

## **RESEARCH, TEACHING, AND CONFERENCE FACILITIES**

### **The Bowdoin Pines**

Adjacent to the campus on either side of the Bath Road is a 33-acre site known as the Bowdoin Pines. Cathedral white pines, some of them 135 years old, tower over the site, which is a rare example of one of Maine's few remaining old-growth forests. For biology students, the Pines provides an easily accessible outdoor laboratory. For other students, the site offers a place for a walk between classes, an inspirational setting for creating art, or simply a bit of solitude. A system of trails within the Pines makes the site accessible to students and community members.

### **Bowdoin Scientific Station**

The College maintains a scientific field station on Kent Island, off Grand Manan Island, in the Bay of Fundy, New Brunswick, Canada, where qualified students can conduct research in ecology, animal behavior, marine biology, botany, geology, and meteorology. The 200-acre island was presented to the College in 1935 by John Sterling Rockefeller. Since then, the field station has built an international reputation, with more than 150 publications based on research at Kent Island, many of them co-authored by Bowdoin students.

Kent Island is a major seabird breeding ground. Its location makes it a concentration point for migrating birds in spring and fall. The famous Fundy tides create excellent opportunities for the study of marine biology. The island also features a variety of terrestrial habitats. In 2005, the College acquired neighboring Hay and Sheep Islands to help preserve the unique environment offered by the Scientific Station.

Although formal courses are not offered at the station, students from Bowdoin and other institutions select problems for investigation on Kent Island during the summer and conduct independent field work with the advice and assistance of a faculty director. Students have the opportunity to collaborate with faculty members and graduate students from numerous universities and colleges. Three-day field trips to Kent Island are a feature of Bowdoin's courses in ecology and ornithology.

### **Coastal Studies Center**

The Coastal Studies Center occupies a 118-acre coastal site that is about twelve miles from the campus on Orr's Island and known as Thalheimer Farm. The Center is devoted to interdisciplinary teaching and research in archaeology, marine biology, terrestrial ecology, ornithology, and geology.

The Center's facilities include a marine biological laboratory with flowing seawater for laboratory observation of live marine organisms, a pier facility located on Harpswell Sound, and a terrestrial ecology laboratory, which serves as a field station for research and study of coastal ecology. These facilities play an active role in Bowdoin's programs in biology, environmental studies, and geology, and the site has been widely used for studio art courses. In addition, the centrally located farmhouse provides seminar and kitchen facilities where classes from all disciplines can gather in a retreat-like atmosphere that encourages sustained, informal interaction among students and faculty members.

The Coastal Studies Center site is surrounded on three sides by the ocean and encompasses open fields, orchards, and old-growth spruce-fir forest. A 4.5-mile interpretive trail runs through the site, offering students and the local community a glimpse into the cultural and natural history of the property and surrounding coastal waters.

### **Coleman Farm**

During the course of the academic year, students study ecology at a site three miles south of the campus, using an 83-acre tract of College-owned land that extends to a salt marsh and the sea. Numerous habitats of resident birds are found on the property, which is also a stopover point for many migratory species. Because of its proximity to campus, many students visit Coleman Farm for natural history walks, cross-country skiing, and other forms of recreation.

### **LECTURESHIPS**

The regular instruction of the College is supplemented each year by lectures, panel discussions, and other presentations sponsored by the various endowment funds, departments of study, and undergraduate organizations. As of June 30, 2008, these funds included:

*John Warren Achorn Lectureship (1928)*: The income of a fund established by Mrs. John Warren Achorn as a memorial to her husband, a member of the Class of 1879, is used for lectures on birds and bird life.

*Charles F. Adams Lectureship (1978)*: The income of a fund established by the bequest of Charles F. Adams '12 is used to support a lectureship in political science and education.

*Beecher-Stowe Family Memorial Fund (1994)*: The income of a fund established as a memorial to Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*; her husband, Calvin Ellis Stowe (Class of 1824), Elizabeth Collins Professor of Natural and Revealed Religion at the College from 1850 to 1852; and her brother, Charles Beecher (Class of 1834), by Harold Beecher Noyes, great-grandson of Charles Beecher, is used to support a lectureship addressed to "human rights and/or the social and religious significance of parables."

*Brodie Family Lecture Fund (1997)*: Established by Theodore H. Brodie '52, an overseer of the College from 1983 to 1995, this fund is used to bring to campus at least once a year a speaker of note in the field of education, to deliver a message on the subjects of problems and practices of teaching and learning.

*Tom Cassidy Lectureship (1991)*: The income of a fund established by the bequest of Thomas J. Cassidy '72 and memorial gifts of his family, friends, and classmates is used to support a lectureship in journalism.

*The Harold and Iris Chandler Lectureship Fund (2001)*: Established by family and friends in memory of Dr. Harold L. Chandler of the Class of 1934, the income from this fund is used for lectures on the use of technology to enhance teaching and learning in the humanities and on the impact of educational technology on our society.

*Dan E. Christie Mathematics Lecture Fund (1976)*: Established by family, friends, colleagues, and former students in memory of Dan E. Christie '37, a member of the faculty for thirty-three years and Wing Professor of Mathematics from 1965 until his death in 1975, this fund is used to support lectures, courses, or research in the field of mathematics.

*Annie Talbot Cole Lectureship (1907)*: This fund, established by Mrs. Calista S. Mayhew in memory of her niece, Mrs. Samuel Valentine Cole, is used to sponsor a lectureship that contributes "to the ennoblement and enrichment of life by standing for the idea that life is a glad opportunity. It shall, therefore, exhibit and endeavor to make attractive the highest ideals of character and conduct, and also, insofar as possible, foster an appreciation of the beautiful as revealed through nature, poetry, music, and the fine arts."