

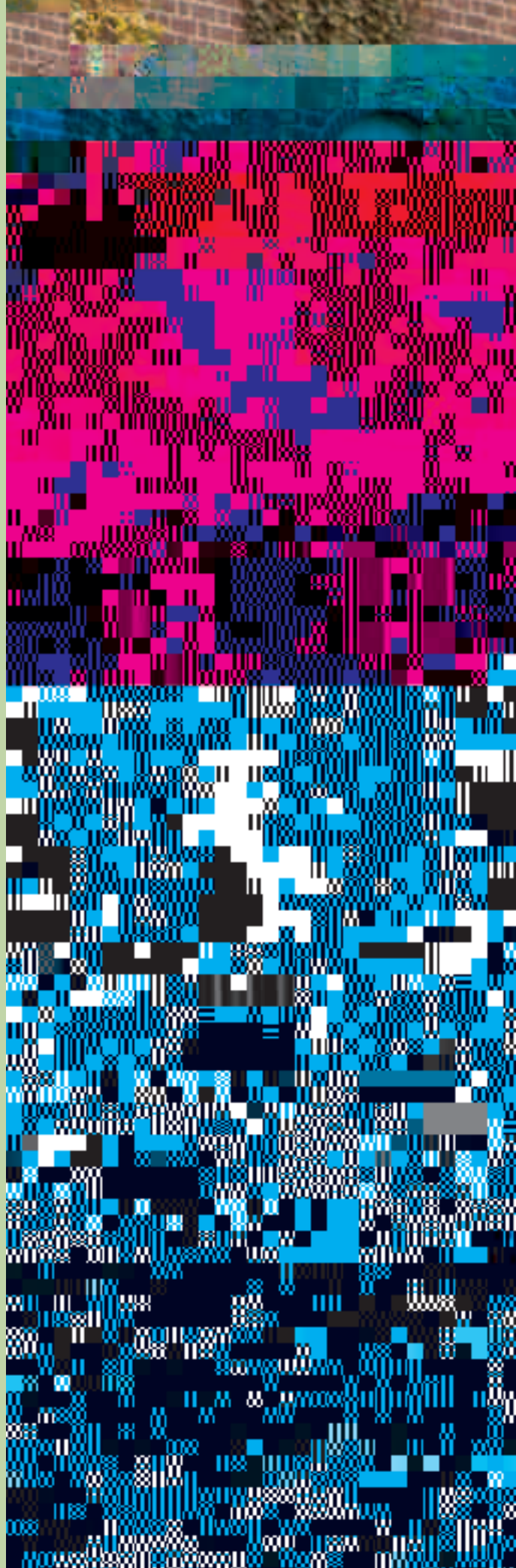
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Modest Proposal?

Dear Editor:

I hope that the marriage group pictures proudly and rightfully shown in *Arctic* will be childless unions to reflect Bowdoin's interest in stopping global climate change, which is the basis for polar bear demise—more people, more CO₂—although Douglas McInnis left that out in his article (“Climate Change in the Arctic,” *Arctic* Winter 2005).

Robert H. Clark '60

Still at It

I read with much interest the article entitled, “The View from the Crease,” in the last issue of *Arctic*. As a goalie



Bowdoin Alumnus

Cranston Comments

I think the Mayor (Steve Laffey '84, see *Magazine*, Fall 2004) is doing an outstanding job. He would be a great asset for the State as Governor. The people in Cranston saw thru the fiasco to oust him and showed their support.

John O'Neil

Mystery Solved

To the Editor:
I read with some interest your article "Oldest Bat May Belong to Bowdoin" in the fall 2004 issue of the magazine. In essence, the story suggests that Bowdoin owns one of the oldest extant baseball bats (if not the oldest) in the history of the sport. You are mistaken. Bowdoin doesn't have the bat in question.

Sorry to have to throw this curve ball to Coach Connolly and college archivist Moseley. I have seen the real lathe-turned 144-year-old swatter to which you refer. In fact, I've picked it up and swung it (gently of course!) and dreamed while doing so of playing in that Elysian contest of 1860. I have also peered through a magnifying glass to decipher the names of Bowdoin and Sunrise Club players that were inscribed, along with the score of 46 to 42, on this historic artifact at the conclusion of the game. You make note of these very inscriptions in your article.

You point out, further, that John Furbish, a Brunswick resident, made this historic artifact. In addition to being a skilled woodworker and

baseball maven, however, Furbish also had a keen interest in local history. That interest provides, at least, a partial explanation of the object's provenance. Your article appears to contradict itself on this important matter. To wit, you say that Bowdoin was given the bat by the local historical society, but you later cite a 1920 issue of *Magazine*

as contending that the Sunrise Club gave it to the school. Both statements can't be true.

So who does own the bat? I don't have all the facts, but I can tell you the following: The real McCoy is in the possession of the Pejepscot Historical Society (PHS). That is where I examined it, thanks to Ms. Kate Higgins, the society's curator. Mr. Furbish was one of the founders of the PHS. Paper trails, especially those that may be over a hundred years old, are difficult to sniff out, but it is my understanding that the society can corroborate its early ownership of the artifact.

Did the PHS ever make a subsequent donation of this icon to Bowdoin? I don't know. However, Bowdoin did have it in its possession for an indefinite period of time in the twentieth century, and it was apparently displayed with a notation "Property of the Pejepscot Historical Society." The bat was eventually returned to the society in 1995, where it became part of an exhibit on the history of local sports in Brunswick.

By the way, the 12 October 1860 issue of *Magazine*, a forerunner of *Magazine*, has a report of the historic game in which the bat was used. Furbish played right field for Sunrise. He appears not to have gotten any hits but scored five runs! The contest was held sometime between the eighth and tenth of October. Actually a second match, at the Bowdoin Delta, followed on Thursday 11 October.



Photo courtesy of the George G. Mitchell Department of Special Collections & Archives.

Both squads were composed of different players this time, but Bowdoin suffered a more resounding defeat, losing 53 to 37.

In the interest of full disclosure, I should note that I have worked for the Pejepscot Historical Society for the past five years.

Dan Dorman '65

Correction

A student (David Sokolow '08) brought an error in the latest *Magazine* to my attention. On p. 10 for your history lesson, you mention that Franklin Pierce sent Commodore Perry to establish diplomatic and trade relations with Japan. In fact, Millard Fillmore sent Perry and wrote the letter that was presented to the Tokugawa authorities.

Tom Conlan, Associate Professor of History

Bravo (March through May 2005)
Assistant Professor of English Aviva Briefel is featured as an expert on the Bravo television special “The 100 Scariest Movie Moments.”

USA Today (April 25, 2005) The article “A CEO and a gentleman” profiles Kenneth I. Chenault ’73, chairman and CEO of American Express. The feature includes comments by Geoffrey Canada ’74, who recalls Chenault’s activism at Bowdoin.

TIME (April 4, 2005) Assistant Professor of Psychology Sam Putnam’s research of shyness in children is featured in the story “Secrets of the Shy.”

The New Yorker (March 21, 2005) The article “The Other Sister: Was Nathaniel Hawthorne a Cad?” recounts how the writer seriously courted both Elizabeth and Sophia Peabody before apparently jilting the older Elizabeth to marry Sophia.

The New York Times (March 15, 2005) The story “Yes, It’s a Lobster, And Yes, It’s Blue” reports on research by Bowdoin chemistry professor Ron Christensen and colleagues at the University of Connecticut on this rare pigmentation found in one in a million lobsters. Also appeared in *USA Today*, *Le Monde* (Paris), and *NY Newsday*, among others.

Washington Post (March 11, 2005) The story “Blogging Clicks with Colleges” describes how Assistant Professor of English Mark Phillipson has used a wiki—a community-wide interactive Web log (blog)—in his 19th-century British literature class.

The Chronicle of Higher Education (February 25, 2005) The story “Keeping Kids Close” examines how on-campus child-care centers help tenure-track professors cope. Bowdoin’s Children’s Center is among the facilities profiled. Also appeared in the *Chicago Tribune*.

PBS (February 14, 2005) The program “American Experience” profiled groundbreaking sex researcher Alfred C. Kinsey ’16.

The Chronicle of Higher Education (January 28, 2005) In an article about colleges outsourcing bookstore management, dining services, and other campus operations, Bowdoin is featured as a college that manages all its dining operations in-house.

USA Today (January 18, 2005) The Bowdoin women’s basketball team is among three Maine teams “making a move for March” in NCAA Division III competition.

Harvard Magazine [New England Regional Section] (January-February 2005)
The story “Back to School: The joy and rigor of living near an academic environment” looks at the draw that proximity to a college campus has for retirees. Harvard graduate and Brunswick resident Christopher H. Schmidt sings the praises of Bowdoin’s offerings to the community.

WBUR-FM Boston Public Radio (December 20, 2004) Associate Professor of English Peter Coviello was the guest on the live, call-in radio program “The Connection.” The show, titled “Walt Whitman’s War,” looked at how the poet was affected by the Civil War.

News [Dordogne, France] (December 15, 2004) An article reviewing Web sites recommends Bowdoin’s Japanese garden site.

The New York Times (December 1, 2004) Erby Mitchell, Bowdoin’s assistant dean of admissions and director of multicultural recruitment, is profiled by the *Times* as he returns to his high school, Brooklyn’s James Madison, to talk to students about college opportunities.

MTV News (December 1, 2004) Bowdoin is featured on the program “Fight For Your Rights: A Campus Guide to Safer Sex.” MTV news correspondent Gideon Yago visited campus in October



Associated Press (November 18, 2004) Joan Benoit Samuelson '79 is reported among those receiving this year's NCAA Silver Anniversary Awards. The Associated Press story ran in over 50 national media outlets, including *New York Newsday*, *The Miami Herald*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, and *The Philadelphia Enquirer*.

Christian Science Monitor (November 1, 2004) Professor of



Many alumni are already aware of the heroic accomplishments of Everett Pope '41, a Marine officer during WWII, who was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in 1945 "for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty."

As the only Congressional Medal of Honor winner from WWII living in Florida, Everett was invited to take part in this year's Super Bowl in Jacksonville, during a pre-game ceremony honoring World War II vet-

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Record Number of Applications for Class of 2009

Prospective Bowdoin students submitted a record 5,026 applications for admission this year—the first time in Bowdoin's history that applications surpassed the 5,000 mark.

- Of the 5,026 who applied, 1,221 students were offered admission (24.3%). (Last year 4,850 students applied and 1,130 were offered admission.) The incoming Class of 2009 is expected to total 480.
- Women account for 653 of the admitted students (54%); men, for 568 (46%).
- Students of color make up 30.8% of admits.
- Geographically: New England, 34.5%; the mid-Atlantic, 22.9%; the west 16.9%; the midwest 8.6%; the south 7.9%; and the southwest 3.6%.
- Maine admits were up 8% from last year, and it was a record year for California: an increase of 35% in admitted students.
- Students from 49 U.S. states are represented (all but North Dakota).
- International students: 5.5% of the admits, representing 31 foreign countries.





Museum Wall “Transformed”

Many people have had the experience of looking at paintings on the walls of the Bowdoin College Museum of Art. Last February, 850 members of the campus and southern and midcoast Maine communities took advantage of a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to actually paint on the Museum walls. This community-wide art project served as the launch of a larger project involving A. LeRoy Greason Professor of Art Mark Wethli and members of his spring semester Painting I course.

In observance of the upcoming renovation of the Museum, and with the European and American painting collections already on loan or in storage, Wethli and his students created a mural titled “Salon” on the nearly 2,000 square feet of empty wall space in the Boyd Gallery. The mural will remain on display view through early June. To get the project underway, the public was invited to assist—and to have some fun—by picking up a brush and contributing to the work. Aspiring painters flocked to the Museum. At any given time over four days, the Boyd Gallery was a hive of activity, as kids, seniors, students, faculty, staff, Children’s Center pre-schoolers, and entire families from the community donned smocks, chose from a



spectrum of vibrant colors, and released their inner Picassos. Professor Wethli and his students then added other visual elements in response to the public’s effort and in keeping with the central theme of “transformation.”

Understandably, one challenge for the painters was to capitalize on what the public created, but not lose it. “We’ll be working on giving the mural shape and direction, while retaining its vitality,” said Wethli. Despite the fact that some of the initial painting will inevitably be covered or partially obscured, every mark will contribute a vital element to the richness and complexity of the finished piece.

“Salon” itself is temporary, as construction crews arrive in June to begin their work on the renovation. Nevertheless, the spirit of this community effort—and even certain fragments of the actual painting, though hidden from view—will remain a part of the Museum for the indefinite future, marking this important moment in the Museum’s history and evolution.





Ask a Senior



The Class of 2005 holds a certain place in history – they were the first class to sign in under the gaze of new president Barry Mills; their first weeks away at college were dramatized by the attack of September 11th and its aftermath; and during their years here they have voted in their first presidential election, and witnessed both the end of the Curse and the end of a 26-year papacy. We asked a few to talk about it all — see the magazine web site for a full set of their answers.

September 11th. With people on my floor who had parents who worked in the buildings, and with the feeling that the entire world had come to a halt, it was a surreal experience.

eating lunch on the quad with my friends in the fall.

9/11 only about two weeks into my time here is something I will never forget.

The times that end up the most memorable tend to be the times that start off so mundane. So long as my friends are around, a moment will end up memorable.

big sports meets, nights out with all of my friends, study abroad, and the poker tournament.

Freshman year—Halloween. I was feeling homesick, but my newfound best friend, John, knew precisely the right prescription. A night on the quad fraught with hearty laughs and sleeping bag worm races and an early morning run to L.L. Bean, just in time to see the sun rise.

Do what makes you happy.

Bowdoin is what you make of it. I almost transferred after my first year, but I stayed, and I've definitely been able to build the life that I want.

There are so many fascinating people and wonderful experiences, and you won't find most of them at a campus wide or playing beer pong.

Question everything. Everything you thought you knew about the world, everything you thought you knew about yourself.

Hungarian mushroom Soup

Moulton has a combined chicken parm and shrimp and pasta in a creamy red pepper sauce meal that is stellar.

chicken tortilla soup

No doubt about it, Thanksgiving dinner. The



orange rolls are delicious and the pumpkin bisque to die for.

Thorne in general – i will cry without their honey wheat bread and endless supply of whipped cream. . . sigh.

I have taken four classes with Professor Springer and loved each one. He knows every detail of every law case and describes them in a way that makes you feel like you are actually in the courtroom.

Liz Muther, Kathleen O'Connor, Mary Agnes Edsall, if I had to pick.

the entire Government department.

my advisor, and the other profs of the neuroscience program. I love those guys!

Nancy Jennings. She brings a lot of dedication and fire to her teaching in an understated way.

Connie Chiang and Matthew KIingle... they drew me into their subject matter and made sure that I knew how to write.

DeWitt John. He tries to accommodate his students so that they can do things not possible in other departments.

Mark Wethli inspired me by showing me how he looked at the world.

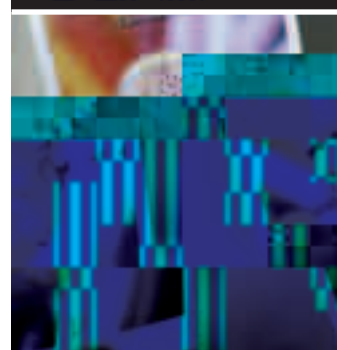
8 Potter Street. Then we went out to the quad to see the bonfires.

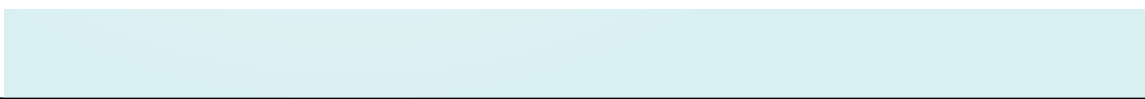
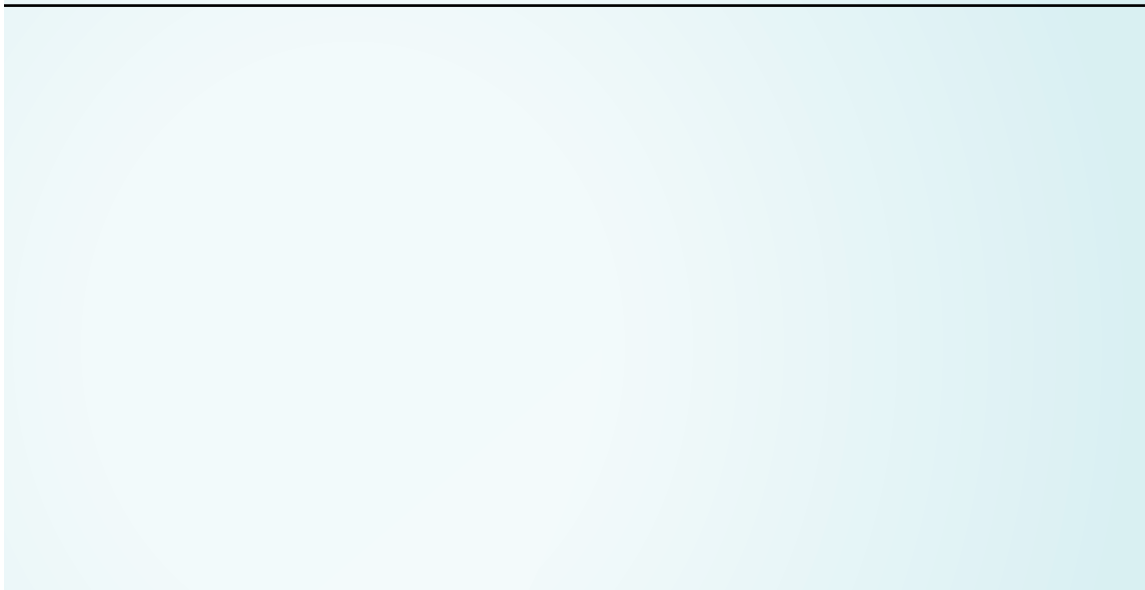
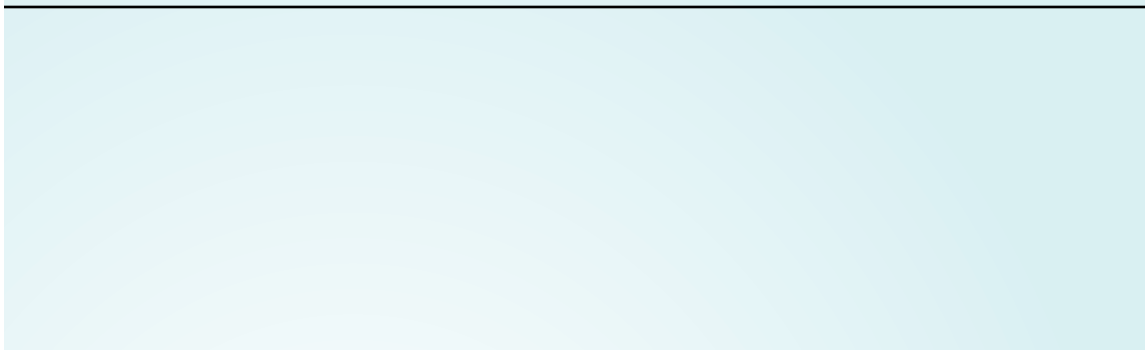
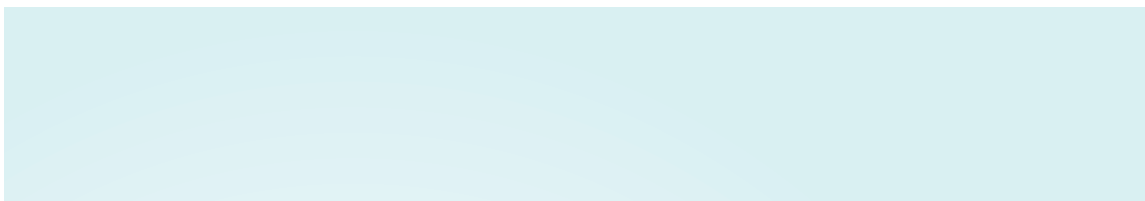
In 12B with plenty of Honey Brown and good friends.

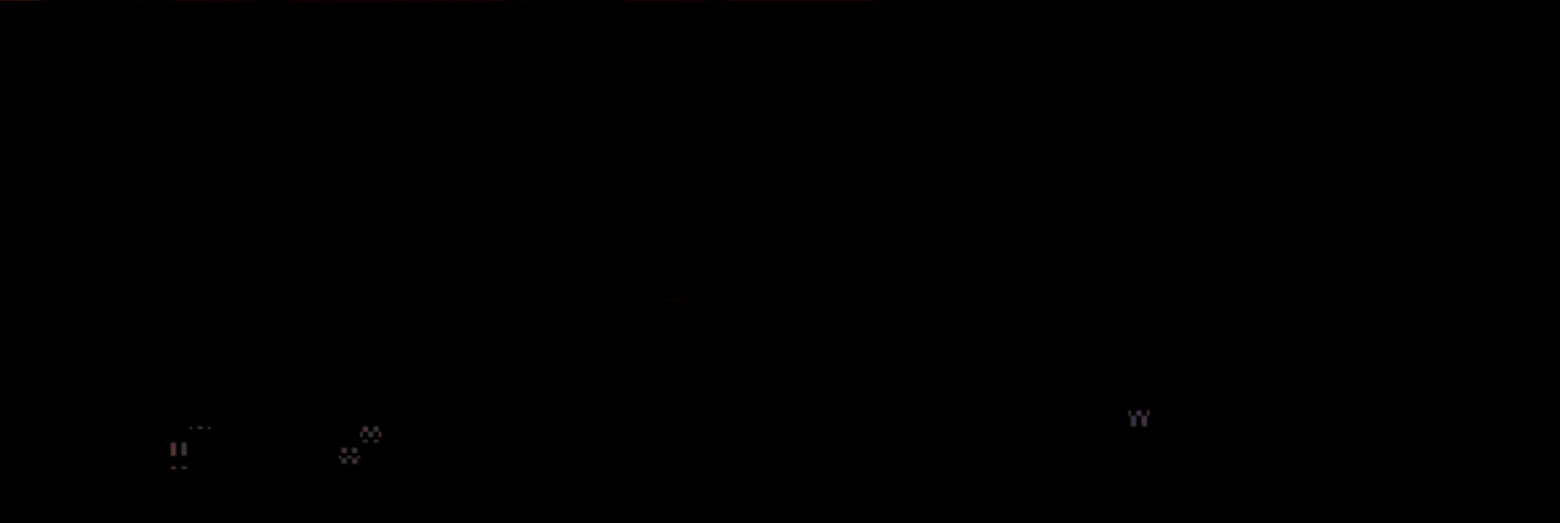
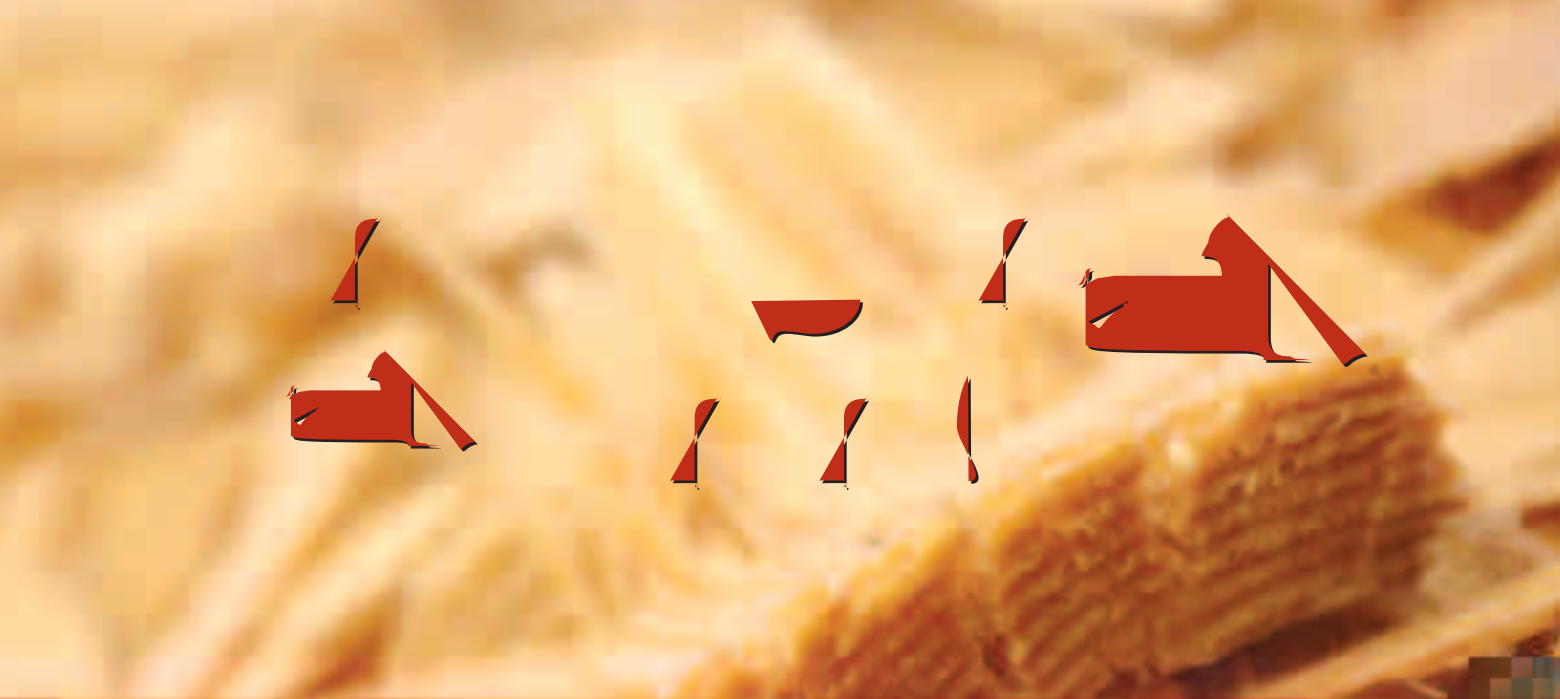
Sitting in my room, hating the fact that my friend Charlie Ashley was actually at the game.

Sleeping in Cape Town, South Africa.

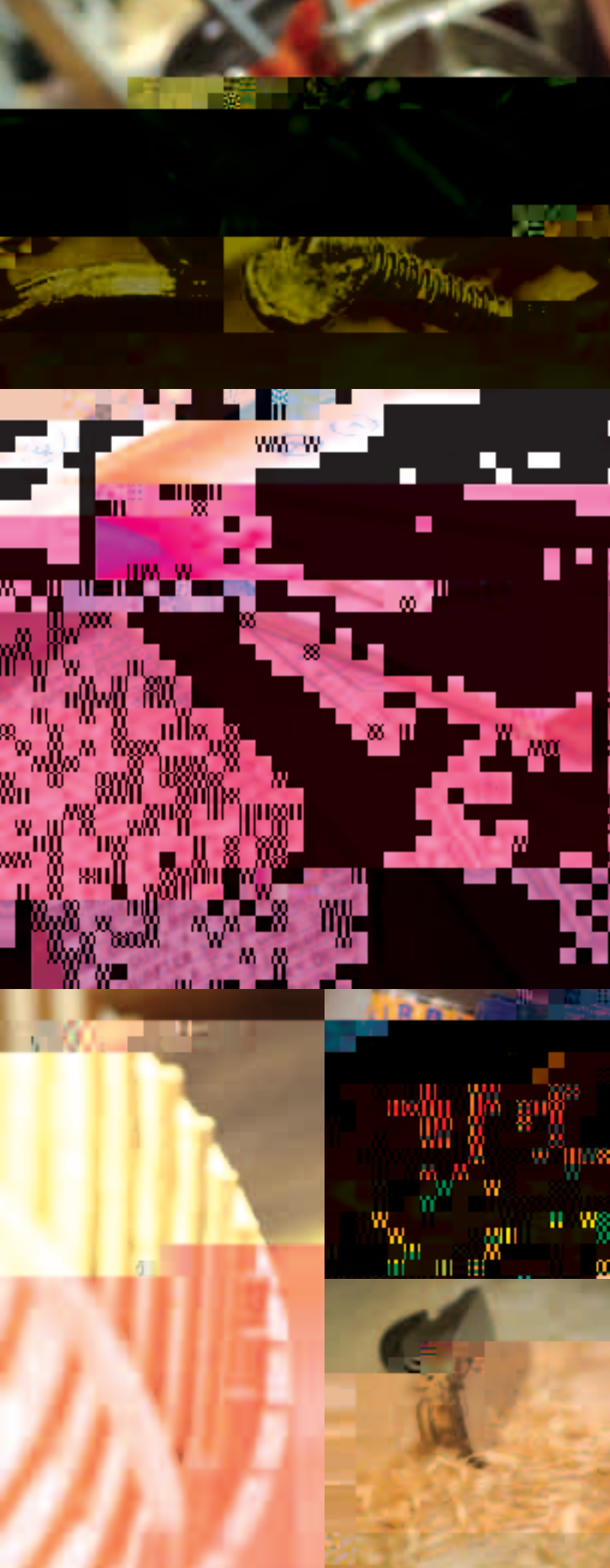
Watching the game in the tower with all of my friends, knitting. I messed up on a row during an intense moment, and now the scarf has special significance!







rooklin, Maine is a small coastal town with a barn-red general store at its center. Route 175, the main road into town, snakes past tall pine trees and classic New England homes inhabited by some 800 year-round residents. Set on one of the thousands of rocky cut-outs that give Maine its distinctive shape

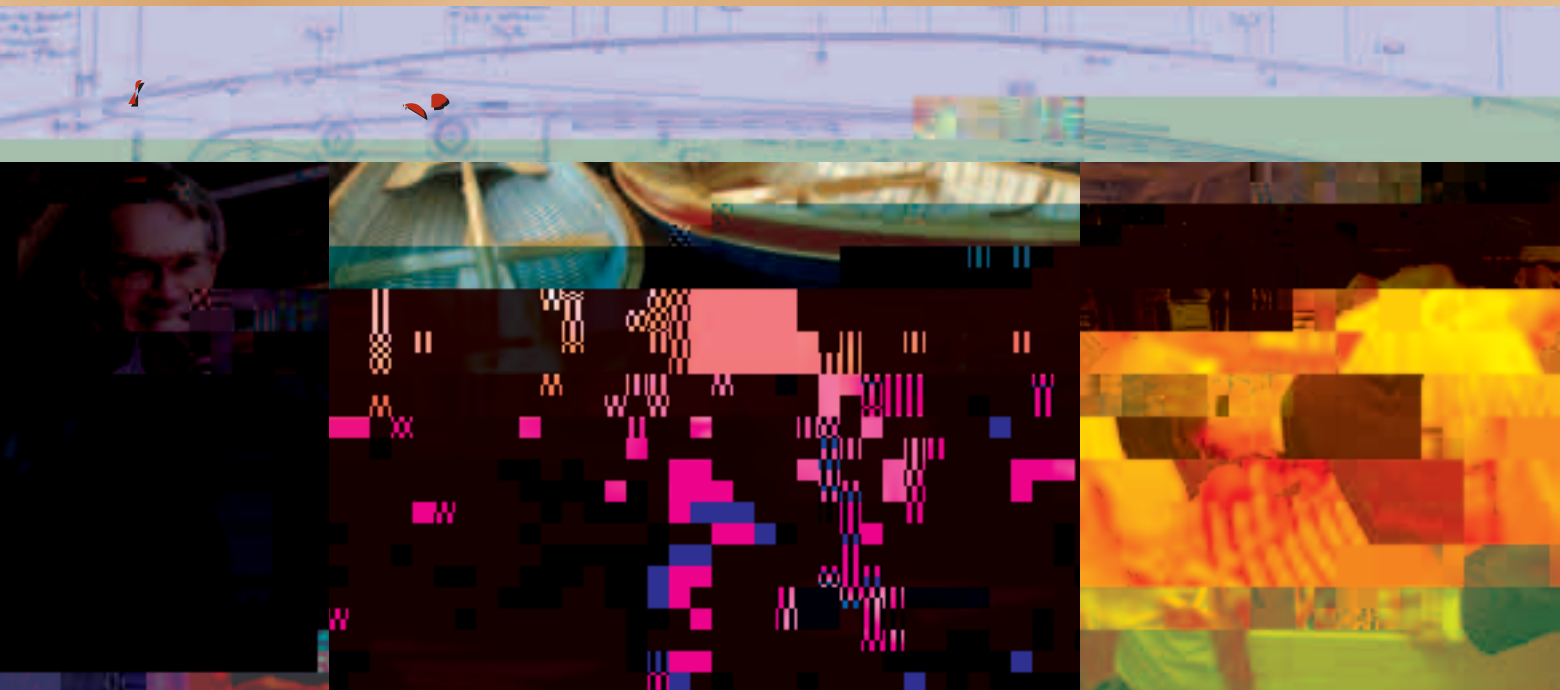


Hinckley Yachts has been on the leading edge of boatbuilding technology since its founding in Southwest Harbor, Maine, in 1928. It was the first company to feature hot/cold running water on a sailboat, one of the first to feature a rolling furling main, and one of the first production companies to build with fiberglass. In 1992, they became just the second American boatbuilder to adopt a vacuum-assisted production technique called SCRIMP, that reduced environmental emissions by 98%. Now, they lead the way in composite hull construction and waterjet propulsion.

Bob Hinckley '58, son of founder Henry Hinckley, has been with the company off and on since 1947, currently as senior sales director and consultant. Bob ran the company for 15 years, before selling to the Talaria Group in 1997. Talaria, Hinckley's famous logo, represents a wing from Mercury's ankle, "testament to the company's swift

“think like an artist.” He knew he wanted to build boats when





hours to build. Pulsifer works with an assistant boat builder, John Lentz (son of Jim Lentz, former Bowdoin coach and Director of the Outing Club *Emeritus*). Dick's son, who lives in Washington, D.C., maintains the company website, steering interested buyers directly to Dick. The boats sell for around \$43,000, and come equipped with a trailer and operating instructions. There isn't a pretentious or patronizing bone in his body, but Pulsifer is truly invested in his boats and wants his customers to enjoy using them, so, he takes his customers on sea trials to teach them the ins and outs of their new boat.

"They get the whole program," he says of his clients. "We took great pains to build the boat and feel a deep connection to it. We're concerned that people understand the responsibility that goes along with operating it on the open ocean."

Over the years, Pulsifer has taken in several Bowdoin students as apprentices (see sidebar). There have been history majors, studio art majors, students of science and English. Many are recommended by the Bowdoin Outing Club. Some are there for independent studies, some come when they have spare time. What unites them is the desire to create, Pulsifer says, and to get involved in an activity that can't occur on campus.

"The creative process is in them," Dick remarks of his apprentices. "The desire to create is very, very real. They have a talent and can come here and be productive without a lot of training."

BOBBI IVE'S BOAT SHOP

Bobby Ives also provides his apprentices with a unique experience, though the focus is not solely on building boats. At the Carpenter's Boat Shop, located on 21 acres of land near the Pemaquid River, he has combined his two passions, using the daily routine of wooden boat building as a conduit to his larger goal of helping people in need.

Ives, a warm, bespectacled man, takes in 10 apprentices each year. They pay nothing and are not paid. If they work,

building small wooden skiffs and furniture, they are given room, board, clothing and medical coverage. There is no age requirement. The apprentice only has to be willing to work hard, live communally with the other apprentices, and strive to live as simply as possible. They cook, eat, sleep, work and attend chapel together. Likening his boat shop—which includes a workroom, chapel and two farmhouses—to a harbor, Ives describes the apprentices as "people in transition," who come to him to assess their direction in life.

"They might be in transition from alcohol to sobriety, or drugs to sobriety, or jail to civilian life," Ives says of the apprentices. "Maybe they have just gotten divorced. Maybe they have worked 35 years and can't face the thought of



another day. Maybe they have just graduated college and aren't sure what to do."

At the Carpenter's Boat Shop, apprentices come to drop their metaphorical anchors for nine months. Ives encourages them to live a spiritual life, though he does not proselytize or push any particular denomination. Boat building provides structure and a daily routine that allows the apprentices to immerse themselves in their work. There is also time to walk on the network of trails found on the property, or take a boat trip to a nearby island for a solo, overnight camping trip. In fact, the apprentices are required to do a "solo," twice a year.

"It gives them (the apprentices) the chance to reflect and find balance, so that when they do set sail they do so with a more confident, complete and balanced perspective," Ives said of the experience he provides. Besides the 9-month appren-

ticeships, Ives also offers week-long seminars for teachers and clergy each summer. He is, however, somewhat leery of publicity, an aversion he developed after the boat shop was misrepresented on the TODAY show in the 1980s. Now, apprentices learn of the boat shop primarily through word of mouth. For each apprentice that arrives, Ives said, there is another who has to wait before space opens up.

Ives is a Quaker minister. He graduated from Bowdoin in 1969, worked a year in the admissions office, then went to Scotland and earned a master's degree in theology. He then served for two years as a minister and teacher with his wife in a one-room schoolhouse on Monhegan Island, off the coast of Pemaquid Point. After that, he lived on nearby Muscongus Island for two years and commuted back to the mainland to work as a minister. It was on Muscongus that Ives met Evard Salor, a Norwegian shipbuilder, who Ives calls his boat building mentor. With Salor's tutelage, Ives's boat building progressed from a serious hobby to a true craft.


Ives built his first boat from plans he found in *Boy's Life* when he was nine years old. He grew up in Middlebury, Connecticut, but his parents died when he was 16, and he went to live with his grandmother in Cape Elizabeth, Maine,

a seaside community south of Portland. "I always loved boating and being around the water," he recalls.

Eighty percent of the apprentices arrive at the Boat Shop without any tool experience. They spend the first two weeks learning basic carpentry skills and building a toolbox and Shaker lap desk. The third week is spent building a skiff. The ten apprentices divide themselves into two groups and each group constructs a boat. That week ends with a boat launch in a nearby harbor. The test, Ives said, is self-explanatory.




why the
arts
matter



"The history of civilization is written in art. For a people to be civilized, they need to understand their history."

Peter Simmons '78, executive director of the Bowdoin Summer Music Festival.



rt is alive on campus, from the music
escaping through doors and windows of
Gibson Hall to the exhibits of student art
in the “fishbowl” of the Visual Arts
Center. Posters and bulletins adorn walls
and doors across campus advertising per-

issue of the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. “We had to forge a new nation, build it moving westward, which always meant that a practical education was more highly valued than an aesthetic education.”

When liberal arts colleges began recovering from Puritanism, they continued suffering from sexism, believing that “the arts were something that girls did,” Schwartz said.

In fact, Vail said she was hired to teach classes in dance when Bowdoin became co-ed in 1971, because “they decided they needed to do something for the women. Art and music were frills on the fringe; cultivated men should know something about them, but not for academic credit. Dance was the most on the fringe.”

“There had been a mistaken belief, a myth, that students with a strong interest in the arts belonged in conservatories,” Schwartz said. “There was a violent change in the 1970s. Richard Moll, the admissions director, went out of his way to bring artistically inclined students to Bowdoin.”

“In the past, students would decide to major in art only after they got here,” said Mark Wethli, A. LeRoy Greason Professor of Art, who has taught at Bowdoin for 20 years. “Now we attract people who arrive here wanting to major in art.”

The change is visible not only in the curriculum, but in the artistic vitality on campus.

“In the early '60s, there were maybe three or four performances a year by visiting musicians,” Schwartz said. “In 1964, we got a grant for a series of eight concerts, and it grew from there.”

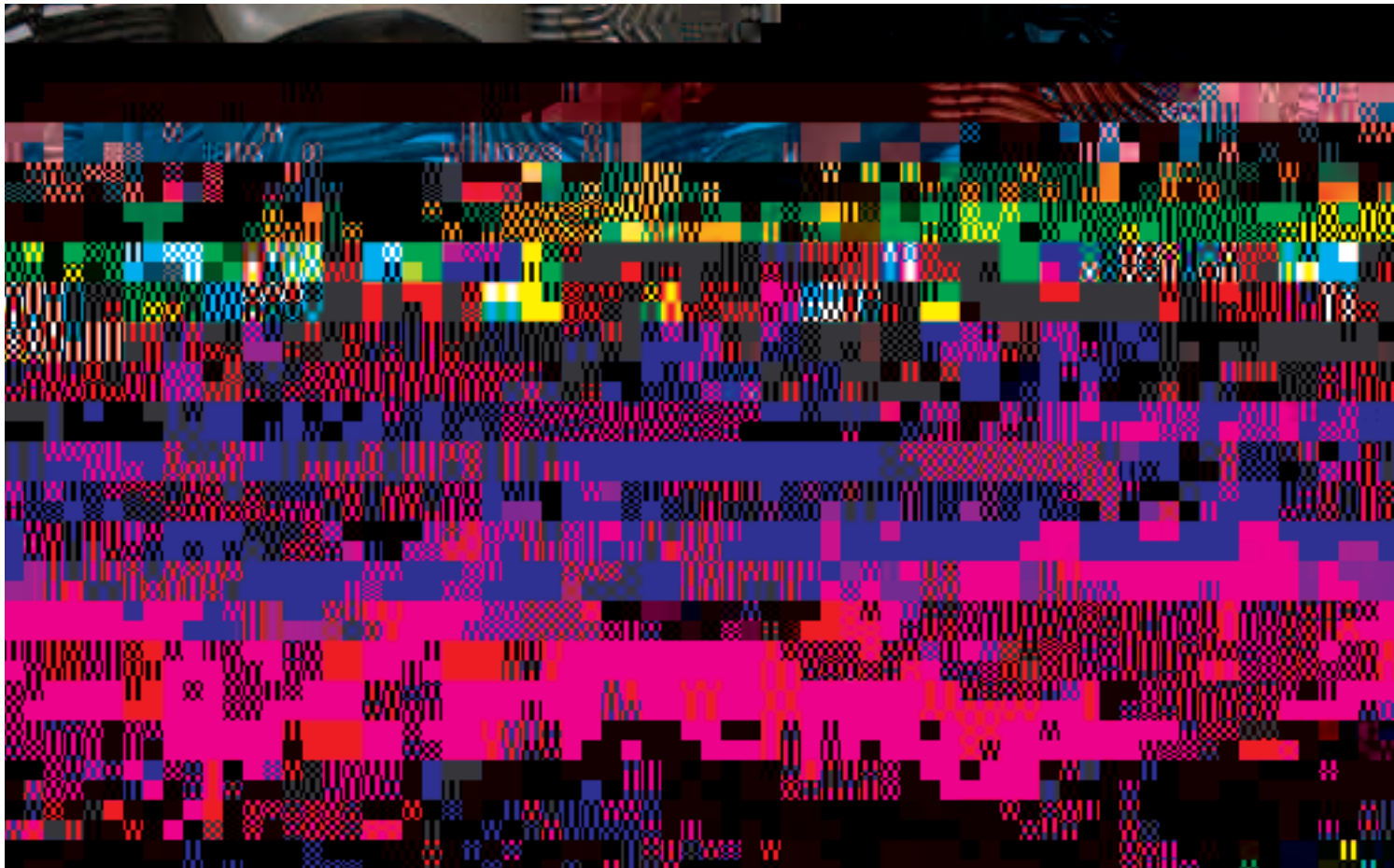
Now the College schedules nearly 1,000 performances a year of Bowdoin students, community members and world-renowned performers. They include every genre of instrumental and vocal music, dance and theater.

Extra-curricular groups organized by students offer many forms of expression for hundreds of participants. The Meddiebempsters have been joined by other a capella groups – B.O.C.A. and Ursus Verses, which are coed, and the all-femalThe

said Craig McEwen, dean for academic affairs. “Not all students are comfortable with it or acquainted with it.”

“It shocks me that students can get through four years at Bowdoin and never make it to our side of the buffet,” said John Bisbee, Bowdoin art lecturer, who teaches sculpture.





smidgeons of Saltines and freewheels around the Adams Hall studio, looking at their work.

“There is a medal up for grabs today,” he shouts to no one in particular. He dangles a plastic dime store medallion inscribed “Winner,” and rocks back on his heels in exaggerated importance. “Pay attention! This is going to someone who deserves it.”

His students are unphased by this comic enticement, understanding perhaps that rewards will be won only after



It's a vitality Bisbee misses after the semester ends, when the burden of being an artist rests on him ... like a ton of nails. They are the moments when he struggles against what he calls "the Bisbeeness of it all."

Sculpting is hard work. Long hours in the studio with a MIG wire-feed welder take a toll on his body. His head is perpetually sandwiched inside a welding hood. "The fumes, the labor, the posture, the light, the magnetic field ... It's just really unhealthy," he says. "And moving these things around for shows, aaaach, it's a young man's game."

And there are personal costs. Phone calls remain unanswered as he retreats into work. He forgets to eat. Loved ones are left outside the studio door. "I'm so 'mono-focular' in my pursuit that my personal life is somewhat dysfunctional," he acknowledges. "I don't maintenance my life."

Bisbee is somewhat fatalistic about it: "There's nothing you can do about it. You work your ass off. That's what it means to be serious. I'm in the studio day after day with nails and still seeing things I can get to. It's infinite."

Out of that infinite imagination, Bisbee is creating a mature body of work that magnetizes with its to. It'

with the thing that's portrayed."

As Bisbee began to push the medium, his explorations shifted from objects to large, site-specific installations. In *Field* (2000), created for the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art in Kansas City, Bisbee covered the floor with evocative groupings of 16-inch nails. In an article for *Sculpture Magazine*, Bowdoin College Museum of Art Curator Alison Ferris observed that they "inspire all sorts of connotations: moss, fossils, shells, plankton, insects, termite mounds, and ... funky cast-off pieces of manufactured parts from a local foundry. *Field* exemplifies Bisbee's ability, through intense experimentation, to transform the ordinary into objects of wonder."

The only drawback to Bisbee's work, if there indeed is one, is that the sheer weight of his installations require walls and floors that can withstand its steel tonnage.

It took an engineer and a full crew of Bowdoin facilities staffers to install *Current* (1999) on the wall of Druckenmiller Hall. In order to support the complex, interlocking four-foot panels of arcing nails, the wall had to be dismantled, structural steel added, and the whole wall rebuilt with 3/4-inch plywood and sheetrock.

One could argue that the monumentality of his work demands a venue of equal stature. Bisbee, however, is insistent that his work be seen in a wide assortment of venues. One of his favorite places to show is at Plane Space, the firehouse-turned-gallery, which he describes as "a juggernaut of the New York art scene."

It was his snaking piece, *Rove* (2002), which Bisbee created for Plane Space's inaugural exhibition (and his New York debut), that earned him a rave in *Art in America*, where it was lauded as "exquisitely ornamental, like a florid calligraphic initial ... the repetition of thousands of spikes and dozens of curves was mesmerizing."

Made from vertical nails standing on point and welded at their heads, the sculpture snakes back and forth on itself in fluid ribbons. "I think it is really one of the most startlingly successful objects made by any sculptor of his generation," says PMA Director Dan O'Leary. "When I saw it at his studio before it was even exhibited, I knew that John had risen to a level where there aren't many other artists working."

With trademark candor, Bisbee seems to agree with this assessment. When asked about the probability of having his work acquired by a top national museum, Bisbee says: "It's inevitable. I'm not going to get worse. I'm definitely a big picture guy. The equation is pretty easy for me. Make few things of high quality... then good things will happen. They can't not."

As if emboldened by this statement, Pepper pops up from Bisbee's shirt pocket and runs a quick lap around his shoulders. "Pepper! Pepper!" remonstrates Bisbee, vainly grabbing for him as he scampers through his beard and across his head. "We've talked about this. Don't make me talk to you again!"

Pepper pays no attention. He makes one last loop, then hops back into Bisbee's pocket, nestled against the artist's heart.

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There are wonderful tensions in John's sculptures. From a distance, his work might suggest a rather cold, formal

Dinner with Six Strangers

Good things happen when a body braves the snow
on a wintry night to share a meal with strangers.

“The dinners are not about meeting six other people with whom you are going to become good friends. They’re about offering the chance to make one connection. At this past dinner, I met Jim Ward of the math department. I’m not a math buff, so I would never have gotten the opportunity to speak with him except this one night. We ended up talking for 45 minutes after everyone else had left.”

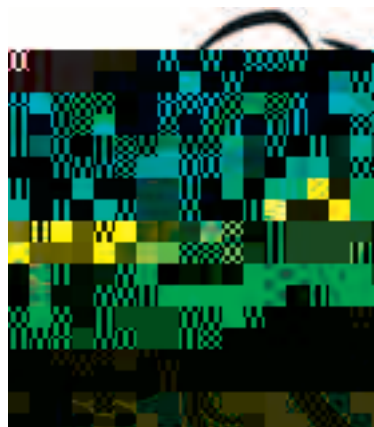
- Steve Gogolak '05

“The snowy weather kept many people from coming, so those of us who did make it were a small, intimate group of hearty, weather-be-damned survivors (except that there was no talk of kicking anyone off the island). I think the weather caused us to bond with each other more than usual. For example, a student whom I did not know and I stayed until after 8:00 p.m. chatting away, even though we both had plenty of other things to do at that busy time of the semester. It was a carpe diem moment for both of us.”

- James Ward, Professor of Mathematics




It was, indeed, a dark and stormy night, as I sloshed and slid my way up the horseshoe driveway of the Ladd House to attend a Dinner with Six



to meet more students. Bowdoin is small, but you get into your routine and the world you create, and there are many interesting people that you wouldn't otherwise meet...I really enjoy hearing about people's different career choices and paths, especially when they aren't linear... The conversation was fantastic."

Ben: "I decided to attend (this was my first time) because my roommate went last year and thought it was a unique and interesting way to get to know people on campus that you see every day but never connect with – and he was right. I loved it. It was pretty amazing the way that each of us at the table, different as we were, chatted so easily over a meal. The forum is casual enough to make it easy to get a sense of the people you're with, but is structured so that discussion actually takes place."





law school at Columbia after three years at Bowdoin as part of a 3-2 plan); Mirna Santos '07 (a future lawyer from Boston drawn to Bowdoin by the Posse Program, a scholarship program for outstanding future leaders from public high schools); Michael Nugent '07 (a sociology major/film minor and Chamber Choir standout from Cincinnati); Steve Smith '08 (a future biological researcher from Mars Hill, Maine); and Margery Logan (a Bowdoin security officer who greatly enjoys interacting with students in an informal off-duty setting).

The conversation started off slowly, but two ice breakers from the list of questions provided

Ashley Amsterdam Reilly '99 and Staff Sergeant Sean Robert Reilly were married in Buena Vista, New Jersey on November 15, 2003.

Michael Sinclair '97 and Pamela Torto were married at the Sebasco Harbor Resort in Maine on June 5, 2004. Bowdoinites pictured are (l to r): Ryan eyes-Gurvelis9I3s5, Kalin

George M. Rogers III '85 and Patrick Watson (Georgetown '78) were married on July 11, 2004 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Boston. Bowdoin alums attending included (l to r): Tom Randall '85, George Rogers Jr. '57, David Little '85, Patrick, David Calhoun '84, George, Whitney Donnelly '84, Carolyn Morrell Raisner '85, and Fran Dilts Wescott '85.

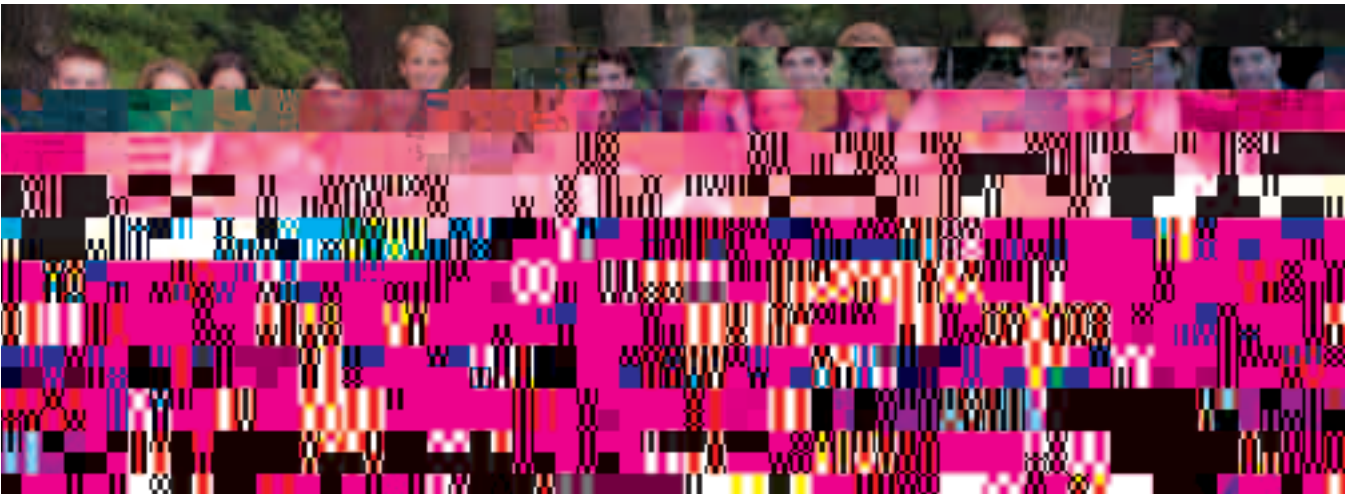
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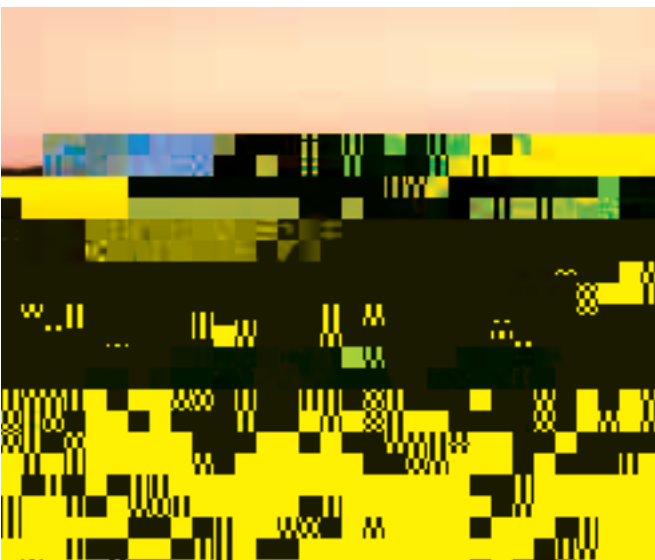
Melanie A. Spriggs '96 married Chris Delcuze on May 1, 2004 in Austin, TX. Friends at the ceremony included (l to r) Tamara Baxter Smith '97, Brenda McCormally Nardone '98, Melanie, Susan Kimball '95, and Amy Welch-Whissen '96.



Christopher Brent '98 and Ann Brent (Northwestern University '99) were married on October 23, 2004 in Chicago, IL. Bowdoin friends in attendance were (l to r): Matt Greitzer '98, Jason Cocovinis '98, Sarah Cross '98, Kim Driessen '98, Michael Naess '99, Anne and Chris, and Simon Gershey '98.



Ben Peisch '05 married Sarah Swenson Peisch (Brigham Young University '05) on June 25, 2004 in the Boston Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, with a reception at Fruitlands Museum in their hometown of Harvard, Massachusetts. Joining the celebration were kneeling (l to r): Daniel Gulotta '03, Jeffrey Rubens '03, Daniel Hall '05, Patrick Hughes '05. Standing (l to r): Scott Barbuto '03, Lynne Davies '04, Katie Landry '05, Ellen Beth '05, Patrick Vardaro '03, Kate Waller '02, Taylor Washburn '04, Sarah and Ben, Andrew Combs '06, Samuel Peisch ('13?), Conor O'Brien '03, Heather Provencher '05, Aaron Goldstein '05, and Taylor Miller '05.



Kelsey Ziegler Vlieks '95 and Dirk Vlieks were married on August 21, 2004, in Mystic, CT. Bowdoin friends attending were (l to r) Karin Gralneck Silk '95, Alison Behr '95, Dirk and Kelsey, and Kristen Ekman '95.



Sarah Goffinet '00 married Tom Durkee (New England College) on September 4, 2004 at the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, DC. Bowdoin friends in attendance were front row (l to r): Tom and Sarah, Elizabeth Heuser '00, Emily Bahr '00. Second row (l to r): Ben Wolff '00, Christie Briggs '00, Sarah Roop DeBenedictis '00, Brian Guiney '00, Abbey Greene '99. Third row (l to r): Tim Saunders '00, Ben Gales '00, Dave Nakashian '00, Jess Clark '00, Meaghan Curran '00.

Bridget L. Fahy '99 and Stephen Fahy '99 were married on August 27, 2004 in Kennebunkport, ME.

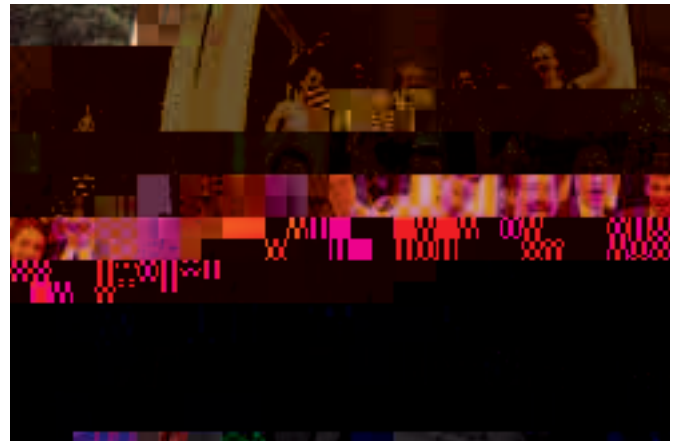
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Nat Hennigar '98 and Carey Baldwin Hennigar (University of Vermont '98) were married at the Newagen Inn in Boothbay Harbor, ME on October 2, 2004. Bowdoin guests included back row (l to r): Michael Featherman '97, Jared Paquette '98, John Anderson '97, Hap Hennigar '64, Ryan Naujoks '98. Second row (l to r): Jenny Moyer '01, Kristi LeBlanc Paquette '96, Nick Livesay '98, Sybil Hennigar '02, Nat and Carey, Margot Burke '97, Chris Holman '98, Gordon Holman '98. Front row (l to r): Kevin Dell'Oro '98, David Martines '97, and Brian Crocco '97.

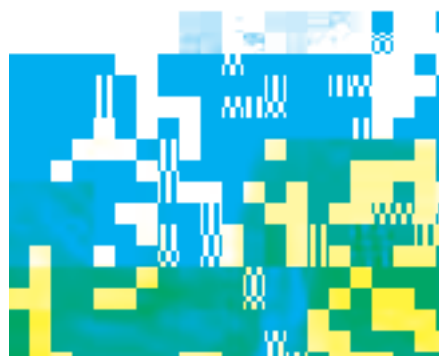


On June 12, 2004 Annie Beattie Walsh '01 married Daniel Walsh (University of Wisconsin) at her parents' home in Afton, Minnesota. Helping celebrate back row (l to r): Lisa Smith '01, Jette Duba '02, Annie and Dan, Katie Matthews '01, and Megan Cosgrove '01. Front row (l to r) are Laura Minich '01, Harriet Van Vleck '01, and Catherine Williams '01



Ponah Ramus Gillespie '02 and Earl Gillespie '00 were married at the Lyman Estate in Waltham, MA on August 13, 2004. Bowdoin friends in attendance were top row (l to r): Robin Kramer '02, Derrick Duplessy '02, Kathleen Parker '02, Amanda Karlin '02, Aurelia Hall '02, Tien-tien Lai '02. Bottom row (l to r): Roy Marangu '02, Todd Johnston '02, Earl and Ponah, Anthony Roy '00, Mark Steffen '02, Misha Escovitz '02, and Alexios Hadji '01

Eva Tomecka Feeney '02 and Richard Feeney '02 were married on August 21, 2004, the year the Red Sox won the World Series! Joining in the celebration were (l to r): Joanie Taylor '03, Jon Knapp '02, Margaret Paz '02, Brendan Hughes '02, Jay Basnight '02, Steve Brad



Anke Thiem (Berlin Academy of Arts '97, Germany) and **John D. Meserve** '83 were married on September 4, 2004.



Gloria Sonnen Aurich '01 married Peter Aurich on July 31, 2004, in Saint Paul, MN. Bowdoin friends in attendance included (l to r): Mark Gilbride '02, Caitlin MacDonald '01, Colin Robinson '01, Julia Sanders '03, Carrie Simonds '02, Lauren Myers '01, Kim Mimnaugh '01, Ashley Cotton '01, Megan Delage '01, Chris Day '99, Nicole Carpentier '01, Maureen Singer '01, Scott Golding '01.

Shannon Reilly Kenney '97 and Andrew Kenney '98 were married on October 23, 2004 at the Cliff House Resort in Ogunquit, Maine. Bowdoin friends joining the celebration included back row (l to r): John McAuliffe '99, John Whipple '97, Jim Cavanaugh '98, Dan Kittredge '97, Ben Chaset '98, Erin Hynes

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Raquel Forsythe '93 was married to Benjamin Reynolds on January 29, 2005 in Weehawken, NJ. Bowdoin alumni pictured at the reception are front row (l to r): Jenny Litzow '93, Amy Aselton MacLean '94, Gwenn Miller '93, Raquel and Ben, Kari Primo-Liddy '93, Erin O'Neill Balog '93, Jessica Radin Peters '93, John Peters '93 (holding Hannah Peters '23?) Back Row: Craig MacLean '93, Marshall Felix '94.



Marc van Zadelhoff '94 and Remke van Zadelhoff (University of Amsterdam '02) were married on September 18, 2004 on the canals of Amsterdam. They were joined by a small but dedicated group of Bowdoinites who made the trip from the U.S. (l to r): Amy Wakeman '91, Tim Smith '94, Remke and Marc, Neil Houghton '94, and Jeff Coad '94.

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A major in English and Environmental Studies, Callie Gates '05 has a unique talent for seeing the big picture – an intellectual curiosity finely tuned to the connectedness of ideas through history and across disciplines. But her love of connection goes beyond the academic. She is a natural leader and a conscientious friend, and through her work for the Bowdoin Outing Club, the Residential Life Program, and the Judicial Board, Callie has given back much to the

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of 1903, brother E. Farrington, Jr. '31, and Luther D. '39, and a nephew Philip J. '80. Winthrop Piper died in Dalton, MA on January 6. His brother Louis A. was the Class of '46. Win's son, the Reverend Geoffrey Piper, lives in West Bloomfield, MI. On a happier note, a long telephone conversation and a letter from Don Stearns produced the picture of him and his extensive collection of tennis trophies. He has lived forever just outside of New York City in Beechhurst, NY and has been winning from the very beginning. He and his wife are still big tennis players, so there may be more trophies to come! Your secretary is due to move to a retirement community nearby near the end of May and will report on the wrenching experience in the next issue. We won't make reunion, but please report if you do." S

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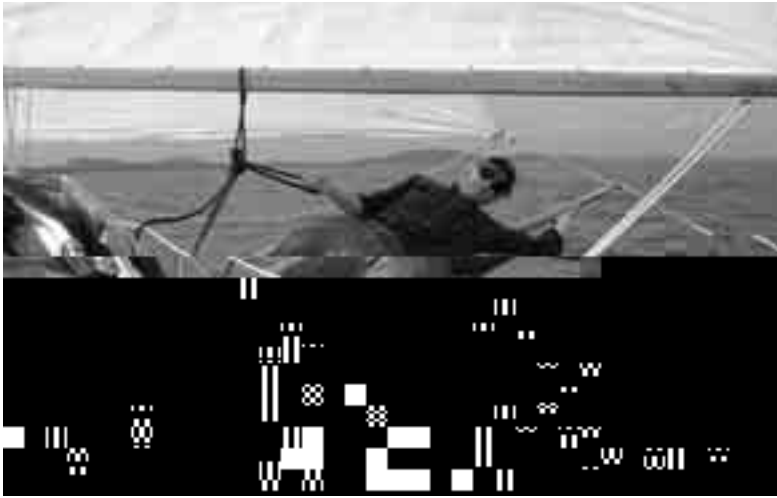
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Robert E. Colton reports: "My monograph, has recently been published in the series."

Bal Golden sent news noting his son, Peter's, recent promotion at CBS and Paramount. Peter oversees CBS's and Paramount's casting operations.

more classmates. **Bob Roberts** died January 30: Grace Roberts, 15628 Carriedale Lane, #4, Ft Myers, FL 33912. **Charlie Deming** passed away February 27: Barbara Deming, 151 Forty Acres Rd., P.O. Box 26, Elkins, NH 03233-0026.

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Mrs. Polly Johnson, widow of **Rogers Johnson**, writes: "Rogers would be proud of his 13 talented, athletic grandchildren: Jennifer, a sophomore on the Princeton track team; Will and Myles, members of Kit Carson, Colorado's Small High Schools' Championship basketball team."

Agisilaos J. Pappanikou is "getting old, but doing well. Recently received recognition for the University of Connecticut Alumni Association as an Honorary Life Alumnus, and also received recognition from UConn's School of Education via their Lifetime Achievement Award."

Rick Swann writes: "Kathy and I have retired to Cape Cod. Enjoy golf two or three times a week (but not this winter). Took a trip to Ireland last fall."

Vaughan Walker is "still coping with 'peripheral neuropathy' that fortunately is moving very slowly. No pain either, also a fortunate thing. Libby and I are pretty well settled here in Ponte Vedra Beach, which is about halfway between Jacksonville and St. Augustine. We were also very fortunate not to have any significant damage from the barrage of hurricanes that clobbered much of Florida last summer and fall."

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Stuart F. Cooper "just remarried on November 20, 2004. Jane and I hope to return to Bowdoin on our next fifth anniversary to see many of you."

James H. Freeman writes: "Six to seven weeks of MD work each year. 'The rest of the story' is hunting, fishing, grandparenting, and dog training. 'Tis the life of Reilly."

Ronald R. Lagueux writes: "After 36-plus years on the bench, I am semi-retired (a senior judge) but I have the station fire civil case to oversee with some 330 plaintiffs and 46 defendants. That should keep me busy for the next four or five years."

Paul Lewis is "still working. Marcy and I bought our first house last fall after renting



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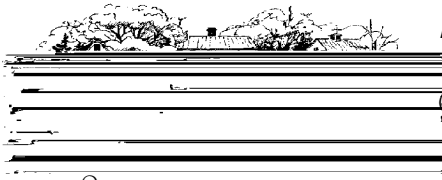
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Robert Hohlfelder '60

by Alix Roy '07

Inspiration for a lifelong career is typically found in books written by famous authors, lectures given by noted scholars, maybe even in music or art. Very rarely does one find inspiration in several-hundred tons of concrete. For Robert Hohlfelder '60 however, this is exactly what happened when he discovered a cement block of over 600 cubic meters (about half an acre) during an expedition off the shore of Caesarea Martima, Israel. Part of an ancient breakwater, the block presented a mystery simply because, as Hohlfelder states, "it shouldn't have been there." For an object of such size and weight to be located so far offshore given the technology of the time was an impossibility, and Hohlfelder recalls the excitement of the find saying, "nothing on this scale had ever been discovered before."

Quickly after the initial discovery of the block, Hohlfelder deduced the only logical explanation for its existence. He concluded that the Romans had poured the concrete into wooden formwork built in the water, eliminating the need to transport such a huge block from shore. Once this discovery was made, Hohlfelder began his study of ancient technology leading to one of his current projects, called the Roman Maritime Concrete Study, where he has an unusual job description. "One of my tasks is to make concrete sexy," he jokes. Hohlfelder's study of the evolution of Roman concrete led to his fall 2004 construction of a concrete pier off the coast of Brindisi, Italy. The pier is eight cubic meters in size and is expected to last for 100 years.

That thrill of discovery, Hohlfelder remembers his colleagues saying, "It was exciting and the potential for discovery in the field is exciting." Hohlfelder says, "It was during these visits that Hohlfelder says the beginning to recognize the

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Bill Christmas "retired from Duke University on July 1 and moved to Taos, NM, where Polly, my wife of one-and-a-half years, has lived for the past 30 years. We have enjoyed traveling, visiting our eight grandchildren, and sleeping in late. The New Mexican sunsets are spectacular—you should share one with us if you are ever in northern New Mexico (providing you can find us at home)."

Sam Elliot is "still working for the engineering firm of Camp Dresser & McKee in the DC area. Probably will hold out until spring, and then I'm going sailing."

Robert S. Hurd briefs: "Grandson, William Studley Hurd, born October 18, 2004, at Toby Hospital, Wareham, MA. **Robert Studley Hurd, Jr. '87, father.**"

William Lenssen writes: "June 28 brought my first grandchild, Mary Grace Lenssen, the daughter of **William A. Lenssen '90**. Next year will be good."

John Moore, John M.R. Paterson '66

William C. Pattison is "semi-retired now in beautiful Olympia, Washington with my wife of nearly 40 years, Candy. Kids are scattered from Maryland to the west coast."

Gerald Slavet, "artistic director, co-founder and CEO of the 'From the Top' organization, which promotes classical music education in outreach programs in schools and online," was the subject of a January article after a recent winter taping of "From the Top" at Camden Hills High School in Maine. **Bangor Daily News**

Jon T. Staples writes: "We enjoyed our third summer (2004) in Maine and managed to contact **Dave Ballard** and **Tom Erskine**. We hope to get together with more Bowdoin classmates next summer."

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Three grandsons keep Sue and me on our toes. My golf game, as usual, leaves much room for improvement. Sue and I are looking forward to the 45th in June and to our 45th anniversary in August."

Peter Sheldon wrote in December: "Suffering in 'silence,' while NY NFL

Giants continue to lose close games. Otherwise, preoccupied with family, work, and charity directorship of Habitat for Humanity. Will revisit in June 2005 for the 45-year reunion. Have not been back since 1960!"

Rod Beaulieu "finished my 10th New York Marathon. Jane and I are now permanent

residents of Georgetown, Maine, and frequently get over to events at the College. A new granddaughter keeps us commuting to Phoenix. **Dick Galler**, classmate and fraternity brother, got us interested in motorcycling. We ride frequently with him and his wife, Vickie. Jane and I are co-chairs of Friends of Perkins Island Light, and are making progress in saving that landmark in the Kennebec River.

Dwight Hall

to Brunswick.” Brunswick Times Record

William F. Springer is “looking forward to reunion. Daughter, Allison ’97, is pursuing a career in the horse business.”

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is now an assistant professor at U-Chicago. I continue as president of EIC Laboratories, Norwood, MA (www.eiclabs.com).”

Berle Schiller and Rob Jarratt ’64 were the subjects of a January article in the Brunswick Times Record about Dr. Martin Luther King’s 1964 visit to Bowdoin and the speech he gave then at First Parish Church. “Those who heard the speech and had the chance to interact with King have vivid memories of their brush with a historic figure who nevertheless came across as a down-to-earth person...Berle Schiller...had traveled from the college to the Portland airport to chauffeur King back

Wayne M. Burton, North Shore Community College President, was the subject of a January article about how Dr. Martin Luther King’s 1964 speech at Bowdoin changed Wayne’s life, inspiring him in social activism and community service. North Shore Community College, Lynn, MA...We had over 450 in attendance, including Cong. John Tierney, who also spoke, and Diana Kerry, John’s

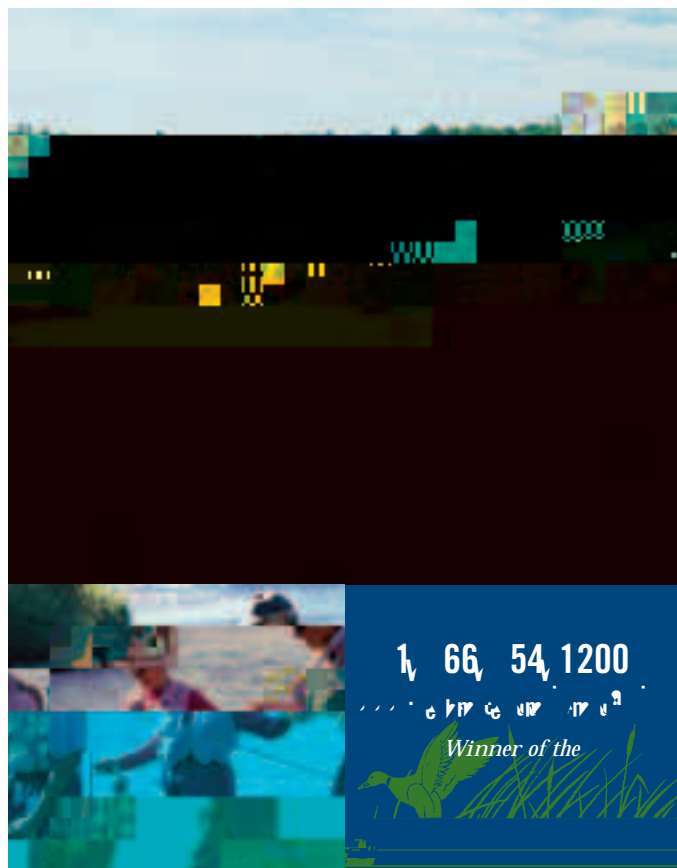
sister, who I got to know during the campaign. Thank you to [Assistant Secretary of the College] John Cross ’76 and [Director of Alumni Relations] Kevin Wesley ’89 for their help in providing the background materials. We did have slides in the background, including ones of the Bowdoin campus, and the postcard of First Parish Church. Those attending were very complimentary.”

Roger R. Hinchliffe
Karen Soderberg Hinchliffe ’82

John Lord writes: “Wendy and I continue to enjoy retired life here in CT, and through our travels. 2004 brought us two new grandsons, bringing our total to four. We are lucky to see them often. In early 2005, we are off on a six-week journey to South America and will be joined by Bill and Shirley Allen on the second half of the trip.”

John Parker is “still living in Princeton, NJ and active part time in the venture capital area. However, also managed to get in a fair amount of sailing, racing to Bermuda in June and from Virginia to Tortola, BVI in mid-November. Also completed my USCG 100-ton master’s license in case I want to go to sea when I grow up.”

John M. R. Paterson and John Moore ’61



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caught up with each other and their grandson, Jonah Moore Paterson (2024?), in Portland, Oregon on the occasion of Jonah's first birthday last October.

"Unfortunately, Jonah's parents, although otherwise wonderful children, made the misguided decision of both going to Connecticut College. John Moore and I hope to rectify that error with Jonah." S

D. Wayne Peters writes: "This has been a good year. My daughter, Dawn, finished her residency at Mass General and passed her specialty boards in pediatrics. My son is finally moving to his own apartment—is this familiar to anyone else? My dear wife, Joyce, and I recently celebrated our 36th anniversary by buying our retirement home in Naples, FL. Best regards to all my classmates!"

Ben Soule "retired from teaching social studies at Yarmouth High School in June. Still working part time at the school as manager of the auditorium and helping to create an alumni association."

Brian C. Warren writes: "I am beginning my thru hike or 'walk-about' (as my parthnah is calling it) of the Applachian Trai April 4th with a hopeful Katahdin date of August 27th."

Jeff White wrote in December: "Just diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis and adjusting to new meds; otherwise, life is grand. Daughters (2) and granddaughters (2) live close by and doing well. After 19-plus years living as a bachelor [I will have] my friend and love, Jane, move in with me

in December, after four-and-a-half years of commuting back and forth to our respective homes. See my high school and Bowdoin buds regularly and still enjoy my management consulting practice and three day/week schedule."

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Randall I. Bond "retired in January after 25 years of service at Syracuse University. My wife Judy, and I have moved to New Hampshire, where we have built a new home in Keene. In 2005, I will be teaching American art as an adjunct at Keene State College."

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Steven J. Beslity is "still working at Marsh and living in London with my wife and 15-year-old daughter."

Stephen Devine is "still enjoying cardiology practice in Wisconsin but look forward to being off call. Daughter, Kelly, is currently a junior, and enjoys her major in psych and education at Bowdoin."

Timothy M. Warren, Jr. "had the thrills of a lifetime in October this year. Under subtle but persistent pressure, Bowdoin roommate **Byron Santos** coughed up tickets to World Series Game 3 in St. Louis. Byron is a successful ophthalmologist and season ticket holder to Cards games. I flew in from a business conference in San Francisco, and my father (**Timothy M. Warren '45**) flew in from Boston on game day. We were met at the airport by the good Dr. Santos and ushered to our Row 9 box seats behind first base. A few beers, a couple of hot dogs and one boneheaded baserunning error by St. Louis pitcher Jeff Suppan, and my beloved Red Sox were headed to victory. A few days earlier, I had happily endured the marathon, extra-inning Game 4 of the Yankee series at Fenway Park with **Bruce Griffin '69**. We were situated in right field box seats, about 100 feet from the landing site of David Ortiz's walk-off home run. That was the first of eight straight wins! P.S., Someone should ask Byron why he needs seven working motorcycles in his garage. And, ask what the hell he was doing in Sturgis, SD last summer."

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Joel Beckwith writes: "Last spring, one of my etchings was exhibited in the Walker Art Museum at Bowdoin, in the show "It's about money." This past spring, my work has been added to the Eisenberg collection at the Zimmerli Art Museum, Rutgers University."

Stephen Glinick reports: "Daughter, Emily '06, will spend spring 2005 in Italy,

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Tom Carey in Bar Harbor on October 28, 2004. 'Elzo' and his bride of 19 years were on a cruise and the Kappa Sig brothers and their significant others enjoyed a beautiful autumn afternoon together. We even entertained other restaurant guests with the fraternity song."

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Our son attends Grinnell, and our daughter is 'thinking' about college."

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Gail Berson is "enjoying my service on the Alumni Council enormously! I am tremendously proud of the Bowdoin of today. Daughter, Jessica, graduated from Hamilton in May as president of her class. Still at Wheaton, where I meet a number of old Bowdoin friends as they visit with their children."

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and insurance coverage of construction issues.”

“Anna Messerly '09, daughter of **Chris Messerly** and **Joanne Lerner Messerly '80**

in acquisitions of public and private companies. In August, Julia, Charlotte and I moved from Farmington, Connecticut, to Rye, New York. Our new house is just over a mile away from my parents, who live in the house I grew up in. The proximity to my parents was a big factor in our return to Rye, particularly because of the twins. I have not really lived in Rye for over 25 years, so the town is both familiar and new, but there is no easier move than moving home.”

Marcus B. Giamatti is “in the middle of season six as a series regular on CBS’s *Scrubs*. Living in LA, working as a professional bass player in several bands, and doing session work.”

Chris Simon writes: “My family and I had a great time at our 20th reunion. I enjoyed seeing my classmates. I recently enjoyed a Bowdoin holiday dinner in Boston with some old friends.”

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George M. Rogers III and Patrick Watson (Georgetown '78) were married on July 11, 2004 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Boston.”

Dan Waters

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Sean M. Mahoney and Jennifer Russell Mahoney '89 "are still living in Falmouth, Maine. Sean is practicing environmental law at Verrill Dana in Portland, and Jenn is practicing children's law and order at Gabriel, Lucy and Owen LLC. Get to Bowdoin for soccer and hockey games, and tree-hugging on the quad."

Christopher I. Oostenink writes: "My wife, Carita Gardiner, and I have two great

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family. He weighed nine pounds, nine ounces. Christopher is thrilled to be a big brother.”

Jennifer Bogue Kenerson writes:

“Alexander Robert joined big brothers, Peter(5) and Nicholas (3) on January 25, 2005. We are all doing well and still enjoying boarding school life at Taft. We also bought a house in NH a few years ago and have loved spending our summers there.”

Jackie Mintz is “still living in New York and working as a corporate lawyer specializing in mergers and acquisitions. Looking forward to **Kate Belmont’s ’94** wedding in Maine in the fall. I can be reached at jackiemintz@verizon.net. Look me up if you’re in NYC!”

Rashid Saber reports: “Jack Austin Saber was born in May 2004. After eight years in Austin, Texas, we are once again loving life here in Salt Lake City, Utah.”

Marc van Zadelhoff writes: “On September 18, 2004, Remke and I got married on the canals of Amsterdam. We were joined by a small but dedicated group of Bowdoinites who made the trip from the U.S.”

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Derek Armstrong is “living in Los Angeles and have somehow found myself in information technology for Sizzler restaurants. Wait, why did I spend that year at Columbia Journalism School again? If the average person changes careers a half-dozen times, I am doing my best to be average. Hope to see whoever is out here on the west coast, and the rest of you at the reunion, if I can make it.”

Laura Armstrong Reed reports: “We welcomed our second son, Jacob Wayne Reed, into the world on January 15, 2004.”

Aaron D. Bornstein wrote in January: “My wife, Liz, and I moved from Chicago to New Zealand in July 2004 for a change of scenery and a lifestyle change. I’ve been working as a pediatrician at a small rural hospital in the Wairarapa on the North Island. So far, we’ve had a wonderful experience living here and traveling around the country. We’ll be heading back to the U.S. in September 2005 after my contract finishes and plan to move to Massachusetts. By that time, we’ll be bringing back the first

Shannon Reilly Kenney and **Andrew Kenney '98** were married on October 23, 2004 at the Cliff House Resort in Ogunquit, Maine. *S... ..*

Mark Patterson reports: "I am about one year away from completing my Ph.D. in pharmaceutical policy at UNC-Chapel Hill School of Pharmacy. Enjoying all that the Carolinas has to offer: the great outdoors, beautiful weather, and a slower-paced, relaxed lifestyle. Academia is great for now; we'll see what comes next. I'm also curious if there are any other Bowdoin grads in the vicinity. Write, if you are: mpatters97@yahoo.com"

"On June 2, 2004 **Emily Giaccai Pyatt** and husband, **Brian Pyatt**, welcomed their daughter, **Claire Olivia**, into the world. Emily now stays home with Claire during the day, and tutors in the evenings. She also keeps busy by helping to develop mathematics curriculums for other middle school teachers, and helping to train teachers. This has been such a wonderful experience. Being a mother is the most challenging, and most rewarding career that I could ever have asked for. We still live in Falls Church, VA, and don't anticipate that changing anytime soon."

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Michael Sinclair and **Pamela Torto** were married at the Sebasco Harbor Resort in Maine on June 5, 2004. *S... ..*

Leigh Fowler Sloss writes: "Nico '95 and I are loving being new parents (despite the lack of sleep!). Ella Margaret Sloss was born on February 4, 2004. She is such a happy baby and is well loved by all her Bowdoin 'aunts' and 'uncles.'" *S... ..*

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B.J. Bernard "worked for three years for the CMJ Network in New York City as an account executive. He created trade and consumer marketing packages partnering record companies and consumer products manufacturers with musical artists, college DJs, and young trendsetters. He is currently working in Worcester, MA for the MPI Advanced Casting Research Center and pursuing a MS in materials science and engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. His research, funded by DOE, involves understanding the mechanisms of globular-phase formation in the semisolid regime of eutectic alloys and applying this knowledge to the novel Continuous Rheoconversion Process (CRP) developed by MPI."

Jennifer Boger writes: "I am living in Boston and working on a second master's degree, this one in Classical Archaeology. I'm not exactly sure where I'll go with it in the long run, but this coming summer it will take me to Greece where I will be spending two months excavating a religious sanctuary on a small island."

Christopher Brent and **Ann Brent** were married on October 23, 2004 in Chicago, IL. *S... ..*

Ethan Corbin writes: "Just a quick update to all of the alums. I am living in Paris, where I am studying for my master's in

in December, 2004. Now I am working at the University of California, Berkeley, in the college of chemistry, and enjoying living in Berkeley.”

Eric Pavri “received a fellowship from the National Science Foundation. Squandered most on fast women and slow

horses. Using the balance to fund fieldwork with undocumented migrants, who return to Central America. **Eric Suess, Mark Sieffert, Scott Shillinglaw**, and I send

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Gwen Armbruster writes: "I'm still in San Francisco (almost 4 years now!), but have changed careers (again!). I'm currently working as an analyst in the client report services group at Callan Associates, an investment consulting firm that specializes in strategic planning and evaluation for large pools of capital, specifically for pension plans and 401(k). So much for my former careers in advertising, law, and corporate training/sales. I'm also currently taking a painting class at UC Berkeley, and am enjoying getting back to my creative roots."

Kristen Marshall DeBernardo and **Joseph DeBernardo** were married on October 2, 2004 in Danvers, MA."

▪ **Earl Gillespie**, **Ponah Ramus Gillespie '02**

Sarah Goffinet "married Tom Durkee (New England College) on September 4, 2004 at the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, DC."

David A. Nakashian is "back in school down in North Carolina and having a great time."

Sarah Tanguay Robinson and **Keith Robinson** were married on June 27, 2004 in Durham, NH. "After our wedding last summer, we're now living at Phillips Andover, where Keith is teaching biology and chemistry. After finishing at Boston College school of nursing, I am currently working as a pediatric nurse practitioner. At Phillips, we are enjoying alums **Scott '98** and **Jenn '99 Hoenig**, **Jill Bouyea '03**, and **Christine Cloonan '02**."

▪ **Amy Trumbull**, **Travis Brennan '04**

Adam L. Zimman updated the physics department that he "is a corporate systems

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Julianne Gauron, **Travis Brennan '04**

Steven Kemper writes: "I am currently a first-year graduate student in music composition at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio. I have just completed a saxophone quartet that will be performed next semester. Anyone passing through the Midwest (we are 20 miles south of Toledo) should stop by and say hello."

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Michael L. Brennan was the subject of an article about his archaeological oceanographic study with Robert Ballard, the explorer who found the Avon Life

Travis Brennan e-mailed from the Marshall Islands in January, where he is teaching, along with

recently launched t-shirt company, Chez Suz. Check out the designs online at www.chezsuz.com." S

Lydia Hale Rosado married Adam Rosado (United States Air Force Academy '02) on February 14, 2004 in Northampton, Massachusetts.

Michael Saur writes: "During hurricane Ivan, I braved the freeway congestion and evacuated New Orleans to Austin, Texas. **Marshall Escamilla** was nice enough to put me up for several days, and together with **Ian LeClair**, we turned a hectic storm evacuation into a chance enjoy Austin."

"**Sarah Tappan** became engaged to Ryan Luckin, Santa Clara class of 2000, on April 2nd, 2005. The wedding is expected in the fall of 2006."

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Herman Frederick Urban '29 died on February 28, 2005, in Derby, CT. Born on August 24, 1908, in Seymour, CT, he prepared for college at Seymour High School and became a member of Kappa

Academy from 1934 to 1947, except for service as a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army Air Forces during World War II from July of 1942 to November of 1945. In 1947, he joined the faculty at Northbridge (MA) High School and in 1948 became principal of Hanover (MA) High School, where he remained until

He was a resident physician from 1944 to 1946 in the Hackensack (NJ) Hospital and then served in the Army Medical Corps for two years, attaining the rank of captain. He was an anesthesiologist at the Manchester (CT) Memorial Hospital from 1948 to 1950 and was the chief of the department of anesthesiology there from 1950 to 1966. He also had a private practice for many years before retiring in 1982. He served as president of the Connecticut State Society of Anesthesiologists, the medical staff of the Manchester Memorial Hospital, and the Manchester Medical Association. He also served as secretary of the Connecticut State Society of Anesthesiologists. He was a member of the Masons and a longtime member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Manchester and St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Hebron, CT. Surviving are his wife, V. Linda Wakefield Platz, whom he married in 1944; three sons, Stephen E. Platz of Lebanon, CT, Daniel E. Platz of Coventry, CT, and Donald E. Platz, also of Coventry; two daughters, Sally P. Taetsch of Newington, CT, and Nancy P. Jones of Ransomville, NY, four grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Eugene Daniel Sexton '40 died on February 21, 2005, in Augusta. Born there on June 30, 1917, he prepared for college at Cony High School and became a member of Zeta Psi Fraternity at Bowdoin. Following his graduation in 1940, he worked at the D. Sexton Drug Store in Augusta for two years before serving in the U.S. Army during World War II from 1942 to 1944. He was a pharmacist and owner of Sexton Drug Store for more than 30 years and also purchased the Winthrop Drug Store in 1953. He retired in 1979. He was a member and a past president of the Abnaki Ski and Outing Club. He was married in 1946 to Joan O'Connor, who died in 1982; he was married again in 1990, to Mildred McCausland, who survives him, as do two sons, John J. Sexton of Manchester and Daniel B. Sexton of Yarmouth; a stepdaughter, Suzanne Colvin of Silver Spring, MD; two granddaughters; and a step-granddaughter.

Robert Weare Ellis '41 died on March 10, 2005, in Cape Neddick. Born in York Beach on June 20, 1920, he prepared for college at York High School and became a member of Psi Upsilon Fraternity at Bowdoin, which he attended from 1937 to 1940. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II from 1940 to 1945, attaining the rank of lieutenant commander and being awarded the Bronze Star. After the war, he returned to Bowdoin and graduated in 1947 as a member of the Class of 1941. For nine years he owned and operated York Dry Cleaners and was for several years with the Aetna Insurance Company in Hartford, CT. In 1956, he joined the Ellis Agency in York Beach, managing its real estate department, which he did until his retirement in 1975. He was a selectman in York for 18 years, was a member of the York Planning Board, and was treasurer of the York School District. He was also chief of the York Beach Fire Department, a member of the York Golf and Tennis Club, a trustee of the York Library, and a director of the York Chamber of Commerce. He was married in 1947 to Margaret Burdon, who died in 1997, and is survived by a son, Peter B. Ellis of Cape Neddick, and two granddaughters.

John Cushman Abbott '43 died on January 3, 2005, in Lincolnshire, IL. Born on April 12, 1921, in Auburn, he prepared for college at Edward Little High School there and at Governor Dummer Academy in South Byfield, MA, and became a member of Theta Delta Chi Fraternity at the College. Following his graduation in January of 1943, he served during World War II, first in the U.S. Marine Corps and then in the U.S. Army Air Forces, attaining the rank of second lieutenant as a navigator. From 1946 to 1949 he was a graduate assistant at Syracuse University in New York, from which he received a master of arts degree in history. In 1950, he received a master of arts degree in library science from the University of Michigan, from which he received a doctor of philosophy degree in 1957. He was an intern at the Library of Abbott of Winnetka, IL; a daughter, Mary Dana Abbott of Springfield, IL; a brother, Luther D. Abbott '39 of Thomasville, NC; and 10 grandchildren.

while serving in the Seabees in Pittsfield, MA. In 1949, he received a master of arts degree from Columbia University, where he also completed all the course work for a doctor of philosophy degree. After serving as head of the English department at St. Mark's School of Texas in Dallas, he was an instructor in English at Connecticut College in New London, at Colby College in Waterville, and at the University of Vermont in Burlington. From 1959 until 1965, he was head of the English department at Miss Hall's School in Pittsfield, MA. In 1964, he joined the faculty at Berkshire Community College in Pittsfield, which was recently incorporated, and later became the first chair of its English department. After retiring in 1988, he continued to teach evening courses, including classes for the Elderhostel program. Surviving are three sons, Winthrop D. Piper of Etna, NH, the Reverend Geoffrey T. Piper of West Bloomfield, MI, and Andres L. Piper of Pittsfield, MA; a daughter, Emilie A. Shipman of Enfield, NH; a brother, Lawrence H. Piper of Keene, NH; a sister, Pamela Dygert of Keene; his stepmother, Gertrude Piper of Keene; and nine grandchildren.

Joseph Frederick Carey '44 died on February 28, 2005, in Beverly, MA. Born

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and uncle in 1929 as a women's clothing store, and served as the firm's chief executive officer and president for many years. In 1988, he became a partner in Ward Associates, consulting to retailing and marketing firms. He served as president of Maine Merchants Associates and was elected to the board of directors of the National Retail Merchants Association, representing Maine. He was a member of the Maine Small Business Advisory Board, a member of the steering committee of Lewiston Downtown Merchants, and vice president of Lewiston Tomorrow, a private agency concerned with the optimum development of downtown Lewiston. He taught a course in marketing at Bliss Business College in Lewiston, and in retirement taught at the Harvard University's Institute for Learning in Retirement, leading a course in "The History of Jazz." Surviving are his wife, Ann Brodell Ward, whom he married in 1951; a daughter, Sandra W. Simon; two sons, Peter M. Ward '79 of Lewiston and Michaeare his wife,
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Elkridge, MD; a daughter, Pamela J. Aikens of Baltimore, MD; and two sisters, Norma L. Kalmbacher of Williston Park, NY, and Elvera Wilbur of Milford, CT.

Peter Charles Barnard '50 died on January 22, 2005, in Scarborough. Born on May 16, 1925, in Cleveland, OH, he prepared for college at Cleveland Heights High School and during World War II served in the U.S. Navy from

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Program. After retiring from Union Mutual, he was president of Developmental Dynamics Corporation and in 1978 became an associate in the consulting firm of Mahoney Berv Associates. In 1979, he was elected executive vice president of the Allstate Life Insurance Company in charge of group operations and elected a member of that firm's board of directors. He retired in 1988 as president of Allstate and as a director of the Allstate Insurance Corporation. He was a member of the Portland Country Club in Falmouth and of Fiddlesticks Country Club in Fort Myers. He was married in 1950 to Grace Cadigan, who died in

Alfred Irving Murray '56 died on
December 2, 2004, in Concord, NH.
Born on July 21, 1934, in Boston, he

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School until 1967. He was a teacher and coach of basketball at North Middlesex Regional High School in Townsend, MA, from 1967 to 1969, before joining the faculty at Marblehead (MA) High School as a mathematics teacher and coach; he chaired the mathematics and business departments at the high school for many years. He was honored as the North Shore Basketball Coach of the Year in both 1975 and 1976, the recipient of the 1976 Basketball Officials Board #120 Sportsmanship Award, the Division II Coach of the Year in 1984, and the National High School Coaching Gold Award for Boys Basketball in 1989. He was inducted into the North Shore Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1998. During the summers of 1968 through 1971, he attended the National Science Foundation Institute for Secondary School Teachers of Mathematics at Bowdoin, receiving a master of arts degree in 1971. A member of the U.S. Tennis Association, he competed on the Masters circuit on the national level. He was a member of the Bass River Tennis Club in Beverly and the Beach Club in Swampscott. He is survived by his wife, Frances Fournier Sheridan, whom he married in 1968; two sons, Timothy Sheridan and Peter Sheridan, both of Marblehead; two daughters, Christina Gable of Marblehead and Katie Sheridan '02 of Portland, who has been assistant coach of women's soccer and softball at the College; and four grandchildren.

Albert James Sibson '62 died on January 28, 2005, in Portland. Born on March 11, 1940, in Portland, he prepared for college at Cheverus High School there and became a member of Theta Delta Chi Fraternity at Bowdoin. Following his graduation in 1962, he joined the faculty at Windham High School in Willimantic, CT, where he taught Latin. In 1965, he returned to Maine to teach Latin at Cape Elizabeth High School. In 1968, he received a master of arts degree from Tufts University in Medford, MA. After retiring from the Cape Elizabeth High

School faculty in 1987, he taught at Catherine McAuley High School in Portland before beginning a new career in library services, working at both the South Portland Public Library and the Andover College Library. He was a member of the Classical Association of New England and the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, which he served through the years as chaplain, secretary, and president. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus and a communicant of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Portland and frequently attended the Holy Trinity Greek

and Estate Counsel and was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States in 1997. Surviving are his wife, Margaret Balfour Gilmore, whom he married in 1973 in the Chapel at Bowdoin; a son, Daniel J. Gilmore IV of Franklin; a daughter, Laura B. Gilmore of Franklin; and two brothers, Michael Gilmore of Cumberland, RI, and Shaun P. Gilmore '76 of Denver, CO.

Barbara Kotlewski Jackson '75 died on March 6, 2005, in Atlanta, GA. Born on November 23, 1952, in Burlington, VT, she prepared for college at Kennebunk High School. She graduated from Bowdoin in May of 1975 and worked at the Brunswick Savings Institution for a year before joining the Portland Savings Bank. She was for several years a financial analyst and supervisor of securities with the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company in Portland. In 1984, she moved to Georgia, where she was associated with Information Systems of America, Inc. in Atlanta and then as assistant vice president at the Investments Centre, Inc., an investment management company. She was also a financial consultant with A.G. Edwards and office manager for Batson Brokerage on Hilton Head Island in South Carolina before returning to Georgia. She received a master of business administration degree from Emory University in 1989 and a teaching certificate for the State of Georgia in 2004. She was a member of the Unitarian Universalist Northwest Church in Georgia. Surviving are her husband, Robert A. Jackson of Norcross, GA; her mother, Patricia Littlefield Kotlewski of Kennebunk; a twin sister, Elizabeth Ayotte of Auburn; and another sister, Ruth Ann Abrahamson of Rexford, NY.

Jennifer Lois Pinkham '77 died on February 1, 2005, in Pelham, MA. Born on December 16, 1955, in Bangor, she prepared for college at Fort Kent High Community High School and was a member of Zeta Psi Fraternity at Bowdoin. Following her graduation

in 1977, she received her doctor of philosophy degree from Yale University in 1983 and was an instructor in a biotechnology laboratory course at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. After three years as a postdoctoral fellow in the M.I.T. biology department, she was an assistant professor in molecular neurobiology at the Yale University School of Medicine from 1986 to 1990. In 1990, she joined the department of biochemistry at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. At the time of her death she held the position of research associate professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. She was the recipient of a National Science Foundation Visiting Professorship for Women in 1991-92, one of only 25 such appointments nationwide. At the Bowdoin Science Symposium held in conjunction with the dedication of Druckenmiller Hall in 1997 she presented a paper on "Complex Regulation of a Gene that Protects Against Oxidative Stress." She is survived by her husband, Martin Weinberg of Pelham, MA; a sister, Laura Risom of Ridgefield, CT; two brothers, Edward R. Pinkham, Jr. of Sharon, MA, and Andrew A. Pinkham of Somerville, MA; her parents, E. Randall and Theresa Pinkham of Fort Kent, three nephews; and two nieces.

Martha Elizabeth Lord '79 died on December 4, 2004, in North Salem, NY. Born on April 10, 1957, in Greenwich, CT, she prepared for college at Rosemary Hall School in Wallingford, CT. Following her graduation from Bowdoin in 1979, she joined VISTA, a program within AmeriCorps that focused on helping people out of poverty. For some years she worked as a fundraiser for the Center for Law and Values in New York, soliciting funds, doing financial planning, and overseeing administrative operations. She worked as a community educator and as a counselor for rape victims and battered women in New York for a number of years. She earned a master's degree in

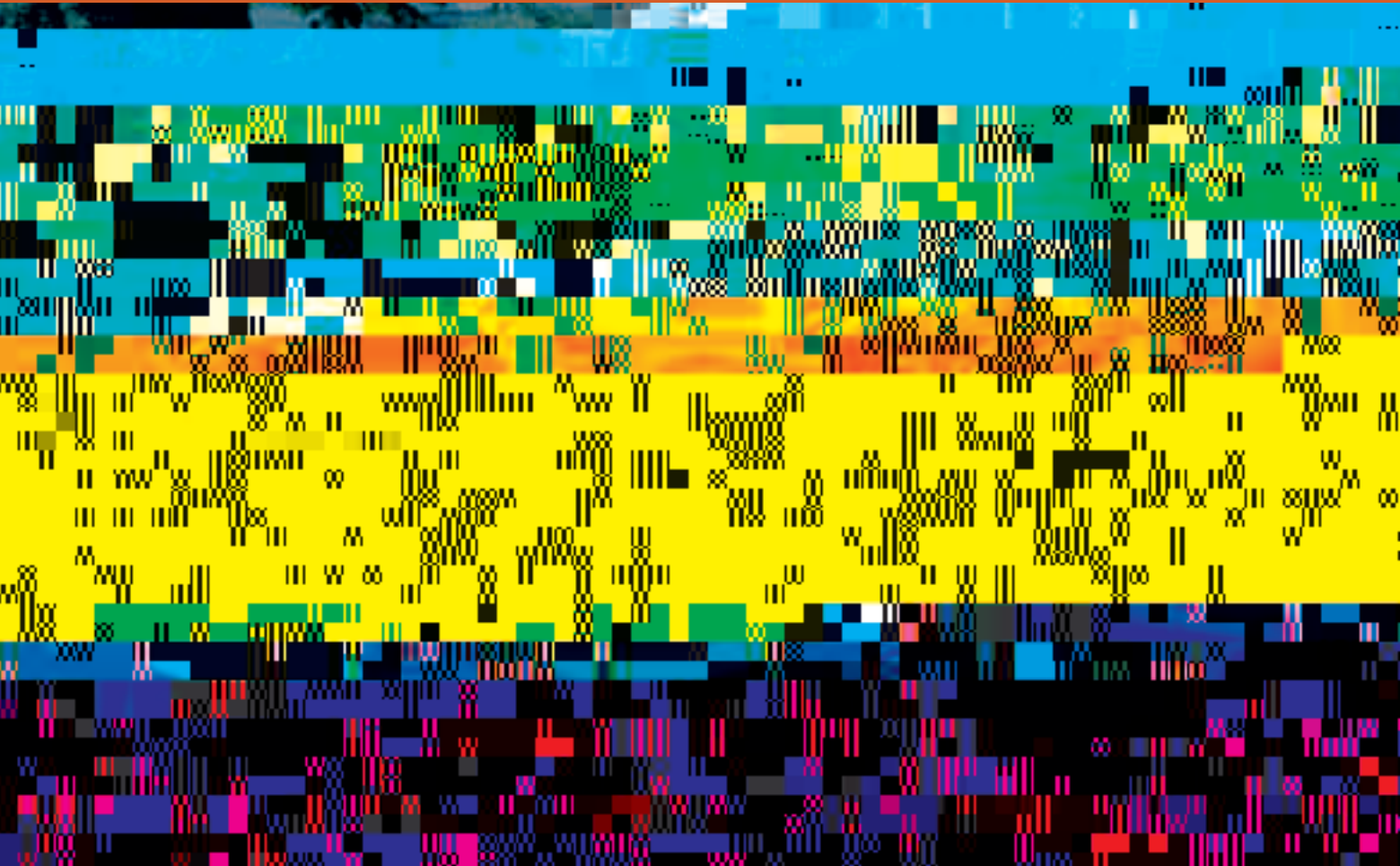
psychology and was a trained psychotherapist. From 1994 to 2002 she was the associate director of programs for My Sister's Place, a domestic violence services and advocacy organization in White Plains, NY. She resigned in 2002 after being diagnosed with breast cancer, but she continued to work for various organizations and to train other counselors. In 2004, the Westchester Division of the New York Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers honored her as Public Citizen of the Year. Surviving are two daughters, Emily Barrett and Christina Barrett; her parents, Herbert M. Lord '39 and Martha Urquhart Lord of Greenwich, CT; and two brothers, John U. Lord '76 of Rockland and Kenneth W. Lord '88 of Greenwich, CT.

Carson Jeffrey Spencer '92 died on December 7, 2004, in Westminster, CO. He was born on December 24, 1969, in Glastonbury, CT, and prepared for college at the Loomis-Chaffee School in Windsor, CT. He became a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity at Bowdoin. Following his graduation in 1993 as a member of the Class of 1992, he joined the Sun Life of Canada/Employee Benefits in Atlanta, GA. In 1997, he became manager of the newly-opened Denver office. In 1999, he and a colleague formed Beacon Risk Strategies, an employee benefit service company with offices in Denver, Seattle, WA, and Wellesley, MA. At the time of his death he was working on the formation of US Health, a company designed to solve the problem of people without health insurance. Surviving are his wife, Heather Bacon Spencer; a daughter, Kaija I. Spencer; his parents, Robert T. Spencer '60 and Joyce J. Spencer of Westminster, CO; and a sister, Dr. Sally Spencer-Thomas '89 of Conifer, CO.

Bradford Johanson G'62 died on February 4, 2005, in Brunswick. Born



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