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Contract workers in critical condition

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Two construction workers are still in a critical care unit after the van they were driving crashed on their way to campus last week.

On April 5, three employees of Knowles Industrial Services of Gorham, the contractor that the College hired to do masonry for the renovations of Appleton and Hyde Halls, were traveling south on Interstate 295 toward their Bowdoin job site. The driver lost control of the van and crashed, seriously injuring two of the men.

James Wise, a craftsman, and Troy Merrill, a mason tender, both remained in the critical care unit at Central Maine Medical Center (CMMC) in Lewiston as of yesterday. According to their supervisor, Scott Doucette, Merrill is paralyzed from the neck down and remains in critical condition. As of Tuesday, Wise's condition was no longer listed as critical.

The driver, Daniel Graf, was released from Maine General Medical Center on the same day he was admitted.

According to a news release filed by Maine Department of Public Safety Spokesperson Steve McCausland, the workers were attempting to pass another vehicle just north of the Interstate 295 exit

Students camp in cardboard for cause



Mike Ardolino, The Bowdoin Orient
First years Cait Hylan and Hillary Hook set up their temporary shelter for the second annual Habitat for Humanity Sleep-Out on the Quad last night.

for Richmond when their van hit a patch of black ice, skidded, and rolled over three or four times before coming to a rest against some trees off the side of the highway.

Wise was thrown through the windshield of the van. He was airlifted to CMMC for treatment. The other men were transported by ambulance.

Bryant Pasamen, who worked with the three victims for approxi-

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Nebellen to stomp into Pickard

by Kelsey Abbruzzese
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After two years of phone calls and contract negotiations, the classical/hip-hop fusion dance group Nebellen will finally arrive on campus Saturday night. Thanks to the patience of Activities Board members Rachel Kaplan '06, Curtis Isacke '07, and Sandip Patel '07,

the Phoenix-based group will grace the Pickard Theater stage with the intention of turning it into a club scene.

First, for Pickard to suit to their needs, Nebellen requested that the marley floor onstage be removed. A marley floor, according to theater techie Sam Donovan '07, is "a semi-sticky rubber mat often used by dancers to protect their feet from the harsh wooden floor."

When asked why the dancers might ask for it to be removed, Isacke responded that most likely, the rubber mat hinders the performers' hip-hop styles or their ability to

stomp out beats onstage.

The Nebellen dancers are classically trained in ballet, but they use that classic training to better interpret and perform newer styles such as hip-hop and house. The result is an interesting and powerful combination—one that artistic directors Ellen Rath and Ben Howe intended to create when they founded the group.

Rath was a nine-year veteran of Ballet Arizona before leaving in 2005, while Howe is an alumnus of Arizona State University's dance

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Seniors pledge to graduate 'green'

by Mary Helen Miller
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Regardless of what this year's weather will bring next, campus is expected to be greener than usual for graduation.

Throughout the rest of the semester, seniors will be given opportunities to sign a pledge of life-long commitment to the environment. To show this dedication, these students will be encouraged to wear green ribbons during commencement exercises.

The pledge is one facet of a larger effort by many seniors and by Sustainable Bowdoin to make graduation "greener" this year and in the future.

"We're not the first ones to do this," Coordinator for a Sustainable Bowdoin Keisha Payson said. She cited College of the Atlantic, which recently held a "zero waste" graduation.

"We've seen this sort of thing happen at other schools, and we've become motivated," she said.

Students will try to compensate for energy used on campus during commencement weekend by buying "green energy," which comes from renewable, non-polluting sources.

"We're not actually replacing the energy that will be used," explained Ben Smith '06, who is spearheading the student initiative. "Instead, we are donating green energy somewhere else on the grid."

Smith is working with Facilities Management to determine the amount of energy that will likely be used during graduation weekend. This number will be reached by examining energy usage of certain buildings on an average day and tweaking the numbers to better represent the needs of the event. Although the students hope to be able to completely off-set the energy

usage with green energy credits, they have not raised the necessary funds yet.

Several smaller-scale changes will also be implemented to decrease the amount of environmental harm caused by graduation. For instance, recycle bins will be placed on the Quad to encourage guests and graduates to use them to dispose of their programs and water bottles.

Also, Sustainable Bowdoin plans to donate compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs to Maine Bay Canvas, the company that will provide tents for various outdoor events during the weekend. CFL bulbs use less energy and last longer than normal light bulbs. Maine Bay Canvas will also be able to use them for other events in the future that take place outside of Bowdoin.

"It's a symbolic donation," Smith said. "We are having an impact even beyond our graduation."

According to Payson, Bowdoin College Dining Service has come up with some of its own initiatives to make its operating procedures for the event more environmentally friendly. The cookware used will be biodegradable, the amount of locally produced foods will be increased, and the lobster shells from the lobster bake will be composted.

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Mills, students share Passover tradition



Drew Fulton, The Bowdoin Orient

Last night's Passover Seder, held by President Barry Mills and his wife, Karen Gordon Mills, brought together members of the Bowdoin community.

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