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## Autumn colors welcome alumni back home



Evan S. Kohn, The Bowdoin Orient

The fall foliage provides a colorful backdrop for this weekend's outdoor homecoming festivities.

## Car crash kills Bowdoin senior

*Friends remember creative talent and quiet spirit of Katie Scott*

by Evan S. Kohn  
ORIENT STAFF

Kathryn Anne Scott '06 died as a result of a car crash in New Hampshire over fall break.

Scott was alone in the car at the time of the crash on Monday evening. Soon afterwards she was taken to Elliot Hospital in Manchester and succumbed to serious injuries the next morning.

"Students who knew her have described Katie as a lovely woman," said Dean of Student Affairs Craig W. Bradley in an email to all students and faculty Thursday morning. "Katie made a number of contributions during her years at Bowdoin."

Scott's car hit a tree 100 feet off of an I-93 northbound lane in Londonderry according to the New Hampshire State Police Troop-B Milford Barracks. While not citing any specific evidence, the police

report said, "Alcohol and speed appear to be contributing factors to the crash."

No one else was injured by the crash.

The Orient was unable to speak with crash investigator Trooper Robert Lima despite repeated phone calls.

Scott spent last spring studying at Edinburgh University and had been on leave from Bowdoin since September.

An English major and education minor, Scott worked at Hatch Library and was a leader in the Asian Students Association, "a role she found to be personally meaningful," according to Bradley. "She danced as part of the hip-hop club, Obvious, and she performed in the Vagina Monologues in 2004," he said.

According to Bradley, students described her as someone "who was often reserved but could also be a 'fearless' creative spirit in dance and drama."

Scott served as the Back Page Calendar Editor for the Orient for three semesters.

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## Professor mugged on Park Row

by Bobby Guerette  
ORIENT STAFF

The Department of Safety and Security and Brunswick police are on the lookout for a man who assaulted and robbed a Bowdoin professor in an apparently random nighttime attack.

Director of Security Randy Nichols says investigators have conducted interviews with a number of people who "saw important things" before and after the robbery.

Associate Professor of Physics Steven Naculich was walking home from the Hawthorne-Longfellow Library at approximately 10 p.m. last Tuesday when the assailant attacked him from behind and wrestled him to the ground in front of Gustafson House. Gustafson House, which is home to the Student Aid Office, is located on the Park Row side of Maine Street.

The suspect stole Naculich's possessions and fled in the direction of

Coles Tower and Chamberlain Hall.

Investigators believe the assailant used nearby bushes as cover before the attack. He did not brandish a weapon.

Naculich said he suffered minor abrasions to his arms and knees, and has a sore neck, back, and ribs.

"I've been taking anti-inflammatories to reduce the swelling," he said.

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## Ad-hoc organization unites queer staff

by Dan Hackett  
ORIENT STAFF

Bowdoin's first ever Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Transgender (GLBT) faculty, staff, and friends ad-hoc organization recently convened to discuss the prospect and mission of an official organization.

The group was started from a student-initiated effort to solidify support for GLBT students and friends, according to Bernie Hershberger, licensed psychologist and interim director of the College's counseling services.

"A year or two ago some students came to me and asked whether or not there were GLBT staff on campus,"

he said. "At that point some staff may have been out but there was no organization proper."

Hershberger investigated Middlebury, MIT, and Wesleyan University to see if they had GLBT staff associations. He found that staff associations, web sites, and counseling services had been established to work with GLBT students.

"This prompted us to press the Bowdoin administration as to whether or not it was safe to be on staff and be out," Hershberger said.

The answer was an unequivocal yes, Hershberger said. He added, "This initiated a process to establish

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## Capital campaign on course

by James D. Baumberger  
ORIENT STAFF

One year into the behind-the-scenes phase of the capital campaign, Bowdoin is gauging interest from its biggest potential donors to determine if its goal of \$250 million is too high—or not high enough.

According to President Barry Mills, the College will likely be ready to publicly kick-start the campaign next fall. The initial plan for the fund drive was approved by the Board of Trustees last October.

Senior Vice President for Planning and Administration Bill Torrey said that the campaign team has already had discussions with 60 percent of board members and about half of other large donors.

"We're exactly where we want to be," he said.

Assessing the campaign's progress to date, Mills said in an interview with the Orient, "We're at a stage where we've established our priori-

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## Black faculty rate trails those of peer colleges

by Adam Kommel  
ORIENT STAFF

Bowdoin's number of black faculty is the lowest among highly-ranked liberal arts colleges, according to a recent study by The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education (JBHE).

A summer 2005 article in JBHE showed that of Bowdoin's 152 faculty, only three, or two percent, are black. Of the 21 liberal arts colleges that gave statistics to JBHE, Bowdoin's percentage is the lowest.

Dean for Academic Affairs Craig

McEwen said that the College is working hard to promote diversity among the faculty.

"It's not something we're happy about," McEwen said of Bowdoin's lack of diversity. "We're taking steps to change this pattern."

Bowdoin also holds the lowest percentage of black tenured faculty, with 1.1 percent, or one black professor out of 94 tenured faculty. Of the 23 schools that provided data to JBHE, only Claremont McKenna

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## Refurbished track honors alum



Drew Fulton, The Bowdoin Orient

The outdoor track will be rededicated during halftime of the homecoming football game to honor gold-medalist Joan Benoit Samuelson '79.

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