

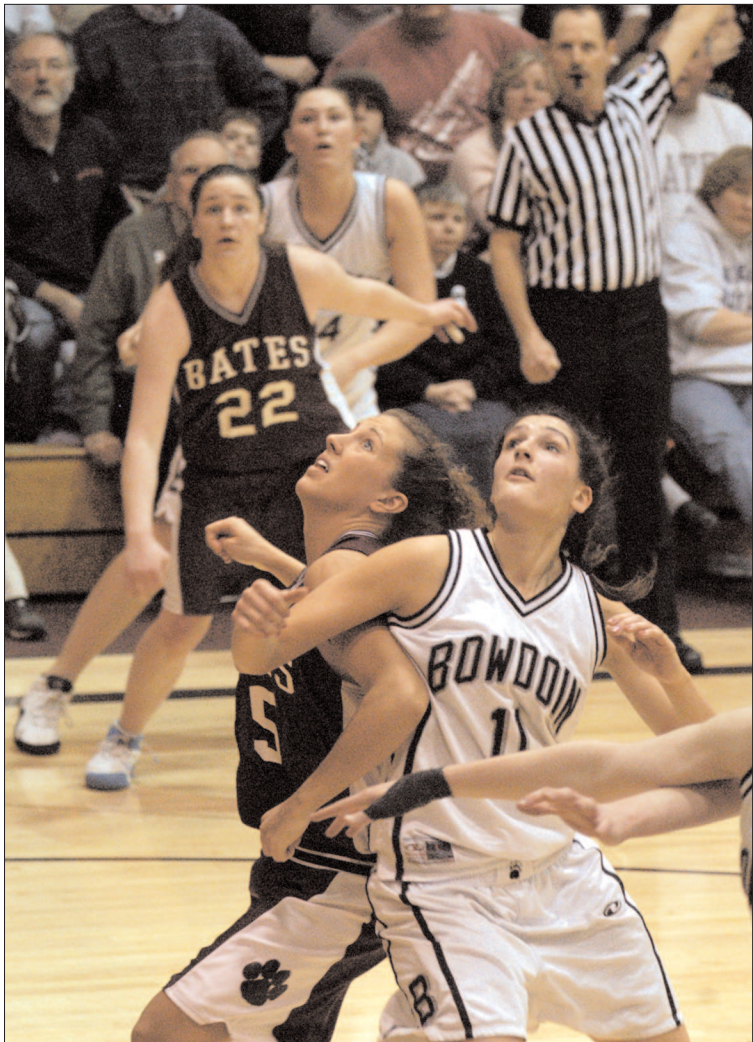


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Justine Pouravelis '06, front, fights a Bates player for the rebound while Marisa Berne '08, who had Sunday's game-high 21 points, looks on.

Hoops again earns conference crown

by Carolyn Dion
STAFF WRITER

After defeating Amherst in the semifinals, the Bowdoin Women's Basketball Team won its fifth straight NESCAC championship last Sunday on home turf against Bates. This victory seals its fourth-straight home win, as it advances to the NCAA tournament with a first-round bye ranked third in the national polls. Sunday's victory came on the heels of its Saturday victory over Amherst. Despite its loss, Bates also received a berth and first-round bye in the NCAA tournament.

Junior Justine Pouravelis conveyed the team's enthusiasm with the victory after the game.

"We could all not be happier or more excited with the way we played this weekend," she said. "This is a perfect way to be entering the NCAA tournament. We played with confidence but more importantly we played with emotion. We were enjoying every moment of every game."

It is indeed impossible to accu-

ately recount the weekend without talking about Pouravelis, who hit 17 of 19 shots and grabbed 20 rebounds over the course of the two games. On Saturday, Pouravelis earned a career-high 21 points and 12 rebounds, which sparked the fire that eventually consumed Amherst.

Bowdoin's eventual 60-48 win did not always seem so close at hand. During the first half Bowdoin players saw many lead changes and five tied scores. A brief Bowdoin run, as well as Pouravelis's flawless performance from the field, helped to give Bowdoin a 25-21 lead at half-time, to the relief of the packed gym.

Co-captain Alison Smith '05 stressed that the team found a way to win despite some early frustration.

"We didn't play our best, but did what we had to win. Our goal is to survive and advance," she said.

Amherst came out in the second half with a pair of free throws that cut the lead to two points. Bowdoin answered quickly, however, with an 8-0 run spurred by Smith that result-

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Violence erupts at party

Students attacked at Saturday's villain-themed Ladd party, Super Snack

by Joshua Miller
ORIENT STAFF

A series of four violent confrontations at campus events Saturday night has left three Bowdoin students and a visiting University of Maine student injured and many in the community concerned by the unexpected outbreak of aggression.

Four separate incidents were confirmed by the Orient, three of which took place at or just outside Ladd House. The fourth incident took place during Super Snack at Thorne. All events occurred between 11:15 p.m. Saturday and 12:15 a.m. Sunday.

In the most serious incident, a visiting student from the University of Maine at Orono was knocked unconscious for a brief period. Other students were treated at area hospitals

for injuries sustained during the other fights.

Security is investigating the incidents in preparation for referral to the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs.

The three incidents at Ladd took place during one of two campus-wide parties held Saturday evening as part of the Winter Carnival. The other was held at neighboring Baxter House.

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According to Baxter House proctor Alex Davis '07, the party went smoothly. Despite reportedly low attendance, the house's four kegs were "kicked" by 11:00 p.m., after which the partygoers moved en masse to Ladd, according to Mike LoBiondo '06, president of that house.

Witnesses agree that harsh words

were exchanged between Billy Mauke '06 and Joe Cruise '07.

After the exchange, one first-year witness, who requested to remain unnamed, reported that Cruise approached him and his friends and "looked at [Lucas] Guarino ['07] and said, 'Hey, they're a couple of kids over there who want to start something.'"

According to the same witness, Guarino proceeded to approach Mauke, tapped him on the shoulder, and "there was an exchange of words."

In a telephone interview with the Orient, Mauke said that "Lucas came in and punched me in the face." According to the first-year source, Guarino "probably got two shots in." Mauke said that he sustained a "fat lip" and a "sore eye."

Mauke said he "grabbed [Guarino's] shirt to try to keep him at arm's length and his shirt ripped." Multiple witnesses corroborated Mauke's account. The first-year witness characterized Mauke's actions as "self-defense" and the ripping of Guarino's shirt "not intentional." Guarino "picked a fight out of nothing," according to the witness.

Another witness, who asked not to be identified, disagreed, and said "Luke came over and told [Mauke] to relax and the kid grabbed Luke and ripped his shirt off."

Both students were pulled away from each other by their friends. According to witnesses, Guarino was angry about his ripped shirt, but was restrained by his friends.

At about 15 minutes after mid-

added that if there is a major decision that needed to be made before the next board meeting, the executive committee has the power to make this decision, with some exceptions.

The standing committees include

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Board tries to avoid delays after storm

by Krystal Barker
ORIENT STAFF

The Board of Trustees was forced to be resourceful after its February 10 to 12 meetings were cancelled due to a nor'easter. The group managed to make some decisions without meeting as a whole. Other votes will wait until May.

The Board next meets from May 12 to 14. Individual committees worked and voted via conference call during the storm. Now the committees are working on strengthening proposals for May's weekend of meetings.

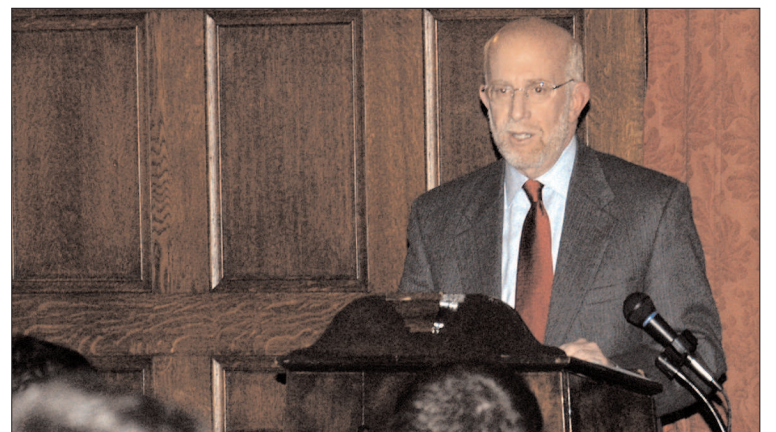
"Even though the Board Meeting is important, the fact is [the cancelled meeting] has no practical consequence," Secretary of the College Richard Mersereau said. Mersereau also manages the operations of the Board of Trustees.

Mersereau noted that most of the decisions the Board makes are within the committees. Nine standing committees and an executive committee, comprising the chairs of each standing committee and a vice and Board chair, make up the Board committees.

The executive committee meets four times a year between the meetings of the other committees.

"The executive committee has almost the same powers legally as the full board," Mersereau said. He

Bush lawyer speaks



Hans Law, *Bowdoin Orient*

Former Bush-Cheney counsel Benjamin Ginsberg speaks in Moulton Union yesterday about his involvement with the Swift Boat ad controversy.

by Kira Chappelle
ORIENT STAFF

Bowdoin students proved during the 2004 election that they don't shy away from controversy—and they didn't shy away last night as a good number of students attended Benjamin Ginsberg's lecture, "Red States, Blue States, and Swift Boat Vets: An Inside Look at the 2004 Election."

Benjamin Ginsberg resigned as national counsel to the Bush-Cheney campaign amid a storm of controversy surrounding his connections to

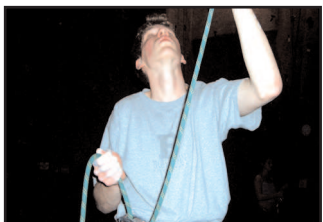
the advocacy organization Swift Boat Veterans for Truth.

When asked by the Orient what he would say to students who may be turned away from politics by negativity in campaigns, Ginsberg replied that students should consider that "these are the people who are going to be running your government...negativity is a part of politics, and sometimes it helps get your candidate elected."

Prior to the 2004 election, Ginsberg served as national counsel

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