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Bears claim sixth consecutive NESCAC crown



Beth Kowitt, The Bowdoin Orient

The team celebrates its win with a post-game huddle. Bowdoin will challenge Colby-Sawyer at home tonight in the NCAA first round.

by Vanessa Kitchen
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For the sixth year in a row, the Bowdoin Women's Basketball Team captured the NESCAC crown. Sunday's thrilling victory over Bates gave the Bears an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III regional tournament. The Bears will play host to the first and second rounds of the tournament this weekend.

As if a NESCAC championship was not enough, two Bowdoin players received NESCAC honors. Senior Justine Pouravelis and sophomore Marisa Berne were awarded Co-Player of the Week honors for their outstanding performances against Wesleyan in the semifinals on Saturday and against Bates on

Sunday. In the Wesleyan match, Berne scored 12 points, while Pouravelis contributed eight points and had 12 rebounds in the 61-46 win. Playing against Bates for the title, Berne posted a game-high 18 points with Pouravelis netting 10 points and 11 rebounds in the 68-58 win.

Wesleyan started off Saturday's semifinal match with a bang, taking the lead and forcing Bowdoin to step up its level of play. After three minutes, the Polar Bears hit their stride and took the lead, which they would maintain for the rest of the game. The Bowdoin squad capitalized on free-throw opportunities, sinking 21 of 31 shots, while Wesleyan was only successful in four of 17.

The Cardinals managed to catch

up at the start of the second half, but they could not overtake the Bowdoin players. With two layups, a free-throw by Berne, and a solid defensive effort, the Bears overpowered Wesleyan in the semifinal match.

The next day, the Bears were back on the court, challenging Bates on the Bobcats' home turf. Once again slow to warm up, Bowdoin allowed the Bobcats to take a 10-0 lead early in the first half. Missed opportunities on the free-throw line and from the field preserved the Bobcats' lead. Bates held a 26-19 lead at the half.

With a surge of energy, Bowdoin returned in the second half fully focused. Julie Loonin '07, who scored 17 points in the second half,

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Emails can send wrong message

With faculty surprised by student mail, manners expert advises respect

by Bobby Guerette
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After regularly receiving overly informal emails in their inboxes—and even the occasional inappropriate message—some faculty members are wondering if students might want to slow down before they click the “send” button.

Faculty members point to messages they have received that make

unfair demands or turn out to be downright embarrassing for students.

Edward Little Professor of the English Language and Literature William Watterson received this message from a student on the eve of a final examination two years ago:

“Hey professor, the airport limo is here to take me to Portland so I won't be taking the final examination for English 210 tomorrow. Please call me at home at your earliest convenience so that we can clear this matter up.”

Professor of Government Paul Franco once received an email from

a student apologizing for sending a message that was not intended for Franco's eyes.

“Of course, I immediately sought out the offending message, which described in detail a night of drunkenness and debauchery,” Franco said.

Perhaps the most common complaint among faculty are emails from students who apologize for missing class and then ask, “Did I miss anything?”

Visiting Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies Jill Pearlman

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Mills creates advisory committee on Darfur

by Beth Kowitt
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With the formation of an advisory committee on Darfur by President Barry Mills this week, Bowdoin may become the latest addition to the small list of colleges and universities taking a stand on investment in Sudan.

Harvard, Stanford, Amherst, Dartmouth, and, most recently, Brown and Yale have all taken some form of action concerning their investments in the region in response to concerns related to genocide and human rights violations in Darfur.

Mills said the steps taken by these schools will likely be reviewed by the nine-member committee made up of faculty, staff, students, and trustees and headed by Gerald Chertavian '87. He noted, however, that these institutions have taken

“different but similar positions.”

“I think it's important not to generalize what any school has done, to read quite carefully the statements that they make,” Mills said. “In general terms all of these schools have elected to divest, but the technicalities of what that means have to be read very carefully because it is subtly and not so subtly different.”

While Mills said the committee's primary responsibility is to consider investment policy and make a recommendation to the trustees in time for their campus meetings in May, he noted there may be room for non-financial recommendations.

“I think that if the people on the committee have views as to actions that the College ought to take that are educational, things that we can do to show our support, certainly we

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College House System subject of campus enthusiasm, debate

by Steve Kolowich
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As a selection committee prepares to consider a record 213 candidates for residency in Bowdoin's six college houses, interviews with leaders of the College House System show that there is not a consensus on what the goals of the system should be.

According to Director of Residential Life Kimberly Pacelli, the applicant pool is significantly larger than normal.

“I've consistently seen the number of applicants at about 175, with some modest ups and downs,” she said, “but this is the first year we've ever broken 200 applicants that I can recall.”

“Students, on the whole, are much more positive about the houses this year than in past years,” she said.

There are 150 spots for membership to the college houses. Residential Life will make its deci-

sions public after Spring Break.

Amid the annual excitement and nerves that the college house application process causes, questions loom about the houses and their

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Attorney general: Help stop local teen drinking

by Mary Helen Miller
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As Maine Attorney General Steven Rowe enlisted members of the Topsham area community to stop underage drinking, he also called on

an unusual group to join his fight—Bowdoin students.

“The students at Bowdoin could serve as mentors for kids in middle school and high school,” Rowe said in an interview with the Orient. He noted that adolescent boys especially need college-age men to be role models.

The interview followed the first of 23 summits focused on underage drinking in Maine. The summit took place at Mt. Ararat High School in Topsham on Tuesday evening.

In addition to the attorney general, who was the event's keynote speaker, the attendees were mostly parents, a handful of high school students, and a few police officers.

“We may not have a lot of polish, but we have a lot of passion,” Rowe said in his speech in reference to the

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Stone cold: seventy winters without a shiver



Mike Ardolino and Drew Fulton, The Bowdoin Orient

Dedicated by the Class of 1912 in June 1937, the polar bear outside Smith Union has survived nearly 70 years of Maine winters.

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