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Ejection debate intensifies

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Controversy over the ejection of two Bowdoin students from President George W. Bush's recent rally in Bangor continued this week as the story circulated around the Internet and in local press.

Following the publication of "Bowdoin students ejected from Bush event" in last week's *Orient*, an article expanding upon the story ran on the front page of the *Brunswick Times Record* yesterday. The local paper reported that Maine College Republicans Chairman Dan Schubert '06 questioned whether Bree Dallinga '06 and Ashley Cusick '05 worked in conjunction with the *Orient* to plan a front-page story about the incident

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First-year dorms rise on Coffin St.



Karsten Moran, *Bowdoin Orient*

Workers erect foundation walls at the site of the new Coffin Street dorms. The buildings are expected to be completed by next fall. Each is being built according to environmentally-friendly LEEDS specifications.

Town police resort to unusual penalties

Students report varied responses to rowdiness

by Priya Sridhar
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Push-ups may no longer be just for the gym. According to Bowdoin students, Brunswick Police officers have resorted to a variety of penalties, some of them unusual, for disruptive week-end conduct.

For crimes such as public alcohol consumption, littering, and shouting in residential areas, penalties have included push-ups, fines, arrests, and verbal warnings.

Owen McKenna '07 said he was once asked by Brunswick Police officers to recommend a punishment for two disruptive Bowdoin students. McKenna jokingly said that the students should do pushups.

"I made that up off the top of my head because obviously they both seemed like nice guys. I didn't think it was actually going to work," he said.

The police reportedly asked McKenna how many pushups they should do. McKenna said he thought they should do 25. McKenna added that after completing 10 pushups, the police told the students to stop. The Police said that they hoped to never catch the two individuals with open containers again, according to McKenna.

Zach Hammond '07 was one of the students asked to do push-ups. "I feel very fortunate that the police officer was in a good mood and let me off for being stupid," he said.

"The reality is that the officers have some discretion with regards to issuing citations and it sounds like they chose to do something a little bit unusual," Commander of Patrol for the Brunswick Police Department Rick Desjardins said. "That's not something that we would encourage. We don't

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Program makes Bowdoin possible for Baltimore kids

by Krystal Barker
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For many of the ten children who stepped off the bus and gazed up at the ornate College buildings, it was the first time they had ever been outside of Maryland.

This was their first major introduction to higher education—and perhaps a beginning of a long journey within it.

They are the students of the Bowdoin Bound program.

Bowdoin Bound is a non-profit

charitable organization formed with Brehms Lane Elementary School in Baltimore, Maryland, and philanthropists to introduce inner-city elementary school students to high-caliber higher educational institutions.

The idea of Bowdoin Bound was "born on the baseball diamond," said Dan Spears '81, who was once active in the local alumni organization.

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Edwards woos Lewiston crowd

by Evan Kohn
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Dozens of Bowdoin students carpooled to Lewiston Sunday afternoon to see that nice guy who, just last fall, campaigned so much in nearby New Hampshire's key primary.

But keeping with his campaign's recently-emphasized focus on how to best conduct the war on terror, Democratic Vice Presidential candidate John Edwards descended into the hot and sweaty Lewiston Armory gymnasium as a political hawk.

Conventional wisdom might have expected Edwards, the son of a mill-worker, to address a mill-town like Lewiston by talking about jobs and healthcare at the

town-hall meeting. Instead, the North Carolina Senator served up charged language and harsh criticism of the Bush administration's foreign policy.

Distancing himself from the young, smiling, "wavy haired," and inexperienced image the President tried to paint just last week in Bangor, Edwards said within minutes of taking the stage, "When I am your vice president we will find al-Qaida. We will find these terrorists where they are and we will crush them before they can do any harm on America."

In reference to the Bush administration's claims of success in Iraq, Edwards said, "These people

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Republicans rally at Dems convention

by Bobby Guerette
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College Republicans gathered around Maine Governor John Baldacci's vehicle on Saturday and chased it down the street as he left the Maine College Democrats of America College Convention Saturday.

Approximately 25 College Republicans stood outside of Moulton Union before, during, and after Baldacci's speech on Saturday afternoon. They chanted phrases and held signs to rally around their candidate, President George W. Bush. Convention attendees and dignitaries could hear the shouts inside Lancaster Lounge, where Baldacci spoke.

"[We] want to make sure that people know that Bowdoin is Bush country," College Republicans Chairman Alex Linhart '06 said before the speech.

"Members of the group were



Karsten Moran, *Bowdoin Orient*

Members of the Maine College Republicans rally at the Democratic Convention Saturday.

banging on the window," said Democrat Charlie Ticotsky '07. An *Orient* photographer confirmed the disturbance.

Following his speech, Baldacci spoke with students and gave an

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Governor and Congressmen cite youth vote

by Beth Kowitz
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Maine's top three Democrats emphasized the importance of the youth vote in interviews with the *Orient* at the Maine College Democrats of America College Convention.

Keynote speaker Governor John

Baldacci spoke in Moulton Union on Saturday to a packed house.

"There's a lot of enthusiasm here, and I believe it's the young people who are giving me this enthusiasm," Baldacci said in an interview. "I felt a lot of energy in that room, and you want to harness that energy."

Baldacci said he thought the upcoming election would bring the largest turnout to the polls in the state's history, citing "huge referendum impacts" as the cause.

"It is your future," said Baldacci. "The policies I'm working on...will be there to benefit you."

When asked whether he believes students should vote in Maine or in their home states, Baldacci said that as long as students vote, it is up to them to choose where.

"I'd hate to advise them," he said. Baldacci expressed similar senti-

ments in his speech concerning youth voters.

"You're interested, you're concerned, and you want to make a difference," he said. "It's the collective strength that allows the changes to occur."

Congressman Mike Michaud of Maine's second congressional district was the first major speaker at the event last Friday.

"It's important for the younger generation to get involved because it's your future," said Michaud in an interview. "Everything that we're dealing with in Congress is going to affect the younger generation."

Like Baldacci, Michaud said that he felt speaking with college students was important

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