



Student performers swing into the season



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Student performers show off a semester worth of work at the December Dance performance. See related story, page 8.

Bridging alcohol divide a challenge

Res Life, BSG, and Safe Space join forces to confront student polarization

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Some may think that college and alcohol go hand in hand, but recently there has been rising concern on campus that alcohol has divided Bowdoin's social scene.

Early next semester, Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) will sponsor a discussion that will explore the division between drinkers and non-drinkers on the social level and develop concrete solutions to bridge the alleged gap. Representatives from BSG, Residential Life, the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs, sports teams, Howell House, the health center, the counseling center, and the larger student body will participate in the discussion.

BSG President DeRay McKesson '07 is concerned by the issue.

"The division between drinkers and non-drinkers is growing, and it will be unmanageable soon if we don't do something about it," he said in an interview with the Orient.

BSG is not the only campus group worried about the alleged rift between students. Safe Space, a sexual assault awareness group on campus, recently sponsored a discussion called "Alcohol as a Social Lubricant."

"Coming into college, you have a pre-conceived notion of what having fun at college is like," Carrie Roble '08 said during the Safe Space discussion held in Sills Hall last month.

To many students, this pre-conceived notion includes lots of drinking, while others imagine a social scene with little or no alcohol involved. Many agree that the social scene at Bowdoin is largely influenced by the

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Schuberth named vice chairman of state GOP

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Daniel Schuberth '06 has been elected the new vice chairman of the Maine Republican Party, making him the youngest vice chairman of a state chapter in the nation.

In the position, Schuberth will be responsible for fundraising and mobilization efforts. He says that he also plans to influence the state's economic situation by supporting businesses and efforts to lower taxes.

"The most important issue to me has always been creating a business climate in Maine that will allow more of our young people to stay here and raise families after they finish college," Schuberth said.

"Maine is currently the most over-taxed state in America, and this taxation creates an oppressive business climate that encourages businesses to leave Maine in search of better options," he said.

Schuberth has been involved in the Republican Party since high

school, when he served as an intern in New Jersey for Doug Forrester, then a candidate for the U.S. Senate.

Schuberth, elected on November 19 on the heels of controversy involving his criticism of U.S. Marine and Bowdoin student Alex Cornell du Houx '06, said that he plans to continue his involvement with the Republican Party and in Maine politics after his term as vice chairman ends in December 2006.

"I am excited to be able to stay in Maine, even though so many of my peers do not have the same option," Schuberth said.

"I plan on working every day to help elect Republican candidates until my term has ended. I certainly am looking forward to serving my country and my party for many more

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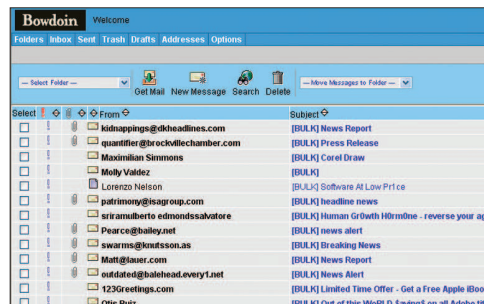
Pricey filters can't stop all spam

by Nat Herz
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As Bowdoin's Information Technology Department (IT) fights the ongoing battle with spam, students are trying different methods to deal with the junk emails that clog their inboxes. Despite the purchase of two sophisticated filters that cost around \$5,000 to purchase and 20 percent of that per year for service and support, students are still receiving numerous spam emails every day. And, according to Chief Information Officer Mitch Davis, the problem is not going away.

"Spam is a never-ending issue," Davis said. "We have two spam filters that filter messages on a daily basis, but spam is just getting worse, not better."

According to Davis and Senior Administrator of IT Randy Pelletier, the major issue with spam involves



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Students find their email boxes filled with junk mail sent to class lists.

the lists that professors use to send out emails to their classes. Most students receiving spam get emails addressed to these lists, not to their personal accounts.

This problem is preventable, says Pelletier, by making the lists inaccessible to anyone without a

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Cornell du Houx leaves Bowdoin for Iraq service

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U.S. Marine Alex Cornell du Houx '06 leaves Bowdoin on Monday to train in Fort Devons, Massachusetts, in preparation for his upcoming deployment to Iraq. He will be training for "desert and urban combat" at Fort Devons for the next 20 days.

After training, Cornell du Houx will return to Solon, Maine, to spend Christmas with his family. He will then spend two months in California at Twenty-Nine Palms and Camp Pendleton. Following his training session in California, Cornell du Houx will spend seven months on the ground in Iraq.

There, he will work with weapons and machinery.

"My job is 0351 Assault, so I'll be shooting rockets and dealing with explosives," he said.

He will most likely be leaving for Iraq at the end of February or the beginning of March.

"It could be on my birthday," he noted, which is March 6.

Cornell du Houx does not yet know where he will be in Iraq.

"That's the number one question," he said.

Oliver Radwan '08 will replace Cornell du Houx as co-president of the Bowdoin College Democrats.

"I will miss his friendship and the leadership example he has always provided for the Dems," Radwan said.

"With him leaving, I'm stepping into some big shoes, but we will do our best to keep everything up to the

high standards developed by Alex."

Although Edward Little Professor of the English Language and Literature William Watterson did not know him personally and never taught him, at a reception honoring Cornell du Houx on Monday night, Watterson gave him a Roman war ring from World War II to take with him to Iraq.

In his last days at Bowdoin, Cornell du Houx reflected on the caring and supportive community he is leaving behind.

"Bowdoin College is a wonderful place and I'll miss the people at Bowdoin the most," he said.

"When he's gone he will stay in

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