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## 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.

## Schuberth named vice chairman of state GOP

by Theresa Weaver  
ORIENT STAFF

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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by Emma Powers  
ORIENT STAFF

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



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## Pricey filters can't stop all spam

by Nat Herz  
ORIENT STAFF

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

## Bridging alcohol divide a challenge

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

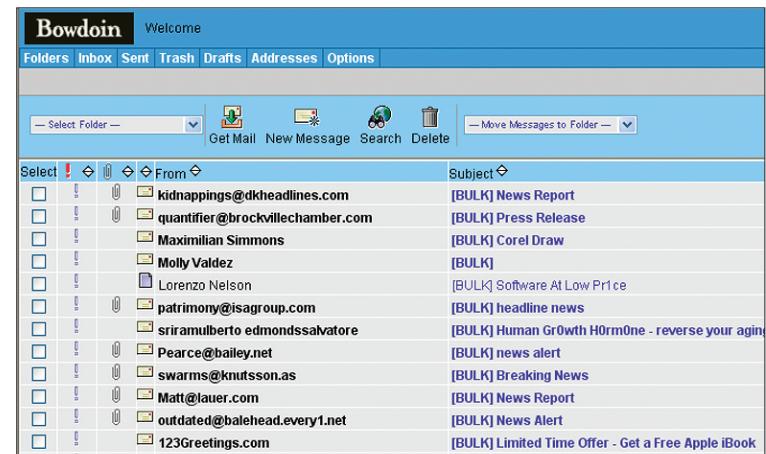
by Mary Helen Miller  
ORIENT STAFF

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.

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## Pricey filters can't stop all spam



Drew Fulton, The Bowdoin Orient

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

"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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## INSIDE

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historic season at Final

Four in Virginia

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## U.S. Marine Cornell du Houx '06 says his farewell to Bowdoin



Mike Ardolino, The Bowdoin Orient

Speaker of Maine State House John Richardson (D-Brunswick) and Bree Dallinga '06 wished U.S. Marine Cornell du Houx '06 a safe return home at his farewell party in Smith Union on Monday.

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touch with Bowdoin. We're all hoping he'll take care of himself over there," Radwan said.

Cornell du Houx will be keeping an online blog to inform the

Bowdoin community of his work overseas, a link to which is available from Radwan.

Cornell du Houx's interview with NBC will air on "Nightly News" at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 3.

## College seeks to bridge divisions between drinkers and non-drinkers through campus-wide discussions

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presence of alcohol.

"One of the first interactions we had with our Quinby buddies was them asking us for beer money," Nick Dunn '09 said during the Safe Space discussion.

In an interview with the Orient, Rachel Dicker '09, a student who lives in chem-free housing, said that she does not think social houses are exclusive because everyone can attend events at them, even if many non-drinkers choose not to.

"It is an unintentional exclusion, and it can't really be helped if people don't go because they choose not to drink," she said.

Alex White '08, the president of Ladd House, thinks that social houses have a duty to provide the social scene that students expect.

However, White said, "It is the crucial responsibility of those upperclassmen who live in the house to recognize that not all expectations are the same and not everyone wants to drink."

Director of Residential Life Kim

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Alex White '08  
President of Ladd House

ates between drinkers and non-drinkers] is a problem, but I don't think there is mal-intent behind it," she said. "College houses do a lot of different kinds of events."

These events include various chem-free activities that tend to be easily overlooked because of their small size.

Although Pacelli believes that the social houses already do a lot to accommodate drinkers and non-drinkers, she also thinks there is room for improvement.

"It is up to the people who want to see a change to help [plan events]," she said. Residential Life has recently formed

## Schuberth appointed to state GOP position as Bowdoin Democrats dominate college level

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years to come," he said.

Several other Bowdoin students have recently found themselves more involved in state level organizations as well, as recently elected members of Maine College Democrats. Oliver Radwan '08 will serve a one-year term as co-president of the Maine College Democrats with Bree Dallinga '06,

## CORRECTIONS

• Due to an editing error, the November 18 story "Sophomores arrested on trespassing charge" said Kappa Sig had not been used since 1997 while in fact, it housed students through May 2000.

• The report "House Passes Higher Education Act" incorrectly stated that the bill now moves to the U.S. Senate. In addition, the headline

a subcommittee to examine its role regarding alcohol's presence in the social scene. According to RA Tucker Harrison '06, a member of the subcommittee, there are various ideas in the works about ways Residential Life could address the issue.

Ideas include conducting a survey or focus groups to give Residential Life a better understanding of students' experiences. Possible program ideas include setting up tables with statistics about alcohol and having students create a tapestry to express how alcohol has affected them.

Kat Anderson '08, who grew up in the Czech Republic, thinks that the problem is a result of the way our culture views alcohol. While in high school, Anderson often went out with a group of friends—some who drank and some who didn't, but, she said that "it wasn't a big deal."

Anderson believes drinkers and non-drinkers are more segregated in the social scene at Bowdoin than they were in the Czech Republic. She said that this segregation is caused because students often view drinking itself as an activity instead of an element of a different activity.

"We drank as part of going out, and here, going out is part of drinking," she said.

*See related story on cultural drinking differences, page 5.*

who will serve a six-month term as co-president. Brandon Mazer '08 has been elected to a one-year term as co-vice president, and Anya Trundy '06 has been elected to a six-month term as vice president. Frank Chi '07 will serve a one-year term as director of communications, Miranda Yaver '09 will serve a one-year term as director of programs, and David Thomson '08 will serve a one-year term as treasurer.

incorrectly implied the vote dealt with a reauthorization of the Higher Education Act. The web version of the story was changed to correct these errors.

• "NBC to feature Marine's story" incorrectly named Frank Chi president of the Maine College Democrats when he is really co-president of the Bowdoin College Democrats.

## CAMPUS SECURITY REPORT: 11/14 TO 11/26

### Monday, November 14:

• A student reported his bicycle missing from the porch of Quinby House.

• A student reported finding his missing bicycle in the bicycle rack at Moulton Union.

• Security responded to an alcohol policy violation in the parking lot of Brunswick Apartments.

### Tuesday, November 15:

• A compact disc case containing several CDs was found at Moulton Union and turned in to Security.

• A student reported her bicycle missing from Burnett House.

### Wednesday, November 16:

• A student residing on School Street reported a suspicious person outside the building.

### Thursday, November 17:

• The fire alarm at Farley Field

House was activated by smoke from burnt popcorn.

### Saturday, November 19:

• The fire alarm at MacMillan House was activated by smoke from burnt popcorn.

### Sunday, November 20:

• Security assisted an intoxicated student on Maine Avenue.

• A security officer encountered an underage student in possession of alcohol on South Campus Drive.

• A Bowdoin megaphone was reported missing from a display case in Morrell Gym.

• A fire alarm caused by a malfunctioning heat detector was reported at Chamberlain Hall.

### Monday, November 21:

• A missing bicycle was located near Maine Hall and returned to the owner.

• A report was made of disorderly conduct by a student visiting MacMillan House.

• A student reported backing into a signpost with a college van at the Burnett House parking lot.

### Tuesday, November 22:

• A student reported his bicycle missing from the parking lot at Brunswick Apartments.

### Friday, November 25:

• An unregistered event was dispersed at Chamberlain Hall.

### Saturday, November 26:

• A security officer apprehended an intoxicated Brunswick resident operating a vehicle recklessly in the Coffin Street parking lot. Brunswick Police made the arrest.

*Compiled by Bowdoin Department of Safety and Security.*

## BOWDOIN STUDENT GOVERNMENT WEEKLY REPORT

by Cati Mitchell  
ORIENT STAFF

- Attendance: 23/26. Absent: Jacqueline Abrams '08, Allison Chin '07, Sophia Seifert '09.
- BSG Officer Team met with the Colby Student Government to compare and discuss.
- Christopher Hill '74 will be coming to campus next Wednesday

to meet with students and speak about his role as Chief Negotiator in the U.S. talks with North Korea.

• The Student Affairs Committee will be sponsoring a study break in Thorne on December 13.

• \$425 was allotted by a vote of 22-1 to rent a bus to transport students to the Bowdoin-Colby hockey game on December 9.

# Former Iraq soldier shares war experience with powerful poetry

by Chris Marotta  
ORIENT STAFF

Brunswick residents, faculty, and students alike filled the Main Lounge of Moulton Union to hear Iraq war veteran and poet Brian Turner read from his recent collection, *Here, Bullet*. As Turner's soft but piercing voice filled the room, the audience sat transfixed. Most looked to the podium, but others looked down as Turner read about his experiences as an infantry team leader.

Turner, who earned a master's of fine arts degree from the University of Oregon before going abroad for a year in Korea, enlisted in the peace-time army upon his return. He was deployed in Bosnia from 1999 to 2000 before serving in Iraq for a year in 2003. During his time in Iraq, Turner filled his few spare moments jotting down notes and thoughts.

Because of his prior experiences writing poetry, Turner said that writing in the middle of battle was, "a natural motive for me."

*Here, Bullet* is not Turner's first publication. However, he said that his style of writing changed in Iraq.

"A lot of the embellishment, a lot of the musicality that I had put into books before had been intentionally checked [in this book]," he said.

"I wanted it to be open and accessible to the person at the bus stop. I come from a working-class family—that isn't a lack of intellect and sophistication, it's just a different approach to sophistication."

Matt O'Donnell, the associate editor of Bowdoin Magazine, introduced Brian Turner before the reading. O'Donnell is also the founder of "From the Fishouse," an online audio archive of emerging poets, through which he became connected with Turner.

Once Turner took the podium, the audience went silent. He began the reading with "Here, Bullet," the poem for which the collection is named.

His poems told stories about an army cook with startling green eyes killed by a roadside bomb, the suicide of a deployed soldier, and the longing for America expressed through a war medic's guitar. In between his readings, Turner shared some of his personal experiences not contained in the collection. He talked about waiting to be taken home while mortar shells exploded around him, writing high in a tower gazing over the desert, and Iraqi culture.

"[There is] so much we can learn," said Turner about the culture.

"The Iraqi people are very brave. They're just like us—they are women and men with babies, with crushes. I think you probably would be able to emphasize with that."



Drew Fulton, The Bowdoin Orient

Prior to reading, Turner met students and answered questions over dinner at MacMillan House. Many of the same questions arose at the Q&A following his reading later that night in Main Lounge.

Iraqi will be paid \$80 a day to shoot at American soldiers and \$500 to kill one, and how many are content aiming to miss for the smaller sum.

Throughout the reading, Turner was very modest and quietly unaware of the impact of his words. After reading a few poems, he said, "Allow me to indulge you with a few more."

When urged to read more poems, he said, "I don't want for people to fall sleep."

Coming from a working-class family—his father, a welder, and his mother, a working bartender—Turner says he is not used to the spotlight. Since the book was released in early November, it has received the 2005 Beatrice Hawley Award, and has become a New York Times editor's choice.

Despite his modesty, many students were affected by the reading.

"It was really cool—you hear about the war, but you never really know how it is to actually be there," Charles Stern '09 said.

While the reading was focused more on the emotions and environment of Iraq, the night was not free of politics. One of the first questions Turner was asked was how he felt about the current rhetoric in Washington about

the war. After thinking for a moment, Turner replied, "I don't know about the word 'rhetoric.' It sounds loaded."

Turner then proceeded to give his opinion about the war as a whole.

"I believe that pre-emptive action is not a strategy we should use overseas, and that it's not a strategy we should use at all. As a leader in the world, it's not how to lead—I don't think it was a good decision."

He also shared the mixed feeling he felt when first notified that he was going to Iraq.

"I mulled over prison time," he said. However, Turner did go, and fought despite his personal feelings.

"The war affects everyone like a rock in the pond," Turner said.

During a question and answer session following the reading, one town resident asked Turner if it was difficult to reflect in the midst of the conflict.

Turner only replied that, "With death constantly in the background, I felt pressured to write as quickly as possible."

At the end of the reading, Turner requested donations to booksforsoldiers.com, an organization that provides books to soldiers fighting overseas. He talked about how he used the service himself while he was fighting, and how much of a difference it made. Turner finished by saying, "you might just influence somebody."

# BSG debates changes to young constitution

by Cati Mitchell  
ORIENT STAFF

The Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) is in the throes of a lengthy process to revamp its entire constitution. BSG's present focus is on improving the structure of the student government body itself.

The current constitution is in its fourth year. Thus far, there have been five attempts made to make changes to it. At least two have been passed, according to Vice President of BSG Affairs Dustin Brooks '08.

Brooks noted that the original document was "poorly written." His committee sees two major problems with the constitution at present—a lack of accountability and unfair representation.

The main issue with accountability lies with the vice presidents. Under the current structure, if there is a VP who fails to do his or her job well, there is no contingency plan.

Social houses are one of the biggest points of debate. Several members of BSG feel that social houses are overrepresented on the body. Of the 26 members, six come from social houses, which make up a relatively small proportion of the student body.

The committee on BSG Affairs is looking to "flush out what different responsibilities are," according to Brooks. Under the current document, the role of the president has very few outlined responsibilities. The positions of the treasurer and the VPs are also unclear, according to members of BSG.

BSG President DeRay McKesson '07 believes that by clarifying the constitution and refining roles, the current system could work very well.

"I want us to perfect this," he said.

Before the present constitution was put into place four years ago, BSG was made up of three bodies—the SAFC, a Student Congress, and the officer team, E-9.

The system was "very disconnected," said Brooks, and the current constitution is "an amalgamation of those three groups."

"It is widely agreed upon that something to some degree needs to change," Brooks said.

Although this may be the case, progress has been slow. Four weeks ago, BSG Affairs presented the full body with its ideas for a new structure, which sparked a month-long debate with very little progress.

BSG Affairs decided this Tuesday to take a new approach, holding a discussion on the four main issues—committees, representation, leadership, and elections.

BSG Affairs will take the ideas presented at the meeting and form a new document, which should be presented within the next few weeks.

In order for any constitutional amendment to be made, it must be approved by the BSG by a four-fifths vote.

It must then be passed by two-thirds of the student body.

An amendment should be ready to be voted on by the beginning of next semester.

## BOWDOIN BRIEFS

### NEWS FROM BENEATH THE PINES

#### Hannaford donates \$100,000 to fund new concert hall

Bowdoin received a \$100,000 grant from the Hannaford Charitable Foundation to aid in the construction of a new recital hall that is expected to be finished in the spring of 2007.

The 290-seat recital hall will be used for small and mid-sized musical performances. Included in the facility will be a rehearsal room, nine practice rooms, a lobby and box office, performers' dressing rooms and restrooms, a green room, raked auditorium seating, and a stage that will accommodate many types of musical performances.

In addition to serving as a venue for Bowdoin performances, the recital hall will also accommodate various musical performances which are open to the public, serving the midcoast and southern Maine communities.

The College hopes that in implementing these projects, it will work toward strengthening its performing arts programs and music involvement among the student body.

The Hannaford Charitable Foundation has been consistently supportive of local Maine com-

munities and is reportedly pleased to extend this support.

#### Kusick '05 to aid Hurricane Katrina relief with FEMA

Only one and a half weeks after beginning a job teaching in New Orleans, Ashley Kusick '05 found herself displaced by the effects of Hurricane Katrina, according to the Portsmouth Herald. Her neighborhood flooded, her car ruined, and the school at which she was teaching closed, she now works with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in order to aid those who are in drastic circumstances as a result of the hurricane.

Through FEMA, Kusick looks through the applications of people who, like herself, have been displaced and helps to determine the aid for which they are eligible.

Kusick, as quoted by the Portsmouth Herald, said, "It's mid-November, and still some people have no place to live."

Kusick, who graduated in May, entered the Teach for America program and was assigned to teach in New Orleans.

After a summer-long training program in Texas, she began teaching in mid-August.

According to the Portsmouth

Herald, Kusick has yet to decide whether or not she will ultimately return to her teaching position.

#### NH man with trespassing history at Bowdoin charged with stalking at other schools

According to Channel 3 News of Burlington, Vermont, Scott Nitchie of Concord, New Hampshire, faces new charges after having repeatedly been caught trespassing on college campuses in Maine, Vermont, and New Hampshire. Bowdoin was one such college.

Nitchie, 25, was charged with stalking four young girls in July and for peeping through a bathroom window. While the stalking charges are considered class A misdemeanors, the latter offense is considered a violation.

According to the Channel 3 report, Nitchie has also been charged with trespassing on the grounds of a middle school in September, and in August, was accused of knocking on a dorm room door at Bowdoin College and asking the student for aloe vera to treat a sunburn. He has also been charged with violating his bail conditions and missing an arraignment for an earlier prowling charge, the report said.

—Compiled by Miranda Yaver