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## Football tied for first in NESCAC

Bowdoin football has a 4-0 record for the first time since 1938 following its 21-7 homecoming win against Hamilton. The Polar Bears are now tied for the top spot in NESCAC and the number two ranking in New England Division III.

Last week, the Orient misreported the team's current record and its historical context. (See correction, page 14.)

The battle for the best start in 67 years did not commence the way the Polar Bear faithful had predicted. After a 48-yard kickoff return, the Continentals only needed four plays to reach the end zone, taking a 7-0 lead. Soon after, however, senior quarterback Ricky Leclerc hit Jeff Nolin '06 with a 55-yard pass down the sideline to tie the game, 7-7.

Late in the second half, Lamont White '08 shook his way down the Bowdoin sideline, then cut back to the middle of the field where he encountered blockers out in front. Brendan Murphy '07 had his hand up waving for White to follow him. Behind Murphy's block, White finished off his 75-yard run into the end zone. When asked about the return, White said, "The game slowed down for me when I was running down



Drew Fulton, The Bowdoin Orient

**Tailback Jeff Smith '08 sidesteps over a Hamilton player during last Saturday's homecoming game. The Polar Bears are now 4-0.**

field. I thought I was out of room by the sideline, but I had blockers out in front."

"It was the best play I've seen at Bowdoin," Murphy said. "Our

defense was so excited to get out and block for him when he caught it that I knew he'd score."

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## Cornell du Houx '06 called to serve in Iraq

Alex Cornell du Houx '06 will have something more pressing than finals to worry about come December.

War.

Cornell du Houx is scheduled to leave for active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps at the end of the year. He will spend three months training in the United States, and then he will be deployed to Iraq. Cornell du Houx, who withdrew from a Brunswick Town Council race because of the order, currently estimates that his service there will last seven months.

"I am not nervous whatsoever," Cornell du Houx said in an interview late Thursday. "We are always ready to mobilize and we are trained to do this as a job."

While in Iraq, Cornell du Houx will participate in combat. He will launch rockets and use demolitions equipment. Conditions on the ground will vary—one night, he may sleep in a field and the next night he may sleep in barracks.

Cornell du Houx is currently president of the Maine College

Democrats and director of development for the College Democrats of America. He was quoted in a September 2004 issue of the Orient as stating at a PBS "MaineWatch" debate that President George W. Bush "misled the country" by taking action in Iraq.

However, Cornell du Houx sees no disconnect between his service and his political beliefs.

"There is no conflict with being a liberal and a Marine," Cornell du Houx said when asked about his political activism. "Regardless of my personal beliefs, it is my duty as a Marine to serve."

Cornell du Houx, who has been in the Marine Forces Reserves since he came to Bowdoin, said he always had an interest in the Marines before joining. He said the Marines offer opportunities to meet people and gain perspective.

The fact that the military is controlled by a Republican administration was not a factor when he made the decision to join.

"It didn't even come into consideration," he said.

Cornell du Houx was originally

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## Higher Education Act may reduce student aid

by Nat Herz  
ORIENT STAFF

The U.S. Senate is considering a new version of the Higher Education Act with potentially broad implications for the Bowdoin community. This new version calls for widespread changes to the previous version of the act, including fixing interest rates on federal student loans while at the same time increasing the maximum size of Pell Grants, the primary form of federal education grants.

A stipulation in the bill, referred to as the fair share provision, requires redistributions of money from a federal fund called the Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant

(SEOG). Currently, this money is allotted to colleges and universities using the age of the institution as a guide, not by the number of students that attend it.

If the bill is approved, Bowdoin would lose roughly \$85,000 in funding, according to Director of Student Aid Stephen Joyce. While this does not necessarily mean less aid for students, it could mean a reduction in the budget, said Joyce.

The new version would change the allocation to reflect geographical distribution of students, reducing the aid available to Bowdoin students. "We've come to depend on this funding and it would be a significant blow to the Northeast to have this disappear," Joyce said.

"The hurt is going to be on the college budget," Joyce said. "It might mean slightly higher loans for students; it might be that we find the grant money somewhere else, but if we do that some other part of the college isn't getting the money." Referring to the redistribution, Joyce says, "It's not alleviating the need and it's not creating any more funding. It's just rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic."

In a process called budget reconciliation, the Senate has been required to come up with approximately \$13 billion from its Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. To do this, committee leadership tried to devise a plan reducing spending on the Higher Education Act without nega-

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## Current supply of flu shots limited

by Frances Milliken  
ORIENT STAFF

With the seasonal drop in temperature and global fears of an avian flu epidemic, many students and staff are looking toward flu shots for protection against cold weather illnesses. However, some members of the Bowdoin community may have to look beyond Bowdoin for vaccinations this season.

A recent email from College Physician and Director of Health Services Dr. Jeff Benson notified the campus that the Dudley Coe Health Center has received a supply of flu

vaccines, but there are currently only enough to meet the demands of those who qualify as high-risk patients. Such high-risk patients include those with any chronic lung or heart disease, including asthma, or any chronic disease of the blood, kidneys or immune system. A member of the Bowdoin community may also receive a vaccination if he or she works in the Children's Center or has household contact with infants.

"Traditionally, 500 to 600 people are administered the flu shot at Dudley Coe per year," Benson said. "Of these, about 300 to 400 are students." Aside from the students,

there are faculty, staff, alumni, and members of the community who take advantage of Bowdoin's yearly supply.

Dr. Benson confirmed that there is a large enough quantity of shots to meet the high-risk demand and that more supplies are on the way.

"Our supplier has not provided us with a fixed date," he said, "but we don't expect to be waiting for more than two to three weeks."

After the initial email was released, there was a small frenzy of replies requesting attention. While

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## Departments adapt to new distribution requirements by adding courses, faculty

by Theresa Weaver  
ORIENT STAFF

Faculty are working to create new courses to fit into Bowdoin's recently updated distribution requirements. While many existing courses will be kept, some current courses will disappear to make room for new ones.

The faculty are encouraged to create courses that will be more interdisciplinary in nature across all departments of Bowdoin. These courses will be "modernized and focused on what we do today," according to Associate Dean for Curriculum and Faculty Development and Associate Professor of Mathematics Adam Levy. Proposals for new and altered courses are currently being submitted to the administration, though not all of these courses will appear in

the catalogue next year.

According to Levy, the only change to Bowdoin's distribution requirements that will affect current students is the first-year seminar requirement, which stipulates that all members of the Class of 2009 must take a first-year seminar this year.

Along with the first-year seminar requirement, students in the class of

2010 and future classes will be required to take courses in five different disciplines—mathematical, computational, or statistical reasoning; inquiry in the natural sciences; exploring social differences; international perspectives; and the arts.

They will also be required to take

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