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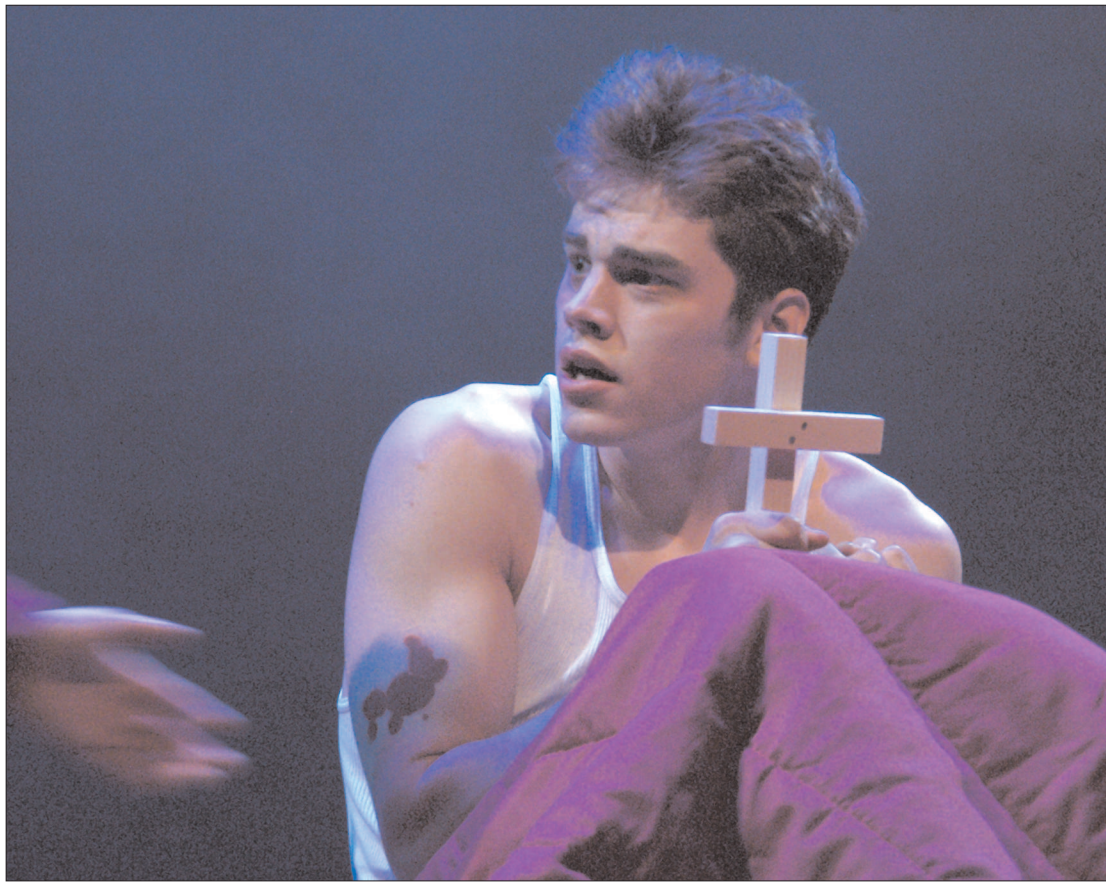
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Angels in America descends upon Pickard



Karsten Moran, *Bowdoin Orient*

Brady Kirchberg '05 appears in the Department of Theater and Dance's *Angels in America*. The play follows the struggles of two couples who deal with AIDS and drug use during the 1980s. Free tickets are available at the Smith Union Info Desk for tonight and tomorrow's 7:30 p.m. performances. For a review, see page 10.

Energized students flock to Maine polls

by Bobby Guerette
ORIENT STAFF

As pundits argue over the impact of youth voters in the 2004 election, one thing is clear: Bowdoin students of all political persuasions voted in force on Election Day.

"I have not in my career seen this level of interest," Dean of Student Affairs Craig Bradley said.

Although official statistics are not available, College Democrats Co-President Alex Cornell du Houx '06 said that his organization's polling shows that at least 81.5 percent of Bowdoin students voted in this election. Cornell du Houx suspects the actual total was far higher.

Bradley said students were already lining the polls when he went to vote on Tuesday morning.

"I was delighted to see so many Bowdoin students," he said. "It was heartening."

The College is located in Maine's First Congressional District, where Senator John Kerry easily defeated President George W. Bush. The winner of the Second Congressional District, which includes Bangor and Lewiston, was considered too-close-to-call through much of Election

Night. Kerry won that district, sweeping Maine's four electoral votes.

Although Bush lost Maine, the College Republicans pointed to successful organizational efforts and exit polls that showed success for Bush among youth.

"College Republicans across the state provided the majority of the volunteers for the Bush team to make the phone calls, go door-to-door, and implement a massive statewide [get-out-the-vote] effort," said Executive Director Chris Averill.

Averill worked at the polls for twelve hours Tuesday, and then drove to Bangor to watch results come in with other Republicans, including Senator Susan Collins.

CNN's exit poll data shows that Bush made a five percent gain among 18-29 year old Maine voters compared to the 2000 election. Fifty percent of young voters surveyed voted for Bush, while 48 percent voted for Senator John Kerry. The CNN study reviewed about 338 Maine voters in that age bracket as they exited polling places on

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Officials seek compromise with new museum design

College officials are calling the recently-approved renovation plan for the Walker Art Building a much-needed compromise between those who wanted to preserve the building and those who advocated for the museum's renovation. The building is home to the Bowdoin College Museum of Art.

"I think [the approved renovation plan] is a fine solution. Many of those who didn't agree with the earlier design fully understood the need for the building to be renovated—they just didn't like the entrance solution we first proposed," said Vice President for Planning and Institutional Advancement Scott Meiklejohn.

The renovation will maintain the facade of the building, while adding much-needed improvements to the interior of the building and constructing a pavilion at the south side of the building.

The \$20 million plans were approved by the trustees and first reported by the *Orient* last week. The approval made news throughout New England over the weekend. The design is the result of 15 years

of planning and includes the consideration of designs from three different architects.

"The current design by [architect] Silveti clearly provides us with a simple, elegant solution to this very complicated project," said Senior Vice President for Planning & Administration and Chief Development Officer Bill Torrey.

The architects worked closely with museum staff to incorporate the input into the final renovation plans.

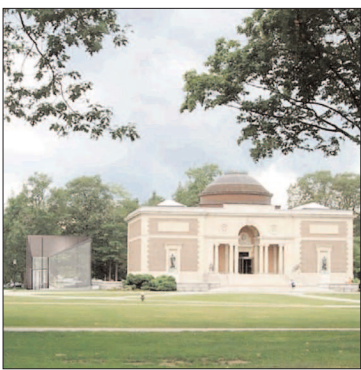
"We are therefore pleased with the plans and the ways in which our various needs and concerns have been met," the museum's staff said in a joint statement to the *Orient*.

Associate Professor of Philosophy and Environmental Studies Larry Simon also agreed that the plans seem to be a good compromise.

"The crucial part of the entire project is to make the inside more accessible and functional and thus to enhance the museum's capacity to serve the educational needs of the College and the interests of the public," said Simon.

"I am glad the plan does not [call]

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Courtesy of Communications

A glass pavilion will serve as an entrance to the art museum.

Despite fears, students vote with ease

by Natalie Craven
ORIENT STAFF

Despite confusing voting districts and fears of voter intimidation, students voted on Election Day without a hitch in Brunswick. There were no known problems with students changing their voter residency from other states to Maine.

"I had no trouble whatsoever at the polls," said Jack Clancy '07, who switched his registration to Maine from New York. "It was very easy, straightforward, and quick."

Kevin Larivee '06 volunteered at Moulton Union most of the day. He facilitated student travel to and from the polls and fielded any lingering student questions.

"To the best of my knowledge, student voting went relatively smoothly," he said. "I can't speak for every student, but voter participation at Bowdoin was extraordinarily high and I didn't hear of any problems at the polls when students tried to vote."

Both the College Democrats and the College Republicans made efforts to encourage every student to vote and helped students to switch their registration to Maine if they so desired or were not registered.



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Bowdoin students stop for a cookie break at Democratic headquarters in Mexico, Maine on Tuesday. The students were in the town to wave signs and work to get out the vote for Senator John Kerry and other candidates.

President Barry Mills sent a voice mail message to each student phone, encouraging the student population to vote. He stated that Bowdoin students are considered Maine residents and that Maine has same-day registration for voters.

During the 2000 presidential election, at least 10 Bowdoin students

were initially turned away from the polls by town officials citing concern that students only wanted to use their Maine residence to vote in the presidential election. The town registrar informed them that they were breaking the law by trying to register in

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