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## Students fill theater for Kinsey '16 flick



Karsten Moran, *Bowdoin Orient*

Kim Stevens '05, Charlie Johnson '07, Rachel Coulter '04, and John Carpenter '05 watch a showing of *Kinsey* at the Eveningstar Theater Thursday evening. The packed house was sponsored by the Bowdoin Film Society.

## Bush budget could cut Upward Bound

by Ted Reinert  
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President George W. Bush's 2006 budget, to be unveiled Monday, may propose eliminating the Upward Bound program, which has had a chapter at Bowdoin since the 1960s. The funds would be redirected towards an extension of the No Child Left Behind program, according to a report in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

Upward Bound, established during the Johnson Administration's "War on Poverty," is one of five federally-funded TRIO programs aimed at helping low income students or those who would be the first in their families to go to college. Students who meet these criteria attend classes on college campuses in the summers before their junior and senior years of high school and receive academic and financial counseling in preparation for college.

Bowdoin's program, now in its fortieth year, is one of six in the state of Maine. Its annual budget is \$410,478, according to Bowdoin Director Bridget Mullen. That money provides funding for 100 stu-

dents drawn from Aroostook and Washington counties and several former mill towns in southern Maine.

"[The loss of funding] would be devastating for the students and their families, and a significant loss of an opportunity for hundreds of thousands of disadvantaged American high school students," Dean of Student Affairs Craig Bradley said.

Students come to Bowdoin for six weeks in the summer, living in Ladd House, Stowe Hall, and Howard Hall, while taking an intense academic class load. About a quarter of Upward Bound students return for a third summer for the Bridge program, which introduces the students to college life and includes a visit to Washington, D.C.

"The kids in the program for the most part want to be there because they realize its worth enough to give up their summers in order to take classes," said Kevin Erspamer '05, who worked for Bowdoin's program last summer. "The fact is that most of the kids do not have the slightest idea about college, and the program guides them through the process in

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## Four iPods disappear in locker room larceny

by Joshua Miller  
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Four students' portable music players proved a little too portable Saturday as their iPods were stolen out of the visitor's locker room near Morrell Gymnasium. The digital devices were snatched from the bags of visiting students from Trinity College. Bowdoin Security and the Brunswick Police Department are investigating.

The bags containing the iPods were not in lockers. Since a nearby wallet containing cash was left untouched, the loot was taken in what appeared to be a burglary targeting only electronics.

The Trinity students were absent for four hours, which gave investigators a time-frame for when the larceny occurred. Tapes from nearby surveillance cameras recorded during that period did not yield any serious suspects, investigators said.

According to Assistant Director of Security Mike Brown, over 500 people walked through the area during those four hours and could have had access to the locker room.

iPods, the popular MP3 players made by Apple Computer, Inc., measure less than four inches by two inches and are easily concealable. No one on the tape was openly carrying iPods, which sell for as much as \$499.

Although there are no solid leads at this time, Brown thinks it "more than likely that the [thief or thieves] will return to the campus."

"Typically it's the pattern of events that eventually does them in," said Brown. "They return and are found lurking in an area. Upon further questioning, a confession is netted."

It is unlikely, however, that the stolen goods will ever be returned to their rightful owners. Brown said that even if the criminals are apprehended, the electronics have likely been sold or traded already.

Locker room thefts are not new to Bowdoin. The recent theft "was certainly not the first time we have had [larcenies] in the locker rooms" Brown said. Although this theft is the first of the semester, students

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## SAT faces extreme makeover

College Board adds  
essay, removes analogies;  
top score raised to 2400

When high school juniors sit down to take the SAT on March 12, they will face a radically different test than today's college students took for college admission. New portions will be added to the test and other parts will be removed.

The College Board, the non-profit organization that owns and maintains the SAT, has decided to overhaul the college entrance examination. The new SAT will last three hours and 45 minutes, and consist of three sections—critical reading, math, and writing. The perfect score will be raised to 2,400 from 1,600.

Analogies will be eliminated from the section previously titled "verbal," some Algebra II will added to the math section, and the writing section will consist of a 25 minute essay and multiple-choice questions, which will ask students to identify sentence errors and improve paragraphs. The Writing SAT II will no



Mike Ardolino, *Bowdoin Orient*

Officials at the Office of Admissions predict that it will take at least three years before they know if the new SAT can predict college performance.

longer exist.

Although traditionally the SAT has been considered a reasoning test, the College Board is trying to shape it to reflect what is actually being taught in high schools.

It also attempting to influence what is taught in high schools. The College Board writes on its website that it "strongly believe[s] that making the writing section required and not optional will send a strong message about the importance of writing for success in college and the workplace."

Dean of Admissions Emeritus Richard Steele, who retired in 2001 after serving as Bowdoin's Dean of Admissions for ten years, is now a consultant to the College Board. The addition of the writing section is helpful not only to the Admissions Office, but to incoming students as

well, he said.

"Writing is very important to the experience at Bowdoin," Steele said, "and we knew from research at admissions that writing is important for success at Bowdoin."

The writing section and the essay have been the most scrutinized parts of the new SAT. Critics argue that the 25 minutes given will reward essays that are formulaic and bland, and that this style of writing may be then taught in schools. In addition, due to the short amount of time, students will not be able to revise and rewrite, an important component in learning how to write well.

Steele, on the other hand, said that the essay is meant to be "a sample of a rough draft that will give the Admissions Office a chance to see

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