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## Yellow-clad protesters unite for rights



Drew Fulton, The Bowdoin Orient

A protest organized in opposition to Michael Heath's lecture asked students to arrive wearing yellow. Heath is leading the campaign to overturn a law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

by Bobby Guerette  
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Lydia Hawkins '07 was half focused on an interview, half focused on the enormous stream of yellow shirts entering the Visual Arts Center.

"I only printed 100 flyers. I thought that would be enough!" she yelled to a friend.

A few yards away, it was becoming apparent that the College Republicans would not have enough space in the 80-seat Beam Classroom for all the people who wanted to attend Michael Heath's

lecture. Seven minutes before the start time, they moved the audience to the 262-seat Kresge Auditorium.

Students still had to sit in the aisles.

How does the executive director of the Christian Civic League of

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## Bowdoin updating intellectual property policy amid allegation

by James D. Baumberger  
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In the midst of an allegation that a senior administration official improperly used the work of a faculty member, the College says it is working to update and expand its policy to protect intellectual property.

Dean of Academic Affairs Craig McEwen said in an interview with the Orient yesterday afternoon that much of the College's current policy is three decades old and has not been updated to reflect technological changes. McEwen said that the timing of the policy update was not a result of the allegation.

At a faculty meeting last April, Professor of Biology Carey Phillips—a Bowdoin faculty member since 1985—voiced concern that the work of an unidentified faculty member had been used in a grant application without that professor's permission.

"Unpublished work of a faculty member was submitted, essentially verbatim, as a grant proposal without

the knowledge or permission of the faculty member," Phillips said, according to the minutes of the April 4 faculty meeting. The minutes were acquired by the Orient from the College's archives.

McEwen told the Orient that he was unable to comment on the accuracy of Phillips' claim because it involved a personnel issue.

A well-informed source indicated that the grant, submitted during the last academic year, involved a computer-based learning center, but was subsequently withdrawn after its submission.

Faculty members and others who asked not to be identified confirmed that a senior administration official was the target of the allegation. No one the Orient interviewed would go on the record in verifying the identity of the official. For that reason, the Orient cannot publish the name.

The individual declined comment when contacted by the Orient.

The Orient had scheduled an

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## Mckesson disqualified as presidential candidate

Wong contests student body president's endorsement of candidate in recent elections

by Bobby Guerette  
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DeRay Mckesson '07 has been disqualified as a candidate for the presidency of the Class of 2007 in this week's completed elections, the Orient learned late Thursday.

At issue is Mckesson's role as president of Bowdoin Student Government (BSG).

According to a statement released by the BSG Elections Committee, Derrick Wong '07 filed a complaint to the committee on Thursday morning. The statement said, "Wong asserted that DeRay Mckesson...had misused his role as president of the student body by campaigning and publicly endorsing Elizabeth Laurits."

Wong, who ran unsuccessfully

against Mckesson in last spring's presidential election, was Laurits' sole opponent for the position of junior class treasurer.

"The Elections Committee decided that [Mckesson's] roles as a candidate and the president of the BSG could not be separated," the statement said. "As a result, the Elections Committee deems his actions to have been contradictory to his primary role as president of Bowdoin Student Government and requested his formal withdrawal as a candidate for president of the Class of 2007."

The committee cited a section of BSG's election rules that reads the committee "will be responsible for handling claims of violation of the election rules pertaining to candidates."

In the statement, the committee did not point to direct violations of any specific election rules. However, Vice President of BSG Affairs Dustin Brooks '08 told the Orient

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## Energy costs \$1 million over budget

In a letter addressed to the Bowdoin community, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration and Treasurer Katy Longley announced that the College will exceed its \$3.7 million utility budget for this year—the most ever budgeted to date—by at least \$1 million.

Longley urged students, faculty, and staff to be increasingly conscious of energy consumption and practice a number of energy conservation techniques that will help "mitigate the financial impact of rising fuel costs."

She stated that the College could save on electricity by switching from incandescent to compact fluorescent bulbs and by turning off lights and computers when they are not in use.

"Electricity is the College's most expensive energy commodity," she wrote.

The letter also addressed a new plan to lower most building temperatures to 68 degrees, a two-to-four degree drop from last year's average temperatures. The exceptions will be the Children's Center and Greason pool, where temperatures will remain higher.

In the letter, Longley stated that "For every degree reduction, we can save approximately three percent or \$75,000 in costs based on today's pricing and achieve similar reductions in emissions."

Bowdoin is in the midst of purchasing the remainder of its heating fuel for this fiscal year. Heating fuel makes up approximately 50 percent of the utility budget.



Hope Stockton for The Bowdoin Orient

The College has 37 percent of its fuel purchases "locked in," says Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration and Treasurer Katy Longley.

"We have about 37 percent of our fuel purchases locked in," Longley said in an interview with The Orient. "But it's such a volatile market right now that we are not going to buy at

these prices."

Longley attributed rising fuel prices to hurricanes Katrina and

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## Rwandan hero to speak

by Adam Kommel  
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Today's Common Hour lecture featuring Paul Rusesabagina sold out further in advance than any previous Common Hour event, according to Assistant Director of Events Brenna Hensley.

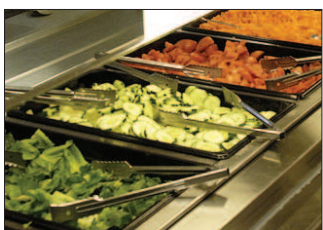
Rusesabagina is famous for his heroism during the 1994 genocide in

Rwanda. As a manager at a hotel, he used his influence to shelter over 1,000 Rwandan refugees and orphans. Many students know him as the main character from the 2004 film *Hotel Rwanda*, in which Don Cheadle played Rusesabagina.

The lecture will be held in Pickard Theater, which has a capacity of 602

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