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Weekend to feature reunions

by Cati Mitchell
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This weekend, hundreds of Bowdoin alumni and current students will come together and participate in a variety of events to celebrate Homecoming Weekend.

According to Associate Director of Alumni Relations Peter Wagner, "The major focus is young alumni and getting them back for the weekend."

To encourage this, there is a Young Alumni Party on Saturday afternoon. Members of the past five graduating classes along with the current senior class are invited to this event. There is also a half-year reunion for members of the Class of 2006.

Another important event is the Athletic Hall of Honor Induction,

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MORE ALUMNI NEWS

The director and assistant director of alumni relations depart. Officials say no reason to worry. **Story, page 3.**

Students, staff 'Take Back the Night'



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Community members gathered on Hyde Plaza Thursday night to express their opposition to sexual violence. The event was sponsored by V-Day, Safe Space, Bowdoin Men Against Sexual Violence, and the WRC.

Security: Party checks a success

Nichols cites need for communication between students and Security

by Will Jacob
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In an effort to ensure a safer student body and campus, Bowdoin's Residential Life and Security staffs have teamed up this year to conduct pre-party checks at registered campus events.

At the beginning of each party, security officers meet with event hosts to check on registered alcoholic beverages, ensure adequate quantities of food and non-alcoholic drinks, identify any fire and safety issues, and answer any questions the hosts have.

"The major goal is to make sure that party hosts really understand their responsibilities when agreeing to host an event for their peers and to take the precautions seriously," said Director of Residential Life Kim Pacelli. "It's important to run the events well and safely, and to catch and address any problems in a proactive way."

Event hosts in previous years were given a checklist of procedures and regulations at the beginning of each party, and security officers would stop by throughout the night. However, Director of Security Randy Nichols said that it could be difficult to find event and alcohol hosts during parties, and suggested that meeting beforehand could establish better communication.

"The good thing about this is that it gives the security officers on duty a chance to meet the event and alcohol hosts face to face," Nichols said. "They share ideas, talk about the event, and get to know each other. Later, when the officers come back, they know who they're dealing with and who to go to."

So far, Nichols and Pacelli agreed that the inspections on campus have been a success.

"By and large, the checks have gone really well," said Pacelli. "I think the policy has helped convey to students the importance of these precautions that we have. It reinforces the importance of making sure that students are running the

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OUTweek celebrates queer student pride

'Taste the Rainbow' party includes students from other Maine colleges

by Kira Chappelle
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If you noticed the chalk coloring Bowdoin's walkways early last week, you probably noticed that the messages were more emotional and political than mere event advertisements.

Chalking the Quad was just one way to raise awareness of OUTweek this year, an annual weeklong celebration organized by the Bowdoin Queer-Straight Alliance (BQSA). This year's OUTweek, which began Saturday, October 7, and culminated the following Wednesday on National Coming Out Day, featured a variety of events in which members of the Bowdoin community confronted and discussed issues that lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, and transsexual people face.

"It's a week to celebrate those LGBT students and any students of any sexual identification who are coming out or are already out, and are proud of themselves," said BQSA Co-President Lydia Hawkins '07.

Events were held every night beginning Saturday at Ladd House with

"Taste the Rainbow," a party to which BQSA invited not only Bowdoin students, but students from Bates, Colby, and the University of Southern Maine.

"We've always had a goal of getting students from other campuses involved and interacting with us," said Hawkins.

Other events included viewings of "Transamerica" and "But I'm a Cheerleader," a movie about a cheerleader that is sent to "rehab" when her parents and friends suspect her of being a lesbian.

This year's OUTweek concluded with a "Speak Out" discussion, in which students, faculty, and staff engaged in a conversation about their experiences, and what it means to come out and be out.

"This OUTweek has been the most productive in having very well-attended events," said Hawkins. "The conversation—'Speak Out'—in particular, was a really positive, meaningful experience."

Dan Robinson '07, also co-president of BQSA, said that some of the most successful elements of OUTweek were not events.

"We collected stories into a publication called 'In and Out,'" he said.

"It was awesome that we were able to collect so many different stories. There

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Blog ruminates on Bowdoin food

by Joshua Miller
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At the beginning of this school year Mark McGranaghan '09 started a web log (blog) devoted to Bowdoin's culinary excellence. McGranaghan writes entries on everything from Thursday afternoon's "Baked Ziti and Chicken Florentine" to "How to eat a grapefruit." McGranaghan includes a number of mouth-watering photos on his site. He has recently been featured in local press, garnering the attention of the Portland Press Herald and New England Cable News (NECN). McGranaghan writes a weekly haiku about the food every Friday. His blog is updated often and can be found at www.bowdoingourmet.com.

The Orient sat down with the Bowdoin Gourmet to find out what prompted him to start his blog, what his favorite meals are, and whether he ever gets sick of college food. What follows are excerpts from the interview.

Bowdoin Orient: Looking at colleges, was the food at Bowdoin something that caught your eye?

Bowdoin Gourmet: I wasn't considering the food when I decided which school to go to.

BO: When you got here, what jumped out at you first in terms of food?

BG: The lobster bake was pretty special but the everyday quality of the food was most impressive—the

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Courtesy of BowdoinGourmet.com

Sophomore Mark McGranaghan's blog, BowdoinGourmet.com, includes a weekly haiku about food..

Maine College Dems file ethics complaint

by Bobby Guerette
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The Maine College Democrats asked the state of Maine on Thursday to investigate the Maine College Republicans for alleged violations of campaign finance laws.

The organization is alleging that Maine College Republicans Chairman Nate Walton is improperly working for state Sen. Chandler Woodcock's gubernatorial campaign

while also leading a Republican political action committee.

"I have no comment at this time," Walton, a Bates College student, told the Orient late Thursday.

The complaint was filed with the Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, which is an independent state agency that administers Maine's election rules.

In the complaint, Maine College Democrats Co-President Oliver

Radwan, a Bowdoin junior, requested an investigation into the relationship between Walton's work with the Maine State College Republican Organization political action committee (PAC) and his role as a field director for Woodcock's campaign.

The Democrats alleged that Walton was working as Woodcock's field director while simultaneously leading a College Republicans PAC

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COLLEGE WITH A TWIN

The Orient interviews six sets to see what it's like to take on college life with a twin brother or twin sister. **FEATURES, PAGE 6**