance, pitching seven innings while allowing no earned runs on seven hits. Control problems allowed Husson to threaten several times, but Kenney used five strikeouts and excellent defense on the mound to escape trouble. Husson managed to score an unearned run in the sixth, thanks to a pair of Bowdoin errors, but could do no more as the Bears cruised to victory 6-1.

Coach Harvey Shapiro has his troops fired up for game two, despite rapidly falling temperatures. Bowdoin started off with a bang in the bottom of the first, when Dave DeCew '99 singled to left and Cataruzolo reached on an error. MacDonald then drilled another bomb, this time to straightaway centerfield, for his second homer in as many at-bats. The blast gave the Bears a quick 3-0 lead, one which would stand until the fourth, when Husson finally scored a run to pull within two.

Bowdoin retaliated in the bottom of the fifth, when DeCew hit a one-out single to left. Cataruzolo and MacDonald each followed with singles to set up the strangest play of the day. Meehan lined a single to right, scoring DeCew and Cataruzolo; but got caught between first and second. The Bears' captain wisely stayed in the rundown long enough for MacDonald to cross the plate, leading Bowdoin to its second consecutive 6-1 win and a sweep of the double-header.

The Bears once again received solid pitching from Cataruzolo, who threw three shutout innings before being removed in the fourth due to a sore right elbow. The injury didn't appear too serious, as Cat continued to hit as the designated hitter, but Coach Shapiro was not about to take any chances with his top hurler. Rich Wallak's 90-00 came in relief and pitched four innings, allowing earned one run on two hits to record his first career win.

MacDonald finished his stellar day with four hits in five at-bats, including a double and a homerun, and six RBIs. The Bears' center fielder also stole his second base of the season.

On Sunday, Bowdoin traveled to Gorham, Maine to face the powerful University of Southern Maine Huskies. The Bears were hot in the top three innings in this contest, as USM has one of the premiere baseball programs in the state. However, Bowdoin jumped all over the Huskies early on, as two runs reached the top two innings. Unfortunately, USM came back strong with two runs in the each of the next two innings to take a 6-4 lead. The Bears bounced back with three in the top of the sixth to gain the one-run advantage, but a hit batted, a triple and a costly error allowed the Huskies to regain the lead. Bowdoin went quietly in the ninth, as USM sealed the victory by a score of 8-7.

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**Men's Lacrosse**

Men's lacrosse ready for Panthers

■ After a successful week that saw them maintain their number 12 ranking, the Bears are anxious to overtake number 10 Middlebury.

KATIE LYNE
STAFF WRITER

After wins over Wesleyan and Plymouth State this week, the men's lacrosse team is warmed up and ready to face Middlebury on Saturday. The Polar Bears will need to turn up the heat in order to score their opponent.

The game, which will take place at Middlebury at 1 p.m., is a match between the top two Division III teams in New England. In the latest United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association Poll, Middlebury (4-3) and Bowdoin (7-1) are ranked 10th and 12th, respectively. Middlebury enters the contest after losing to Vermont on Wednesday by a scored 11-10. The Polar Bears lost to Vermont last Thursday by a 14-12 margin. The loss to the Catamounts is the only blemish on Bowdoin's otherwise stellar record this season.

Coach Tom McCabe said he doesn't need to say much in order to get the team excited about the Middlebury game because they have been looking forward to it for a while.

According to defensive midfielder Roger Mally '97, the contest against Middlebury is a highlight on the team's schedule every year.

"Everybody's mentally prepared for the game," he said.

The Polar Bears are physically prepared as well. After all, they have loaded weaponJosh Newkirk '97 armed and ready to fire at Middlebury's goal. Newkirk was named this week's NECSCA men's lacrosse Player of the Week. He scored a total of nine goals this week for the Polar Bears. So far this season he has 28 goals and eight assists for 36 points.

Part of the preparation for this weekend has come from the past three games. Last Thursday, Division I Vermont upset the Polar Bears 14-12. Vermont came out as the stronger team at the beginning of the game and the Bears found themselves down 5-1. The Bears rallied and scored two more goals before the end of the first. In the second period, the offense added four more while the defense shut Vermont out. The game was very close in the third and fourth as the scoreboard showed a series of ties with five minutes to go. Vermont scored a total of six goals in the fourth period to clinch the victory. In Bowdoin's valiant effort, Ben Small '97 had four goals and Brian O'Callahan '98 had three. John Harden '98 and Jeff Reitnau '98 each added two goals. Goalie Andy Will Cassella '00 made a total of 14 saves.

According to McCabe, the team played very well but made a few mistakes which Vermont capitalized on late in the game. "If [the last] two or three minutes had been different, we would have been heroes," he said.

The Polar Bears averaged their loss by pounding Wesleyan by a score of 17-9 on Saturday. Wesleyan came out strong in the first period and were up 4-5 at the beginning of the second. The Polar Bears scored one goal, one of which was a goal scored off an empty net. The Bears rode the wave of victory again on Tuesday as they beat Plymouth State 11-3. The team had four goals while Fitzgerald and Small had a pair each.

After the long-awaited battle with Middlebury, the Bears will travel to Bates. The contest will take place at 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 24.
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Students promote gay studies minor

"It has more to do with academic integrity than it does with gay people. Right now, queer theory is on the cutting edge of literary analysis and we are way behind the times."

—Dara Sklar '99 member of the Committee on Gay and Lesbian Studies

Judicial Board presents cases heard over current academic year

In order to inform the community about the cases that the Judicial Board has adjudicated this year, the Board decided to publish anonymously the cases it has heard during the current academic year. The Judicial Board serves to enforce the Academic Honor Code and Social Code at Bowdoin College. The Board hears cases involving students that have been accused of breaking these codes, establishes guilt or innocence, and levies an appropriate sanction. All hearings are confidential. Charges are brought to the Board by students, faculty or staff. The Board uses the preponderance of evidence standard to determine guilt. Although more than one student may be brought up on the same charges, differences in their actions may be brought to light in the hearing process. Such findings may result in different sanctions for the students originally charged with the same offense.

The Board consists of seven students and three faculty members. Four students and two professors sit on Academic Honor Code cases, and five students sit on Social Code cases. Associate Dean of Student Affairs Karen Tilbor and Assistant Director of Residential Life Tom Talbot serve as advisors to the Board.

All sanctions in academic cases are final. Sanctions in social cases are recommendations to Dean of Student Affairs Craig Bradley. The recommendations provided by the Board in social cases have been upheld in all but one instance this academic year. In this case, Bradley endorsed the Board's recommendation and added an additional sanction.

The members of the Judicial Board are responsible for ensuring that cases follow published procedures and are conducted in a fair and unbiased fashion. Charged students have the right to remove a member of the Board from a case due to a conflict of interest.

The members of the Judicial Board for the 1996-1997 Academic Year are Natalie Botwinick '97, chair; Natalie Botwinick '97, vice-chair; Richard Abati '98, full member; David Carroll '98, full member; Beth Hustedt '99, full member; Adam Stevens '99, alternate; Alyce Perry '99, alternate; Professor of Philosophy Denis Corish, full member; Associate Professor of Theatre and Dance June Vald, full member; and Professor of Romance Languages James Turner, alternate.

Following the article is a preliminary summary of cases heard during the current academic year. Two additional cases from the previous academic year were heard at the beginning of the fall semester. In the first case, the student was charged with failure to use proper citations on a research paper. The sanction was a failing grade on the paper, completion of the paper with proper citations, and participation in the Judicial Board's orientation of new students. In the second case, the student was charged with plagiarizing four homework assignments. The sanction was a failing grade in the course, and completion of a summer school academic course to fulfill graduation requirements.

A full summary of Judicial Board cases will be published early in the fall semester. If there are questions or concerns regarding the Judicial Board or the judicial process, please contact a member of the Board, Dean Bradley, Dean Tilbor or Tom Talbot. The Judicial Board procedures appear on pages 35-38 in the "1996-1997 Student Handbook."
Executive Board prepares for imminent changes

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Though the Sexual Misconduct Policy is nearing completion, uncertainties remain about final implementation and areas that will need to be revised.

Despite attempts to provide a less intimidating atmosphere for victims of sexual harassment through clear policies and a smaller hearing board, there is still a legal formal procedure for complaints when a faculty member is the alleged perpetrator. In addition, details of the implementation of the Sexual Harassment Advisors and their relationship to Safe Space, whose members were not involved in drafting the policy, are not yet finalized.

A current case highlights the inability of the system to handle cases that fall outside the purview of the new policy. A student who is currently filing a complaint against a faculty member feels that she is falling between the cracks of the system that is "behind the scenes." When she first brought her case to the Deans' Office she was asked to go back and talk to the professor. As her case progressed, she realized that the procedures were designed for her case and no official procedures that she was expected to follow exist.

"I'm not sure anyone like me who finally goes to a dean and they tell me I'm a test case," she said.

While she is proceeding with a formal complaint, she said that the only thing that keeps her going is the thought of other women in similar situations.

"It makes me cry to think that there will be someone else dealing with this. It has definitely been an eye opener," said Professor of Russian Raymond Miller, the chair of the Sexual Misconduct Board, who agrees that the College has neglected this area of the Sexual Misconduct Policy.

"In any situation where the alleged perpetrator is a faculty member it hasn't been clear where to take the case," he explained. "They can't go to the chair—and there are people who are just too uncomfortable going to the Dean for Academic Affairs."

Miller is planning on raising the issue at next Monday's faculty meeting in an attempt to include in the procedures for grievances incidents like sexual harassment and assault.

Involvement of Safe Space

Members of Safe Space were not consulted during the policy-making process, but Coordinator Mark Siefert '98 is pleased with the proposed changes. However, he cannot be certain in what manner the Sexual Harassment Advisor and Safe Space will interact because he does not yet have a copy of the policy and has not spoken with anyone in the Deans' Office.

"The procedure will make the most appropriate way to deal with their complaint. According to the policy, they will increase to $210 in the Activity Fee, and we hope to make healthful with her/his situation," as well as suggesting ways to discourage the College from taking cases.

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"We aren't sure how it gets up with the College judicial process," Siefert said. "We don't know how someone can come talk to us without triggering that process."

"Siefert could not speak about the specifics of the new policy, but he is impressed with the new attitude in the Deans' Office. "In the past, they would not have gone for it," he said. There has been a clear willingness and an enthusiasm in dealing with these issues."

The Sexual Harassment Advisor will be involved in the final implementation. He is planning on speaking with Bradley about including an anonymous report form so that the College can track sexual harassment and assault even if victims don't file a formal complaint.

Three member board

Even though the final changes to the policy are still under discussion, Dean of Student Affairs Craig Bradley is certain that the policy will be in place by fall.

Bradley said that after consultation with the College lawyer, the Deans' Office decided that rather than create an entirely new three-person board under the jurisdiction of the Dean of Student Affairs, the Sexual Misconduct Board will break into a smaller board for those feel intimidated by a larger hearing. This smaller board will consist of at least one member of the College's current faculty, failures, that he will be remodeled by the new policy.

"As an example of a case this year in which a student member did not come to take the Board because of the severity of the sexual harassment, Dave Miller is very sure of the effectiveness of such a large body is being intimate," Siefert and Gerri Riley '98 agreed. "As a resource for people, we get phone calls and we know that it's going on, but there is no way for students to take that to students that has been done enough.""

Miller feels strongly that the new policy will have a positive effect. "I know it's a good system and will work—I've seen it work at other colleges."

Executive Board prepares for imminent changes

JEREMY MOBERG-SARVER
STAFF WRITER

During the next five days, students will have the opportunity to vote on sweeping changes to the current system of student government. The ballot for this proposal, along with candidates for next year's Student Executive Board, can be accessed through e-mail by typing "vote" instead of "email" when connecting.

The first order of business to be voted upon is the election of members of the nine seat Executive Board. The first group running for the Board gathered in Daggett Lounge on Wednesday to thread their speeches and to hear what their qualifications are. Candidates voiced optimism for strengthening the bonds between Administration, students and the Board. Many stressed the importance of the Board during this time of change in Bowedin's existence.

Now of the 17 will be elected.

The second item students will be voting on is an amendment to the Bowedin constitution that would set up a 30-member assembly of students to work alongside the Executive Board in student government. If passed, a large number of students from each of next year's houses, four at-large positions chosen by the Interfraternity Council and one spot for each of the four class presidents. As the entire student body becomes affiliated with the house, these at-large and fraternity positions will be assigned to the houses.

Hiram Hamilton '97, chair of the Executive Board, stated that he is the main reason to form the proposed assembly. The first is the lack of communication between the administration and student representatives. All of the committees have at least two student representatives, but one of the students in communications between these representatives and the Board. Under the new system, at least one student from each fraternity body will be selected from the assembly members.

"We need to provide an opportunity for them to be a part of the assembly," said

SAFC allocates funds for next year's activities

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STAFF WRITER

The Student Activities Fee Committee (SAFC) recently decided on the distribution of funds among the 76 student organizations that applied for funding. SAFC allocated more funding to organizations ranging from the Bowedin to the Crew Team to the Bowdoin Outing Club (BOC).

Marc Zimman '98, chair of the SAFC, said that it was especially hard for the committee to decide on the allocations this year. An acknowledgement that the funding for these organizations comes, included many clubs to ask for more funds. However, a significant portion ($2,50,000 of the total available funding of $350,500 went to fund the new housing system, and as a result, not as much funding was available as had been anticipated.

Of the 76 organizations, those that met all deadlines received some sort of funding, including eight new organizations, such as the Bowedin College Business, the Society of Tennis Club and the Bowedin College Board. Any club that did not receive funding this year has the opportunity to apply again when the need arises. The members of the SAFC, as it turns out, that there would be a substantial increase in the amount of available funds.

To explain how the Student Assembly Activity Fee creates, the fee will be raised again next year by 50% and it will be adjusted for inflation in the future.
Administrators respond at Town Meeting

Jeph Phillips  Staff Writer

Following President Edwards' promise to address the issues at last month's Town meeting, College administrators took a more active role in reacting to the student concerns expressed in Monday night's community forum. While most who attended the meeting four weeks ago felt that a positive step in the right direction, some complained about the silence of the administration when important concerns related to the awesome of fear on campus were raised. Administrators did not remain silent in this second meeting. In addition to President Edwards, Dean of Academic Affairs Charles Beitz and Dean of Admissions Richard Steele commented on points raised in both discussions.

Computer Science Professor Allen Tucker and Junior Kim Pacelli again acted as moderators, but this time, students were seated around the table. A smaller turnout allowed for chairs and couches in Morrell Lounge to be arranged in a circle, allowing acoustophones were passed between speakers.

Edwards introduced the theme for the evening with a quote from the assembly: "Do we really know where we are going?" According to Edwards, one of the most crucial issues facing the College was the concern over the lack of a mission statement for the College. He asked that the group offer comments about the proceedings, or possibly, about how the school might go about defining its mission.

Instead of directly dealing with the mission of the College, most of those who decided to speak talked about specific future Bowdoin projects where persons of color are going, and where we might go.

The first student speaker of the night, Naimeh Ahmed '08, speaking "on behalf of all international students on campus," asked for a change in financial aid policies based on students who live outside of the United States. As part of the current financial aid plan, each international student must contribute $1600 toward his or her tuition for the year. Ahmed asked for a way to make it possible, about how the school might go about defining its mission.

Steitz is excited about the diversity of students accepted for the Class of 2001, especially the increase in the number of accepted students of color. "That surprised us a little," she said Steitz, considering that the total number of applications was down. He also reports that record numbers of students have come for campus visits, including 63 for the "Bowdoin Expo," where persons of color are introduced to resources at Bowdoin including support groups and faculty. Steitz said that accepted students are more geographically diverse than this year's first-year class with 48 states and 30 foreign countries represented (compared to 20 countries for the Class of 2000). Steitz said that "diversity is very important" in the admissions process at Bowdoin.

Bowdoin admissions remains committed to diversity

Kim Schneider Assistant News Editor

As affirmative action in nation-wide college admissions comes under increasing scrutiny, Bowdoin recently admitted the largest number of students of color in its history. According to Dean of Admissions Richard Steitz, the College has not maintained its commitment to the principles of diversity when admitting new students.

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Commenting that the college is in "something of a catch-up position," he said that increasing diversity is a goal of admissions.

"We've got nine schools such as Harvard, Princeton, Yale, Stanford and Northwestern, produced a statement," said Steitz, declining to specify the values of diversity in higher education. "A very substantial portion of our curriculum is an invitation to diversity, but the course made possible by the heterogeneous backgrounds of our students. Equally, a significant part of education in our institutions takes place outside the classroom, in extracurricular activities where students learn how to work together, as well as to compete; how to exercise leadership, as well as to build consensus."

It also explained the Association's concept of how affirmative action should be put into effect. "We do not advocate admitting students who cannot meet the criteria for admission to our universities. We do not endorse quotas or "set-asides" in admissions. But we do insist that we must be able, as educators, to select those students from among many qualified applicants who will best enable our institutions to fulfill their broad educational purposes."

Bowdoin's procedure reflects this principle. According to Steitz, each application is reviewed by two officials, with applicants being randomly reshuffled each time so no two officials have seen the same applications. "To me that's checks and balances," Steitz explained.

The applications then pass to a three-person committee, which groups the applications into clusters. "We then take some sort of a code that's different from the same school systems. It is at this stage, said Steitz, where officials "look at the particular achievement" of each individual.

Steitz offered the example of a candidate from rural Maine, who perhaps was the first member of his family to go to college, or a recent immigrant who had to overcome language barriers. The admissions committee would take into account the obstacles such a candidate would have, to overcome, said Steitz. "We look at the race and ethnicity are taken into account. "If we have a student of color, we say, 'That would be great, too,'" explained Steitz.

The "Bowdoin Power Relations" community meeting at 8 p.m. on Monday, May 6th in the Main Lounge of the Moulton Union, "The Comparative Politics" class (Government 104) will be presenting three versions of Bowdoin Power relations. Guests will vote on the best power schema and presentation and then discuss what can be done to improve it. This event will be sponsored by Government 104 and the Junior Class.
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Students assess pressing health issues

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Earlier this semester surveys were distributed to the student body in order to assess the general health concerns at Bowdoin. The following is a brief summary of the results from the 189 returned surveys.

In response to the first question, “What do you consider the most important health issue on campus?” students replied that alcohol/drug use and eating disorders/habits are the two most significant issues. When asked what they were personally concerned about, students overwhelmingly checked the issues of sexually transmitted diseases/AIDS and depression. Most students agreed that depression and sleep patterns are ineflectively publilized here, but eating disorders and exercise/fitness are well addressed.

The responses to the question asking students how they would want to learn about health issues varied considerably. For most topics, students noted that weekly articles in the Orient would be helpful and well read. Respondents also showed strong interest in learning more about peer intervention tactics, nutrition and support groups.

Analysis of the surveys and students’ comments clearly show that depression is an issue that needs to be addressed at Bowdoin. In order to confront this topic and the many others that seem to follow in its wake (alcohol/drug abuse, eating disorders, and sexual assault) we plan to hold an informational Depression Day next fall. During this time students will have access to information and resources that will help them to identify a personal problem as well as to discover an avenue for managing it. There are also plans to implement an anonymous helpline which would allow students the opportunity to seek out resources regarding health-related issues. A weekly health column in the Orient will also be part of next year’s efforts to increase awareness of health issues on campus.

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A look toward the future...

During the past four years in which the current seniors have attended Bowdoin, we have observed a period of remarkable change. When we arrived as first-years, we entered a college which seemed to be existing in its past. The serene, small college community, with its staid traditions and employees, was characterized by the presence of student staff members at the Orient. Quite fittingly, that year the College celebrated its bicentennial, a period in which we were embedded in the history, traditions, and heritage of the campus. Although there has been genuine effort on the part of students, faculty, and administrators to create new traditions which include all the members of the College Community, there is, without question, a genuine lack of engagement on the part of students who have not been included in the Commission’s work. While some of the students at the Bowdoin community, we nevertheless must assume responsibility for the failure and address them in a thoughtful manner.

A failure to consult resources

While the new Sexual Misconduct Policy forge new paths and creating an atmosphere that supports victims seeking help, there are lingering questions about the administrative process that created the policy itself. There is no evidence that the student Affairs Committee acted in good faith, but they failed to consult members of the most important resource on campus—Safe Space. Safe Space knows more than any other group about the issues of sexual assault and harassment on this campus; including, but not limited to, the underlying causes of violence. For eight years its members have been at the forefront of the battle for a new policy that addresses victims fears and outcomes. The components of an effective policy are longer than most deans have worked here and even exceeds the tenure of President Edwards. So why, after years of broken promises, did the Administration fail to include them in discussions of a policy designed to address the very issues with which they are intimately involved? This is not a question of student involvement or representation, but rather a disregard for what makes good policy-making sense.

While the deans are still struggling with details, the structure of the new policy, including a smaller three-person hearing panel of members of the Student Misconduct Board, and a system of Sexual Harassment advisors, will make this an extremely complex problem complicated by the lack of sufficient staff to manage it. The prolonged delay in the administration’s implementation of the Sexual Misconduct Policy has been a source of frustration for students and faculty members. The failure to consult members of the most important resource on campus—Safe Space—would have been invaluable in formulating a policy that fits our college.

The lack of consultation is most evident in the ambiguous relationship between Safe Space and the Sexual Harassment Advisers. While a greater number of trained, aware people on campus can only be positive, it is surprising that Safe Space has found itself in a position of conflict with Safe Space, and the Advisers. The Advisers do not even have a policy. So when we perceive our own interests as linked to those of the College can we meet the challenges presented to us by the various committees, reports and forums and look upon the future not as an end of an era, but an opportunity to shape a new kind of Bowdoin.
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letters to the Editor

What computer science means to Bowdoin

To the Editors,

I'll try to keep this brief. Once or twice before (e.g., 1986), I have written articles but never before have I felt this frustrated. As I write this letter, the fate of the computer science department's third faculty member is in the hands of members of our Administration. There have been even discussions concerning the department's existence overall. Please, would someone explain to me why these questions were raised in the first place? I chose Bowdoin as a liberal arts institution in part because I had lacked any clear academic direction. After a year of taking the distribution requirement test, I fell in love with computer science. It is a fascinating, broad, and rapidly evolving subject. Contrary to popular opinion, it is a mainly theoretical subject. We do not write commercially practical applications, up here. Our own, Adam Hall lab 210. We devour the subject as a whole. I have taken classes ranging from parallel computing to a course on visual languages and architecture. Next year, I will be taking a course on cognitive science. That particular class will be taught by a visiting professor, Adam King. He is the third faculty position. It would not have been possible for me to receive that was considered a course for a computer science undergrad at any other school. As it stands, the subject without the added diversity that the third faculty position brings to the department does not do, especially when they are burdened with the administrative duties of the department. To make the argument stronger, I have listed an increase in the department's enrollment.

I find this whole mess more difficult to fathom as considering Doug Fleming's insightful article concerning the College's rather wasteful land-acquiring spending habits, it is time for a reality check. No matter how hard I try, I find it difficult to learn anything from a bush, bench, fence or even a tree. Besides, our campus is blanketed by a layer of snow in a large portion of the academic year. The Administration has to get its priorities straight. The faculty, facilities and the student/faculty ratio are the backbone of this school's excellence, not its frozen grounds. We'll never overtake Williams, Amherst and Swarthmore until we efficiently redirect the budget to where it counts on. One other thing, did I correctly hear that $650,000 is being spent on a dance? I hate dancing and I want my money back. With the exception of the performance and lecture series, perhaps S.U.C. should insist on a budget consisting of contributions from interested students. I am not one. Thank you, David Gurney for your work in bringing Bedhead and the Archers of Loch to Bowdoin.

Alex Benson '98

Students' invaluable aid renews pines

To the Editors,

We would like to thank the many students, staff, and Brunswick neighbors who worked on the past three weeks to reestablish three-quarters of a mile of walking trails in the Bowdoin Pines. Tim Carr and Karl Perkins of Facilities Management designed the trails, Ken Chu for assembly tools for the troop, and putting in back-breaking days at the wheel of the bucket-loader. Reuben Kajala of Trails and Vistas in Gorham New Hampshire was hired for a masterful job as consultant for the project.

About half of the loop trail has already been given a stone dust base, which will serve to define the trail and create a smooth, firm surface for walking year-round and for cross-country skiing. Within a few months, the base will be hidden by pine needles and leaves. In the coming weeks, another work party will be organized to finish the rest of the trail and construct two small bridges. For those who have not yet had a chance to walk the new trails, we encourage you to explore this magnificent forest adjacent to campus.

Nat Wheelwright, chair, Land Stewardship Committee; Frank Burroughs, Zoe Cardon, Bill Gardiner, Becky Koulouris, Dick Mersereau, Tom Settleman, David Vail, Lucretia Woodruff, Mike Woodruff

Controversy erupts over headline

To the Editors,

When I read the headline that appeared on the article I wrote about the men's lacrosse team in the Orient last week, I was shocked. It read: "Bears fall to Panthers, master Bates." I feel that this phrase is an improper headline and I am using this instance to suggest to you, the editors, that it is time you question your newspaper's ethics and policy. This is not the first time my writing has been tagged inappropriately. In the May 3, 1996 issue of the Orient, there was a box on the front page which read: "Men's lacrosse team loses two long shots, wins big 16." I believe that, as well as the coaches and members of the men's lacrosse team, deserve an apology. Until the Orient examines its standards of journalism, my writing and my by-line will not appear in this publication.

Katie Lyn '99

Are we committed to diversity at Bowdoin?

To the Editors,

At the town meeting on April 28, President Edwards asked what students understand by the mission of the College. In talking about the institution of a Gay and Lesbian Studies Minor, Katie Berzer, Wadsworth discussed the mission of the College, suggesting that it be considered the implementation of such a course of study and the slowness of the ensuing process of implementation. He thought about where we want the College to go and what should be taught at Bowdoin. President Edwards responded to her introduction of these larger issues surrounding Gay and Lesbian Studies by suggesting the issue was "oblivious" to a personal one for her.

The issues of the mission of the College and of the proposed Gay and Lesbian Studies Program are not personal issues and assumptions of an individual's sexual orientation is regards to one's support or lack for support of such a program are completely inappropriate. In considering whether Bowdoin needs a Gay and Lesbian Studies Program, as I (an optimistic person) community consider the mission of this College. Are we really committed to diversity, or is it the catchword of the moment? Does diversity at Bowdoin end with the admittance of minority students? Can we tolerate (and maybe even encourage) diversity in the classroom, not who's sitting at the table, but of the ideas and theories we study?

Lori Simkowitz '97

Special collections are in good hands

To the Editors,

Douglas Fleming's article concerning policies and practices of Special Collections and Archives is so filled with factual errors that it is pointless to address them in their entirety. I am writing in response to his article. All department policies and procedures for handling College records strictly adhere to nationally recognized standards and are publicly available on the Library's Web site. All material is carefully processed for administrative or historical value. Processed material is stored in a clean, climate-controlled and secure environment. Non-permanent records are disposed of, according to the policies and procedures set by the college in the "General Policy on Access to College Records in the Archives," also available on the Library's Web site.

As Fleming chose not to review this information, nor did he ask questions about procedures or policies he did not understand or recognize when he supposedly visited. Had he been seeking accurate information, he could have made an appointment to tour the department, another ORient writers have done in the past. We are always happy to inform and educate the community about the purpose and goals of the Library and its collections.

Sherrae Bergman

Librarian

More money for politicians means better results

By Wystan Ackerman

Political Persuasions

A few weeks ago, Andy Rooney of "Sixty Minutes," one of my favorite political commentators, suggested that we ought to pay our politicians more. He's absolutely right.

We wonder why we don't have better people running for office. The annual salary of the president of the United States has remained fixed at $200,000 for the last 20 years or so. Perhaps back in Jimmy Carter's day, that was somewhat respectable, but not today. Of course, our presidents get free room and board, a nice health-care package (their own personal full-time doctor), Air Force One, a nice pension and various other perks—the $200,000 is basically pocket money. True, Clinton probably won't get any financial aid when she leaves college next year. Still, Bob Dole, after losing the election, only gobbled up $600,000 working for a Washington law firm, in addition to a $500,000 "bonus" for doing that Superbowl commercial. It's no wonder Dole can loan $250,000. Perhaps he was a bit jealous—those are the 5 million people whose salaries are higher than his.

It's not only the president's salary that should be raised. Members of Congress make a mere $133,000 plus some expense money. The majority of the minority leaders make a bit more. The Speaker of the House gets $171,500. Still, that's not much at all when you think about having to maintain two homes and the lifestyle expected of a congressman or senator. Add in trying to send a child or two to a place like Bowdoin and the choice comes down to: (1) leave office and rake in the dough in the private sector or (2) pocket a few bribes and hope you don't get caught. And we wonder why billionaire Ross Perot is the only one trying to get into the power game.

Public officials at the state level are often paid ridiculous little. When Clinton was governor of Arkansas, he made $35,000 a year. Yet, he gave him hell for trying to get in on the savings and loan debacle. Governor John Rowland at $75,000, is doing a better job than his chief-of-staff earns six figures. The CEO of Hartford-based Travellers Insurance, Sandy Weill, made a much-publicized $94 million last year. Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, earning $50,000, is sitting in a position that may benefit 150 of his employees earn more than he does.

If we want top-notch, ethical people running for office, we have to pay them a fair wage. We cannot continue to treat the chief executive of the United States of America like he's a mediocre utility infelder. Andy Rooney's suggestion of $1 million for the president and $750,000 for members of Congress would be a good place to start.

Wystan Ackerman is vice chair of the College Republicans Confederation of Maine.

Gingrich $500,000 to the speaker can pay his fine.

Dole's wife, Elizabeth, as president of the non-profit American Red Cross, makes as much as President Clinton. It was one thing when Herbert Hoover laughingly asked about making more than $10,000 in 1930. Today, your average major league "setup man" pitching two-thirds of an inning a week, for three months of the year, makes more than the leader of the free world. Before the Republicans took over Congress, Congress used to talk about raising taxes on the richest 2% of Americans, those who make over $250,000. We cannot continue to treat the chief executive of the United States of America like he's a mediocre utility infelder. We need better people running for office.
Getting involved and ending campus prisoner

Deer, but instead stems form one crucial fact: the library is absolutely free of charge or admission, dress code, or safety requirements. Anyone can go in and read almost any book. It also happens to be one of the greatest resources on campus. As one can imagine, the combination creates some worthy spectacles. One of New York's most inspired thinkers also believes in conspiracy theories. Combine that with a research library, and you produce the elderly Estonian gentleman who came in every day to read the New York Post for the entire day. He had a small placard propped up in front of him that read, "The CIA tortures and persecutes me." Also, under his unchanged shirt was a piece of plywood, presumably to protect him in the event that a special task force was able to infiltrate our table. You can get used to almost anything.

Willing Davidson is a sophomore.

As the year ends, one question is left unanswered

By Jeffrey Bedrosian
Opinion Editor Emeritus

I wasn't exactly sure what to write about this week. I called up all of my columnists and asked them to write a retrospective piece encapsulating the entire year or to write a column about one issue or trend that defined Bowdoin's 196th academic year. With the exception of Meg, I didn't get such an enthusiastic response to this request, so in order not to fill the gap, I've decided to write about both.

Having completed only one year at Bow- doin, my perspective on the school year will undoubtedly be fairly different from that of the graduating seniors. I have not had four years to harden my senses through experience, generalize from bad experience, or take the convenient way. However, maybe this is a good thing, maybe my lack of a frame of reference from previous years makes my evaluation of this year that much more pure.

To say that this year was a pivotal one, marking the end of an era at this two-century-old institution, would be as much of an understatement as it would be patently obvious to all concerned. During this year, I have learned to call Maine my home and more importantly, I have learned to call Bowdoin my home. Yet, Bowdoin is more than a home for its 1500 students. Bowdoin is an institu- tion, a living entity, and its strength rests on a small scale, comes much more painfully. Nevertheless, this has been the year of change. We've been the year with questions. We've been the year with answers. We've been the year with growth. We've been the year with self-reflection.

We began the year by welcoming the open- ing of two new brand new dorms. In many ways, these dorms have changed the student's general educational experience. The growth of Bowdoin's students back into their community. The new dorms allowed students to live closer to the center of campus and now serve as the benchmark for the future dorms the university has proposed in the past.

Throughout the year, we watched the hock- key team overachieve, reaching the finals of the NCAA Division III championships. But more important- ly, we saw the student body close ranks and draw a line in the sand between itself and the Administration. In many ways, this trend is the most significant, for the ideal that we call community has been talked about more than ever before.

What does community mean to us? What is its place at Bowdoin? How can we make it better? These were the trends upon which we focused all year. I believe our stu- dents hurried off to summer jobs and intern- ships, a normal part of college life.

We will end the year with questions in mind. At the same time, we will say goodbye to many Bowdoin professors whose presence and influence at this institution has helped shape us. For me, the history department will never be the same with the absence of John Carl, nor will the chemistry department be the same without the absence of Sam Butcher.

Nevertheless, I expect the coming year with many questions, but now that the year is over, I have only one where do we go from here? We end this year wondering what next year will be like, how the College House System will work, whether next year will be more challenging then this, whether the Adminis- tration will work with us and whether we will be able to work with them. At this time, I am reminded of the President of Bowdoin from Star Trek VI. The Undiscovered Country. "If we are to create a brave new world, our generation will have the hardest time liv- ing in it."

Therefore, I offer you in conclusion, the picture of this Bowdoinian as a striving student. A new world of Bowdoin and for better or for worse, we will have to learn to live in it.

Jeff Bedrosian enjoyed being your opinion ed-
STUDENT SPEAK

What do the letters CMW mean to you?

SUNSHINE FRANZENE '98
Lake Geneva, WI
"A waste of paper."

B.J. BERNARD '98
Perrysburg, OH
"Contemporary music WBOR."

MELISSA MORTIN '98
Washington, ND
"Can't Make a Weeewee."

DAVID LOEHWING '98
Long Island, NY
"Pieces of paper on the quad."

KATE BELLHEART
Brunswick, ME
"I don't know."

GERUN RILEY '98
Guilford, CT
"C Me Weep."

JASON ROSWIG '99
Simsbury, CT
"Crazy Manly Woman!"

RITA TRUJILLO '99
Taos, NM
"Nothing. Absolutely nothing."

Compiled by Brian Billock and Alice Liddell

Apathy can be replaced by appreciation of the arts

By Doug Silton

"What do you do for fun?"
"What is there to do on the weekends?"
"So, is there a social life at Bowdoin?"

Ask these questions to an average Bowdoin student and the answers you will get are very predictable:
"drink," "nothing," and sarcastic laughter for the social life question.

But, writing for the Orient has given me a new perspective on the social life at Bowdoin. Not in the actual "putting pen to paper" writing, but the covering of various events which I would never have thought I'd show up to.

I began writing for the Orient this semester and, covering lectures and exhibits, I heard some provoking speeches and saw some creative art gallery openings. But would I normally have attended these events? Don't bet on it. And apparently most Bowdoin students would say the same.

For example, during Asian week I covered an article concerning the Tibet exhibit at the Johnson House. It was an all-day exhibit, but just four students showed up. At the seven o'clock lecture with Professor Smith, approximately 10 students showed up along with 10 to 15 members of the nearby communities and parts of Maine Friends of Tibet who were helping to sponsor the event. It was not a great turnout for all of the work that the Asian Students Association put into the exhibit. In addition, I attended several lectures on the Civil Rights exhibit being displayed in Walker Art Museum. Several professors and members of the community showed up to the lecture by Professor Stakeman. I was the lone student representative from the Bowdoin population.

I am currently in Professor Olds' Intro to East Asian Art class and he called something to my attention a few weeks ago—something that has been nagging at me. Several Sundays ago, the class was supposed to take its annual trip down to Boston to visit the Fine Arts Museum, but the trip was almost canceled because of a lack of students signing up for the trip. Apathy? I know that many of my friends had tests on the following Monday or papers to write so they could not go on the trip, but Professor Olds lectured our class on the general apathy of Bowdoin students. It got me thinking.

There are approximately 1,500 students on Bowdoin's campus presently. 1,500. And most say they want culture. They want excitement. Me? I need variation in my life too. But without access to a car, how am I going to get down to Portland or Boston to find my outlet for stress and monotony? I found that the variation and culture was right in front of me all along— in the events and activities located around campus.

I don't want this to sound like a lecture— I am just as guilty as everyone else. If I stop writing for the paper, all I can hope is that I will find time to attend the lectures, visit the exhibits and make myself more culturally aware. The culture is out there. The social life is accessible. Monotony is stoppable. So next year, check out the calendar in the Orient and the Bowdoin Sun and make time to improve your lives and cultural awareness.

Doug Silton is a first year.

Do the streets look any cleaner to you? (Adam Zimman/Bowdoin Orient)
"Into the Woods" experiencing the journey

BY KEVIN LEE NEWBURY STAFF WRITER

Into the woods
You have to grope
But that's the way
You learn to ape.
Into the woods
To find there's hope
Of getting through the journey.

This weekend, on the mainstage of Pickard Theater, Masque and Gown will be presenting Bowdoin's first musical in three years. And, indeed bringing "Into the Woods" the stage has been a long journey.

"It all started on a cold day in October," Director Martina Morrow says. Lisa Rocha agrees. "We said, "Let's do a musical. Let's direct.""

"Into the Woods" is an ambitious project for any theater group. The melodies are complicated, and the fairy-tale plotline virtually demands elaborate sets, lighting and costuming. The cast and crew, comprised of nearly 60 people, has been rehearsing and preparing all semester. According to the directors, this weekend's production is a testament to students' talent and ability.

Stephen Sondheim's classic musical weaves together many familiar fairy tales, including "Cinderella," "Jack and the Bean Stock," "Little Red Riding Hood" and "Rapunzel." During a recent dress rehearsal all of the actors displayed fine voices and each seemed perfectly matched with his or her character. Surrounded by a colorful set designed by Mellie McGowan '97, the actors were illuminated by enchanting costumes and an impressive lighting scheme. It was also neat to hear the large pit orchestra under-scoring the story.

The directors attribute the success of "Into the Woods" to the commitment of the cast and crew, as well as to the Department of Theater and Dance's great technical support. Morrow says that, under the leadership of "a core group of people," the entire company "has really pulled together."

"We have been really lucky. The cast has been great. We are so proud of everyone involved," Rocha says.

"The directors have enjoyed the process of getting "Into the Woods,"" she adds. "We attribute that to the technical crew, the entire company."

When asked what they hope audiences will take away from "Into the Woods," Morrow and Rocha said that, first of all, they hope that people "have a good time." In addition, the directors hope that, while enjoying the clever storyline and the enticing harmonies, audiences will learn from the show's important messages.

"The show teaches you not to be greedy, and to be satisfied with what you have," Rocha says.

"It's also about community and working together," Morrow explained. "When it really comes to facing challenges, you all have to band together.

"The message of community seems particularly relevant to the work reflected in this weekend's production of "Into the Woods." Although the list of people involved is too long to include here, you can be assured that you'll recognize both the faces onstage and the names behind the scenes. This musical has come a long way since that cold day in October.

"Into the Woods" will be performed in Pickard Theater on May 2, 3 and 4. Bowdoin students can enjoy the humor and poignancy of Masque and Gown's vivid production for only three dollars.

Ivies weekend introduces annual AIDS benefit

BY DOUGLAS E. SUTLON STAFF WRITER

On Saturday, May 3, the quad will be filled with students, members of the Brunswick community, and professors. Sit on the grass, kick off your shoes, and make yourself at home. Bear AIDS has returned.

For the seventh year in a row, the Bear AIDS concert is taking place on Bowdoin's quad. This year it is sponsored by both Psi Upsilon and the Student Union Committee, and all proceeds (from T-shirt and food sales) go to the Merry Meeting AIDS Support Service. SUC is sponsoring the headlining band, Merl Saunders and the Rainforest Band, and Psi Upsilon is responsible for gathering together local groups, some even from Bowdoin's own student population.

You definitely will not want to miss any of the nine groups performing on Saturday: Young Attitudes (10:30 a.m.), Superkids (11:15 a.m.), Casey (noon), Polarity Jazz Band (12:45 p.m.), Eliza and Anya (1:30 p.m.), DPT (2:30 p.m.), Merl Saunders and the Rainforest Band (3:15 p.m.), Bonnie & Petticoats (4:45 p.m.), and Jay and Dave (5:30 p.m.).

Merl Saunders and the Rainforest Band are the headliners for the Bear AIDS concert. Merl has performed with great artists such as Jerry Garcia, Harry Belafonte, B.B. King, Johnny Mathis, Phish and Blues Traveler, and Merl is preparing to send out "good vibes to all of Brunswick. He has been recovering from hip surgery but is in good spirits. Merl considers himself to be a type of role-model for his music fans, and "for many years, but especially since Jerry's [Garcia] death, it seems that young people are looking to me for guidance, for some kind of answer."

The key-board virtuoso tells his fans to "stay focused and get high-on music." Indeed, for more than 30 years, Merl's fans have listened to his extensive repertoire that runs from blues to rock to funk to jazz, and he is rarely seen without his signature leather cap, boots, and requisite tie-dye and his ever-loyal hammond B3, 1962 organ.

The Bear AIDS concert looks to be a promising addition to Ivies weekend, admission is free, and it's for a good cause. So bring your friends and visit this great college music extravaganza.
Educate Thyself.

We spent hours toiling to make you a better writer. It’s not always easy to meet standards (the only ones that matter). The following list is not simply a list of our favorite movies, but also a collection of films we’ve made. Our process for selecting the films was simple. We watched everything in the list. We’re exploring intelligent, which films were the best.

You may have many sentimental favorites which are not included. I hope you have a modicum of "Graze," "Dead Poets Society," "Pulp Fiction," and "Forest Gump" may offend you. The fact that you haven’t heard of a lot of these films is an indictment of, not us. Don’t cry, just go to the video store to make amends as soon as possible.

A female professor, looking at our list, commented that it was "just a bunch of test-osted junk, you know?"

So... Without further ado, our magnus opus.

1. "Taxi Driver" When John Hinkley shot Ronnie Reagan, he did it for Jodie. Of all the great films, this is our choice to top the list. Martin Scorsese’s controversial vigilante justice and makes New York look and sound even more nightmarish than it actually was. Jodie is on an acting clinic. This film is flawless at a personal, political and aesthetic level.

We can’t believe the rain will come and wash all the scum off the streets... and... "Here is a man who stood up..."

There was a guy who wished he could do something about the world spinning out of control around him.

I’ve watched this film in the housing lottery, you, too, will stand at the top of Hubbard Hall with a rifle and ask, "Are you talking to me?"

2. The Battleship Potemkin" Sergei Eisenstein’s 1925 silent film about a mutiny on a Czarist battleship contains the single most celebrated editing sequence in cinema history. The Odessa Steps sequence, which has passed into legend, is there, also, the climactic train station scene in Brian De Palma’s "The Untouchables", introduced the montage to the audience in a step in the maturation of cinema as a high art form. If "Taxi Driver" is the greatest film in history, then "Potemkin" is the most important.

3. "Citizen Kane" Often cited as the greatest film of all time, Orson Welles’s "Citizen Kane" is a masterpiece of the director’s method. The innovations in "Kane" rival those of "Potemkin" in their importance to the films we see today. Among other things, Welles pioneered the use of new audio techniques (learned during his career on the radio), and cinematography techniques, including the extensive use of deep-focus photography. In its attention to detail, "Citizen Kane" is a film without parallel. Charles Foster Kane’s character so infuriated media magnate William Randolph Hearst, the man who’s life inspired Kane, that his chain of newspapers blindly lashed out at the film upon its release. We remember that Pauline Kael’s "Raising Kane" for your summer reading list.

By the way, Rrosebud is a sled. If you insist on deeper meaning, the film will offer plenty for you to ponder.

4. "Blow-Up" "The Graduate" Released in 1960, when Kurosawa was 80, this film is a poignantly series of dreams from the life of a bored, idle twenty-something days up to the twilight of his life. This is the first movie that made Georgie cry. But he assured his mother that he was crying "Sleepless in Seattle"cry. It was a touching powerful cry that a Droog would be proud of. He knew he would have to use in the presence of the highest art. The Mona Lisa was cute, the Sistine Chapel was a nice treat but "Dreams" is an accomplishment which will future works of art should be measured.

Martin Scorsese actually appears as an actress in the television version of "Dreams." How many directors do you think Scorsese would be willing to work for? Just think of how powerful it would be if he directed a film by Martin Scorsese. This method marks the beginning of the blossoming of a director’s personality and the great freedom for directors to make personal, distinctive films. We insist and find it prudent to give birth to the blockbuster mentality that still exists today.

* "A New Leaf," "All is life, as long as I can remember, I always wanted to be a story." says Mr. Loew, himself, director Martin Scorsese and all of us. This hyperkinetic, exhilarating film is flawless. Despite the presence of big names like Robert De Niro, Joe Pesci and Loita, the real star of the film is Scorsese. Each shot in the film could come from no other director. Consider the film’s opening credits: in any movie, the famous Copacabana shot, a three minute long tracking shot that goes, where the camera is moved, not cut, from a shot of a door through a harshly lit kitchen and into the restaurant’s main dining room. The shot, which was literally held by a group of extras whose movements needed to be perfectly coordinated, creates the dizzying feeling that this is a man he never felt off her feet this charming young killer.

11. "Night of the Hunter" This is the only directorial work by actor Robert Mitchum. The film looks and feels exactly like a child’s nightmare. "Night of the Hunter" is basi- cally a fairy tale story by Charles Lamb. The farmer, the grind, the farm boy, the farmer’s wife, the little girl. The scene here. In this scene she is you, of course. The program’s budget cuts, we might actually be on the verge of finding that dammond. Because this is the first film in which you have to expect a film that has 54 minutes of dialogue in its 145 minute running time. It could be a literary study. The only horizontal years of human history, in addition to offering us a glimpse "Beyond the Infinite." We didn’t count the minutes. This is a film, also. The only chance you will ever have to see Jimmy Stewart play a dirty, sex-obsessed man is when he is on his hands and knees. Can you blame him? What really makes the audience feel dirty is that you are. To see the cheat Judy into the ice-queen, Malenia, Tasty. As a study of how the subcultureogenic too real and believable. Pursuing a dream, this is a movie. Also, the only time you will ever be able to see Jimmy Stewart play a dirty, sex-obsessed man is when he is on his hands and knees. Can you blame him? What really makes the audience feel dirty is that you are.

The "Wild Bunch" Sam Peckinpah believes in men, old and crusty, fighting it out to preserve the only value that is worth drinking. They are complete machines. He create dialogue: "If they move, kill ’em! Then freeze-frame: "Directed by Sam Peckinpah," This is the first to earn the authoritative signature in the history of film.

This movie was a eulogy for the classic Hollywood western and for the old west itself. The "Bunch" are a group of old bandits whose ways have been made obsolete by the changes and modernizations on the frontier. But instead of meekly drifting off into the sunset, they decide to go out in a blaze of glory. The climax scene is the geography of violence even fixed on celluloid. Peckinpah’s technical mastery is evident in the "Wild Bunch." The film uses six different speeds of film, including 35mm, which is the most cuts in any film from before the dawn of the computer age. The violence in the "Bunch" is the way we assume it used to be, and how severelybeautiful. Peckinpah wishes the makers of "Blown Away," a film in various sizes of films, every one who could see this film. It begins with one of the most celebrated shots in movie history: A and a half minute tracking shot that introduces all of the film’s main characters and sets the plot in motion. It is a masterpiece of style. Every shot looks thoughtfully and carefully in thought and this film is enlightening. We all believed the film is an ode to great war. It is a release, "A Clockwork Orange" makes ultraviolence fun.

12. "A Clockwork Orange" Our inspiration. This Stanley Kubrick film follows the adventures of Alex and his droogs, Pete, George and Dim (just in case you hadn’t figured out our constant references, these are our real names, they are pseudonyms). They are technical innovators. They all repress into a single body, then, in the end, construct these three parts to create a disrupting backdrop for the film. This is the first film that made Orson Welles not want to. To make the film, he must have thought a lot. He thought a lot. He thought a lot.

13. "The Great Gatsby" This movie is a concrete example of how a relatively simple story can be made great by a masterful artist. Tragically, Murnau was in a car accident in 1931.

14. "Citizen Kane" and "Duck Soup"" This is Ingmar Bergman’s greatest film. This is the story of one woman’s agonizingly futile struggle against the world. There are only four real characters. The dying woman, her repressed sisters, who are un- bearable, and their repressed selves, who are bearable. From the end of the film, the city is a masterpiece of cinematography. It basically uses only three colors: black, white and red, to tell the story.

15. "Do the Right Thing" Spike Lee joined him into mainstream America’s cultural spectrum (limited as it is). This film established Lee as an artist who is willing to stand up against the force of the screen. "Do the Right Thing" is a funny, tragic, stylized examination of one block of Brooklyn. "Do the Right Thing" is a social commentary.

16. "The Empire Strikes Back" The second, and, Yoda notwithstanding, best, in- stallment of the first Star Wars empire. This film has the AT-ATs and Luke’s deftly reconstructed chin. Oh, and there’s also plenty of Boba Fett. Need we say more?

17. "The Searchers" This film is a product of the xenophobic, Cold War-obsessed America of the 1950s. In other words, take away the Commissars, and its the America of the 1950s. John Wayne is a man who avoids recovering his daughter who has been kidnapped by Indians. The first film is obscure. The second film is obscure. This movie is all about what it means to be a white American. What does it all mean?

18. "John Ford’s" Western" Mill Ford’s "John Ford’s" Western" is a masterpiece of the first order. The story is legend- ary. This is the only Western we have included that is actually an everyday story. They were "She Wore a Yellow Ribbon," "High Noon," "Red River," and "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance" all were considered everyday stories. Ford’s Westerns are easily re-made (badly) into "Body Heat." It is the now-familiar story of the shady insur- ectionist who conveniently found his rich wife (played by Barbara Stanwyck) "wears a honey of an anklet" and seeks to steal her rich husband for a sweet payoff. Barbara Stanwyck wears "a honey of an anklet" and...
This is the last Siggy and Blunt article ever. Blunt will be graduating and pursuing alcoholism on a full-time basis. And doing a beer column probably won’t be as much fun for Siggy after he turns 21 this summer. We’ll be lost without this column to legitimize our drinking habits but we’ll try not to get sentimental and mushy and turn into blubbering little wusses, kind of like Valley, Georgie, and Tim, those panderoids that are so attached to their article they were compelled to write a full page manifesto. Sorry, guys.

Now that our writing careers are over we found a new addition: houseies. Ahhh, eases the pain. Unless you screw it up, you dumb bastard. We, not being dummies, created an incredible brew on our first attempt. What, you think we’re egotistical? You may be right, but we are the coolest.

We created a five pale ale which we named the Old Nubble Ale from the Siggy and Blunt Brewing Company, just outside of Bowdoin College (remember this name when we’re rich and famous brewmasters). We put the Old Nubble to the test and put it through the Pepsi challenge. We secretly planted an Adrockland Amber Ale with the Old Nubble and gave it to our friends. They were pleasantly surprised and the party has a success.

“We think you’re egotistical,” they said. “We don’t appreciate your ruse,” said, “your cunning attempt to deceive us.” Ha, ha. You’ve been duped. Siggy and Blunt strike again!

After our initial stunning success, we turned our attention to stouts. The recipe called for a standard stout. We said NO! We added espresso beans and toasted oak chips to create Siggy and Blunt’s Little Something Stout. We know what you’re thinking, you want a Little Something... We don’t blame you... We could use a little something something too, if you know what we mean (not beer). Unfortunately it’s not bottled yet. But we’re sure it will turn out good.

The initial hydrometer reading shows that the Little Something Something Stout will have an alcohol level around 15 percent. This beer has been crafted to create three drastic changes in human reactions. Upon the first sip, the smooth stout leaves you feeling sleepy and relaxed. Right after the sleepiness, the caffeine kicks in. Aagggh, weird beyond belief! There’s a full pound of espresso in this batch of beer. The third and final human reaction is brought on by the concentrated alcohol. Aagggh, liver failure! Dead. It was worth it. Everybody deserves a Little Something something before they die.

Homewreking is fun, you learn a lot about the brewing process, and you can make some good beer. The initial setup cost is high, but after that the cost per bottle is significantly lower than store bought beers. You can cater to your own tastes and only make the styles of beer that you enjoy. You can alter the style by changing the type of malt, hops and grain that you use and by adding extra ingredients such as coffee, fruit and flavorings. Eventually, you should be able to produce a brew that is uniquely suited to your taste.

We’ve had a good time in our two-year search for the Holy Ale and we’ve reached some conclusions. Siggy’s Holy Ale is the Cadillac Mountain Stout; Blunt’s is Rogue Shakespeare Stout. The search for the Holy Ale is intensely personal so you’ll have to think for yourself and find your own Holy Ale; you can’t just follow us like the sheep you are. We hope you’ve endured and enjoyed our incoherent ramblings and that you’ve learned something about the ancient art of brewing while enticing you to try new beers. Based on our two-year search, we are able to definitively identify the best beers available.

The best stouts are Rogue Shakespeare Stout (OR) and Bar Harbor’s Cadillace Mountain Stout (ME). Our favorite fruit beers are Lompoc’s Blueberry Ale (ME) and Pyramid’s Apricot Ale (WA). For a good Brown Brewery try Rogue Hazelnut Brown Nietar (OR) or Newcastle Brown (England). The best porters we’ve tried are Samuel Smith Taddy Porter (England), Anchor Steam (CA) and Red Hook (WA). Quality wheat beers include Schneider Weisse (Germany) and Wigwam Hefeweizen (OR). Finally, our favorite ales are Whitbread (England) and Bar Harbor’s Thunder Hole Ale (ME).

That’s it for Siggy and Blunt. It’s almost summer time. You know what that means: less studying, more drinking. One final rambling for you. We’re off a prom dress, we’re on a bender. We’re off our hair and the trail, we’re gonna hit the bars hard and we’re off here like we role something, take it easy.

Spring Gala acquires a place among Bowdoin traditions

BY CRISTIN NITSCH
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

To ease in and ease out the new generation, Bowdoin upperclassmen present the Spring Gala within the annual Spring Fling will attempt to “create an event that students, faculty and staff would all want to attend together,” mentions Senior Class President Hiram Hamilton. The end of this semester and academic year has brought many changes in Bowdoin both to the physical and social infrastructure of the school. And so it is with difficulty that we celebrate one tradition after another without any idea what connections those traditions we congregate have with the school. However, it has been the goal of the student body and the Administration to organize and emphasize a return to these events that line the academic calendar from beginning to end in order to motivate and excite this somber social atmosphere. The metamorphosis of this change to the professional, and the initiation of the first years as Bowdoin citizens, for example, tie the campus community to the common and stark realization of their change of place in this community.

The Spring Gala is one example of many activities and events that have been planned to offer entertainment as we try to find a place of closure for this year. The skepticism about what Bowdoin can do, about social opportunities available to all types of students, and the thought it would be realistic to go into the next year with all its questions with memories of a great event.

Hamilton adds.

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MacDonald, Mehan lead postseason run

The loss in game two to Tufts put the Bears in a must-win situation for the remainder of the season. With a 3-14 record, Bowdoin found itself on the verge of being knocked from the playoffs once again when it visited nearby Windham, Maine to face St. Joe's, a team they had already beaten this year.

Mehan had the first drive of the game in the top of the first inning on a bases loaded fielder's choice, giving Bowdoin a momentum laden lead. The Monks came back in the bottom of the second with two runs off Bears' starter Cataruzolo. Down 2-1, the top of the order did some more damage for Bowdoin in the third, when DeCew and Mehan hit back-to-back, driving home a drive in Cataruzolo, Bowd and MacDonald.

St. Joe's rallied once again with one run in the fourth, but Bowdoin finally pulled away in the top of the fifth inning. Cataruzolo, Bowd, MacDonald and DeCew hit a three-run home run in the fifth, as the bases loaded to extend the Bears' lead to 9-3. Mehan then drove in two more runs in the seventh to ice the victory, 10-4. Cataruzolo pitched the first six innings to earn the win, allowing four earned runs and striking out nine batters. Bowd '98 relieved him in the seventh and finished the Monks off with three scoreless innings. Cataruzolo pitched the first six innings to earn the win, allowing four earned runs and striking out nine batters. Bowd '98 relieved him in the seventh and finished the Monks off with three scoreless innings. Cataruzolo pitched the first six innings to earn the win, allowing four earned runs and striking out nine batters. Bowd '98 relieved him in the seventh and finished the Monks off with three scoreless innings. Cataruzolo pitched the first six innings to earn the win, allowing four earned runs and striking out nine batters. Bowd '98 relieved him in the seventh and finished the Monks off with three scoreless innings.

Sophomore Matt Bohle drills a single to center in the sixth inning of Saturday's game against Thomas College. Adam Zimmerman/Bowdoin Oigings

Bears flourish at NESCACs

■ The women's track team took full advantage of nearly perfect conditions by finishing fifth in the NESCAC Championships.

Ryan Johnson
Staff Writer

Last weekend the weather was perfect and the temperatures ideal. A slight breeze blew across the Middlebury track and spring in Vermont was a few weeks ahead of Maine. Part of the springtime festivities that day included the 1997 NESCAC outdoor track meet along with carnival day at all the fraternities. But the young Bowdoin women's track team's focus was on the track oval where after a full two days of competing, the Bears came out on top of arch-rival Bates (29 points) but behind Colby (113). The Bears finished a fine fifth in the 85th year, also ahead of Ambler (72) and Trinity (45). Williams (199) won the meet.

Leading the way for the Bears fifth place charge was heptathlete Julie Smith '99. Besides capturing second place in the high jump and third place in the triple jump, Smith won a new school record in the heptathlon by scoring 3,308 points in the eight event marathon over two days. The previous record of 3,230 points was held by Amanda Toth '95, First-year Stacey Jones continued her impressive performance in the discus with a third-place throw of 122'4". She was less than a foot and a half of second place. In other field events, Caroline Chapin '99 claimed fifth in the triple jump (40'3.5") and Jen Nickerson '99 backed up Smith in the high jump with a 4'09.7" inch leap that left her tied with three other people for fourth. Jones rounded out the field with an eighth place finish in the shot put (34'09").

Saturday started off bright and early with the 5,000 meter. First-year Elaine Stockton ran a perfect race, starting off slow, then slowly picking off runners who had gone out too hard. With a strong finish, Stockton crossed the line with a time of 19:09, good enough for seventh place. After that, the 1,500 meter ensued. Running in that race were the Bears top two middle distance runners. Vicky Shen '00 and Jena Tallman '99. Tallman took it out strong, while Shen ran the first two laps hanging in the back. She turned it on, however, with just under 700 meters to go and, flying by most of the pack, ran a personal best 4:51.11 (fifth place), finishing right on the shoulder of Tallman (4:50.94, fourth). The Bears set season bests as well. Coming back only a few hours later for the 800 meter, Tallman kept everything in stride, pushing it hard through the first lap to claim third place in an excellent time of 2:04.03. The sprint events held most of the excitement thanks to senior Co-Captain Danielle Mokaba and Katia Enfurd '99. Early Sunday morning in the 4x100 meter relay, the team ran smooth and well for a great second place finish in 50.45, only two two-hundredths of a second behind. Led off by Naomi O'Dell '99 in her first ever collegiate competition, the Bears got off to a great start. Enfurd and Chapin followed, before Mokaba carried the team, catching Williams at the tape.

In the 100 meter, both Enfurd and Mokaba qualified in the final. About 50 meters into the race, Mokaba started to slide into Enfurd's lane. Mokaba's left arm went flailing. Both finished side by side however, and after the race were laughing about the events. Enfurd edged Mokaba for third place with a time of 13.19, with Mokaba back only .06 seconds. In the 200 meter finals, Enfurd edged out Holloway of Ambler by only .02 seconds for third place with a time of 26.91. Mokaba was seventh in 27.38.

Bowdoin faced quite well in the other relay's as well. The 4x400 finished seventh (4:19.08), while the 4x800 meter relay ran 9:45.86, the time for Bowdoin both indoor and outdoor this season. The Bears now get ready to get compete in a few championship meets (including the ECAC meet) from this Saturday before Nationals May 21-24. It looks as though the Bears are poised to make some impressive marks at those meets. Watch out Beantown, here comes Bowdoin.
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- Saves: Casella 15, Engler 3.

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### Softball Victorious at Last

**CAITLIN RILEY**

**STAFF WRITER**

The Bowdoin softball team could have played it like it was just another game. The Bears could have reacted to a 6-0 loss in the first game of a doubleheader with Thomas College with passivity. The easy way out would have been to simply go through the motions in the second game and accept another loss. But something sparked the Bears on Tuesday, lifting their spirits and energizing their play to lead them to a long-awaited 9-0 victory.

Donna Shroemeyer '97 pitched solidly in game one, but the Thomas squad capitalized on three Bowdoin errors, sealing the victory with six runs in the second. It was in game two that the Bears regained their composure. J.C. Hargraves '97 led a solid Bowdoin defense, pitching a one-hitter. Meghan McHugh '00 initiated the Bears' hitting in the first inning and scored on a fielder's choice. Anne Pinkert '00, Kristen Marshall '00, Caitlin Wight '99 and Jodi Zaggin '97 were all instrumental for the Bears, collaborating to drive in seven runs in the third inning. Bowdoin secured the victory in the fourth when Wight knocked in Kris Girard '99.

"We hit, bunted and ran well," Coach Howard Vandersee commented. "We did all the things you have to do to win. I'm very proud of this team." Several players who have not seen much playing time this year also contributed to the win, making the victory all the more special.

Melissa Akens '00, Abby Yotto '97 and Pinkert have led the Bears offensively all season, but one player's contribution has stood above the rest. Sidelinesed with an arm injury, Zaggin was forced to miss most of last season. But this spring, her play has been instrumental. She leads the Bears' offense with a 342 batting average. Her contribution this season has been a clear indication of her competitive nature and determination. "Jodi has not just hit the ball," Vandersee adds, "she has powered it. She has been a force behind the plate and at first base."

Bowdoin will face Colby this afternoon in its last game of the season. Since the victory against Thomas, the Bears have acquired a new confidence, and hope to finish the season on a positive note.
Orient Sports
Spring Athlete of the Year
Matt MacDonald ‘98

Through the baseball team’s first 21 games, MacDonald amassed 40 hits, tying his own Bowdoin College single-season record. He leads the NESCC with a .571 batting average, a 1.129 slugging percentage and a .667 on-base percentage. He leads the Bears with six doubles, three triples, nine home runs, 31 runs scored and 35 runs batted in.

Winter and spring intramural results

Ice Hockey Champions
A Division: Pogue Mahones:
Pete Cooper, Art Kirby, Jed Mettee, Eric Buxton, Josh Muilenfield, Dave Wurtman, Noah Riley, Steve Fahay, Mike Miranda
B Division: Duff All-Stars:
James Sawyer, Joe Gilder, Nat Waters, Geoff Paul, Chad MacDermitt, Kristine Girard, George Goodman, Mike Taranto
C Division: Bets:
Nancy Roman, Tara Boland, Carrie Ardito, Susan Gaffray, Aletha Walton, Alison Walsh, Christa Jeffrey, Kiya Kaye, Shannon Reilly, Erin Hayes, Shawn Markey, Tyler Sutherland, John Armstrong

5-on-5 Basketball Champions
A Division: Senior Citizen or TD—to be determined
B Division: The Revised Edition:
Matthew Clement, Josh Pacheco, Ted Maloney, Scott Fujimoto, Charlie Walsh, Tim Capuzzi, Peter Dugan, Chris Abs, David Young, Will Colvin, Zach Wheller, Scott Roman
C Division: The Polar Storm:
Rhett Hunter, Chris Buck, David Fish, Patrick Dunn, Jim Hampe, Steve Saxton, Alan Huebner

Softball Standings (as of 4/30)
A Division: Record
Appleton 1st floor (4-0)
Maz-da-betas (3-0)
Harpwell Apt. (2-0)

B/C Division: Record
Kappa Sigma B/C (3-0)
The Meddieheimers (3-0)
Moorer Booty (2-0)
Phi U (1-2)
Chi Delta Phi B/C (1-2)
Rings a ding dong (0-3)
Appleton 3rd floor (0-4)

Flag Football Standings (as of 4/30)
A Division: Record
Team Ted Wells (3-0)
TD (2-0)
Kappa Sigma A (2-0)
Maz-da-betas (1-2)

B Division: Record
Kappa Sigma B/C (3-0)
The Meddieheimers (3-0)
Moorer Booty (2-0)
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Comments from the peanut gallery

by Ted Maloney

Many NBA fans hate the Chicago Bulls. They feel that Chicago is too dominant, that they are not fulfilling the excitement of the NBA playoffs. These criticisms are sorely mistaken. In fact, the Bulls are one of the few potential sources of a league that is unfortunately becoming more and more about the ‘teams’ who have just one overpaid superstar that have more power than the coach and seem completely unaware that there are players on the team other than themselves. What truly sets the Bulls apart from the rest of the self-centered NBA is the fact that they supply the type of talent that makes sports great.

Of course, they too have a pair of highly paid super-stars in Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen. However, they are far from the highest paid players in the league, and it seems like the greatest player in the history of the game should probably be paid fairly well. Furthermore, Jordan and Pippen are genuine team players. They understand that Steve Kerr has an amazing three point shot. They understand that Toni Kukoc, whom they have miraculously converted from a selfish ball hog to a picture perfect sixth man, can be the deciding factor for them if Jordan is not having a 5-10 point night. They understand that Dennis Rodman must be left to do his thing, and that he will come up with the 20 rebound game when they need it.

Most critics of the Bulls would point to Rodman as proof that Chicago is not a squad full of team players. They would argue that Rodman is a loose cannon who is on suspension and always a threat to get in the way of a technical and thrown out of the game. However, only a franchise that is truly dedicated to the team mentality could provide Rodman with the kind of support that he needs to actually be the dominant force under the boards that he can be when he’s not kicking, scratching and crying like a baby. Rodman needs a strong, but not overbearing father figure who will allow him to be the best player he can be. Coach Phil Jackson fills that role to perfection, while also serving as a master of basketball strategy.

While Jordan and Pippen are vital to the Bulls, Coach Jackson remains the most important part of the team. In an era where little kids like Penny Hardaway in Orlando actually have the power to fire their coach, Phil Jackson reigns as the perfect coach for the team-oriented Bulls. One of Jackson’s best qualities as a coach is his ability to allow his teams to be great without too much tampering. He realizes that Jordan probably does not need help with his fundamentals, Jackson also realizes that Rodman’s unorthodox style of rebounding on the court and his unorthodox style of living off the court do not have to be a detriment to the team, but can actually help to bring them closer together. When Rodman returned from one of his recent suspensions, Jackson actually encouraged some of his players to go out for a wild night on the town in Rodman’s personal bus. Jackson’s understanding of his players needs is why Jordan has said that he will not return to the Bulls without his beloved coach, a far cry from the snuffling Hardaway, who seems to take pride in his ability to get coaches fired.

However, Jackson and the Bulls are obviously not just about allowing everyone to run around like 12 loose cannons. On the contrary, the Bulls have the most sophisticated offense in the NBA. Their ability to run the triangle offense as almost perfect perfection is a result of the Bulls’ incredible ability to keep its core of players together over the years. In an era where players move to a new team like they do between jobs, Jordan’s first step to the hole, the Bulls have stayed together long enough to set themselves in a good position to win a remarkable fifth championship in seven years. Anyone who claims that such selfish devotion to a team for the simple goal of being the best in the world is actually harmful to the NBA couldn’t be more off target. I for one would much rather have the Bulls as an example to the league of what can be done with team play than see the two-boy game ruin a great sport.
Bears’ playoff hopes still alive

The baseball team must sweep back-to-back double headers this weekend in order to qualify for the ECAC tournament.

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Coming off last week’s dismal performance, the Bowdoin baseball team appeared to be out of the running for an ECAC playoff berth. However, after going 4-1 during this past week, the Polar Bears’ playoff hopes have been rejuvenated. Unfortunately, Bowdoin must win the rest of its four remaining contests if it is to advance into the post-season.

The team’s road to recovery started with a huge victory over Colby in Waterville on April 25. Matt MacDonald ’98, who has been the Bears’ most potent offensive threat all year, once again led the way by going 4-for-4 with two doubles, two RBIs and two walks. Chip Flanagan ’00 and Chris Pachos ’98 also hit homeruns for the Bears, who ran away with the 14-5 win.

Bowdoin hosted a double header against Tufts on Saturday, April 26. In the third game, Tufts took an early lead with a run in the top of the first inning. The Bears came right back in the bottom of the inning, however, when Matt Bowen ’99 and MacDonald each drew one-out walks. After a groundout by Dave Decew ’99 moved the runners into scoring position, Captain Joe Meehan ’97 hit a booming double to rightaway center that gave Bowdoin a 2-1 lead. In the second, the Jumbos scored their second run to tie the game at two, but the Bears came right back when Dave Cataruzolo ’98 drove in John Paquet ’97 with an RBI fielder’s choice to give Bowdoin a 3-2 advantage.

Things stayed that way until the bottom of the fifth, when the Bears loaded the bases with two outs. With Flanagan at the plate, the Tufts pitcher attempted to pick off MacDonald, who was leading off third base. Fortunately for Bowdoin, the throw got away and MacDonald scored the team’s fourth run. The insurance run would prove to be vital one inning later, when Tufts rallied for two runs to tie the game 4-4.

In the bottom of the sixth, Paquet led off with a walk and was sacrificed to second by S.J. Baxter ’98. After Cataruzolo flied out to left, Bowen came to the plate with two outs and the go-ahead run on second. The sophomore outfielder sliced a ball that landed just inside the left field foul line, giving the eventual game-winning run to cross the plate. Cataruzolo pitched a scoreless seventh to seal the team’s victory over the Jumbos and keep the Bears alive in the ECAC playoff picture.

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Women’s lacrosse wins CBB title

Despite having to play on enemy grounds, the Bears disposed of archrival Colby to regain the coveted CBB title.

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The bragging rights which mean so much within the confines of Maine once again belong to the Bowdoin women’s lacrosse team. The Polar Bears recaptured the CBB title last Thursday, beating Colby 13-6 on their own turf.

The game, which was the fifth-straight win for Bowdoin, was never in question. The Bears wasted little time jumping out to a 7-3 lead after one half of play, despite their obvious fatigue lingering from their win over Bates just two days before.

The second period proved to be a similar story as Bowdoin maintained control and expanded its lead to seal a 13-6 victory over the much-hated White Mules.

“After losing to Colby by one last year, our team certainly had something to prove and we did. Not only did we win the CBB, we dominated,” said defender Gretchen Scharfe ’99. “The Colby win was a real highlight not only because they are a stronger team than Bates, but because it was a real team effort. We knew we would have to win in order to secure a chance at post season play and we weren’t going to let Colby stand in our way again.”

The Polar Bear charge was led by senior Co-Captain Eliza Wilmerding, who had three goals and two assists, Adrienne Gratry ’99, who scored two goals and dished out three assists, and Kathryn Forest ’99, who continued her scoring tear with a game-high four goals. First-year Leel Burns also added two tallies for Bowdoin.

The Bears gain control during a recent game at Pickard Field. (Jacob Levine/Bowdoin Orient)

Sarah Goffinet ’00 stopped 10 shots in net to help the Polar Bears’ quest for the CBB.

The Bears turn on Bowdoin two days later when they traveled to Middlebury College Saturday in an attempt to give the number one ranked team in the nation its first loss of the season.

Bowdoin stood strong in the initial moments of the contest. The Panthers jumped out to a 2-0 lead, but Bowdoin answered back with two goals courtesy of Zani Gugelmann ’99 to tie the game at two with 18:30 left in the half.

The iceberg on which the Polar Bears remained afloat quickly began to melt, as Middlebury rattled off the half’s final seven goals to take a 9-2 lead into the break.

Bowdoin attempted to come back, scoring a goal early in the second half, but the Panthers were merely flirting with them. Again they went on a seven goal scoring streak, increasing their lead to 16-3 to seal the win.

Gugelmann and Gratry scored two goals each for Bowdoin, while Goffinet made 12 saves in the losing cause.

“We started well,” said Head Coach Nicky Pearson. “Initially we were getting 50 percent of the draw control. We came against a really strong team and when they got possession they usually scored.”

“All in all the Middlebury game was marked by frustration,” reflected Scharfe. “Not only because we could not score, but because Middlebury was scoring and scoring big.”

The Polar Bear’s final two contests of the regular season take place this weekend at Pickard Field. They take on 10th ranked Trinity College on Saturday and Springfield College on Sunday. Both games will begin at noon.

“Trinity is such an offensive team,” said Pearson in looking ahead to the Saturday contest. “To win the game we need to slow their offense down and score goals when we get possession.”
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