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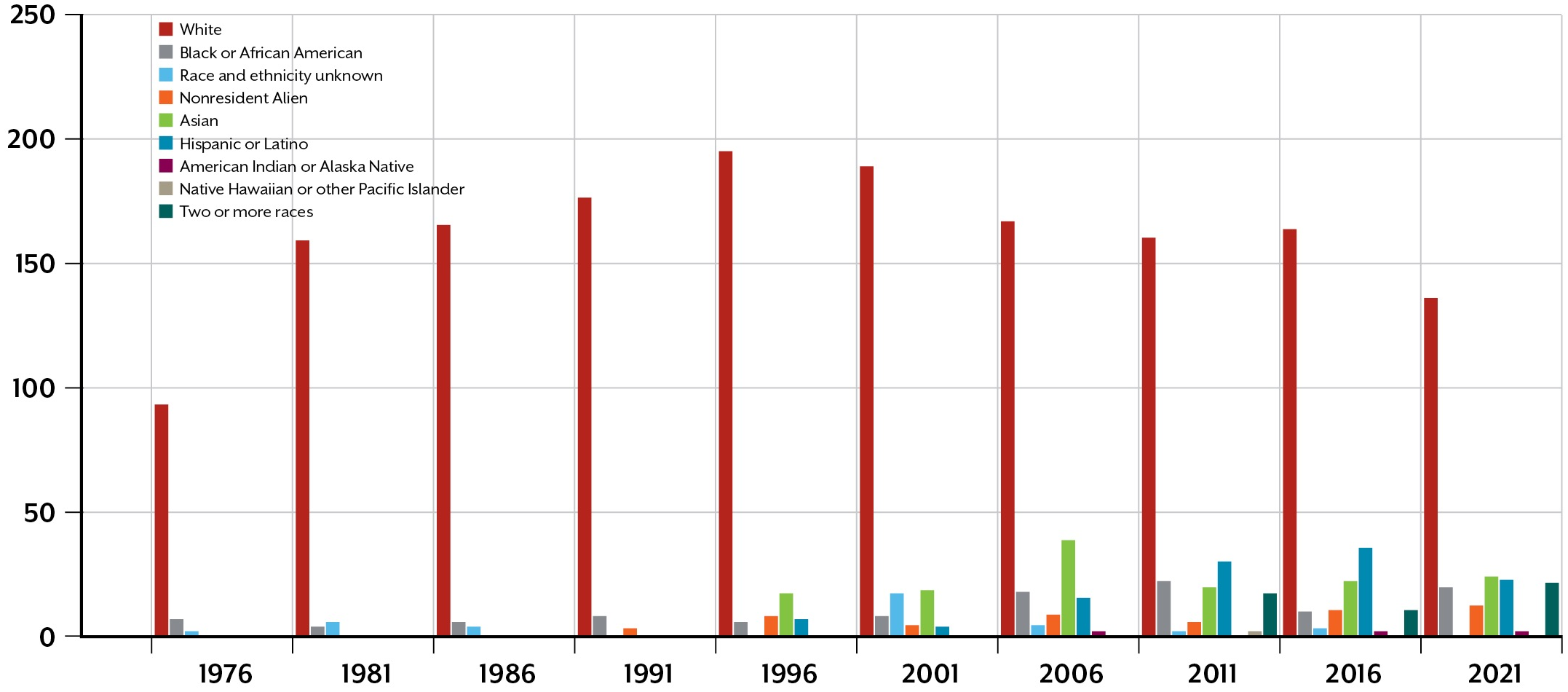

1976–1977 Headlines from the *Orient*

Selectmen promise and deliver

Selectmen record: achievements in fond retrospect

by JED WEST

As the Town Meeting form of government begins its second year at Bowdoin, one might assess its past record and performance in order to form some expectations for its future.

In the fall of 1975, the infant Board of Selectmen represented a revitalization of student government at Bowdoin. The student council of the year before could be considered a testament to apathy. More often than not, the old President of the student council had been unable to take action on issues before the campus because the council rarely reached a quorum.

A prodigious 386 students turned out for Bowdoin's first Town Meeting in November of last year as if to signal an end to the rampant lack of interest of yore. Not only was the form of student government completely different from any that had appeared at Bowdoin, but it was also headed by a woman, Terry O'Toole '76, another first.

At the first Town Meeting eleven issues were discussed including "sex blind admissions," a bill to prohibit smoking in classrooms, the recommending of student participation in tenure decisions, reduction of the lost key fine, establishment of a used book co-op, flexibility in partial board bills for students who live on campus, and the creation of a student pub on campus.

All of these articles were passed. Most remain stalled or buried in faculty committees. The "lost key" fine, though, has been reduced, and the administration claims that students do participate indirectly in the tenure process through the Student Course And Teacher Evaluation (SCATE).

According to many people at Bowdoin including Chairman of the Selectmen Jeff Zimman and Dean of Students Alice Early, one role of student government must be to make student opinion known to the College administration.

President Roger Howell feels that the Town Meeting has carried out this function well. He stated that, "The sense of what student opinion is on various issues is far clearer in the Town Meeting than in a very small student council."

Howell elaborated on the amount of clout student opinion represented, through the Town Meeting results, to the faculty. He said, "I think they're taken very seriously. I'm not sure they exercise decisive sway with the faculty. It depends on the issues."

Howell explained the lack of action on the majority of the articles passed by the Town Meeting saying that, "Sometimes the things proposed by the Town Meeting get lost in a kind of labyrinth."

Perhaps the most tangible and dramatic achievement of the Town Meeting last year was the expression of student opposition to the idea of a reinstatement of the academic calendar which scheduled final exams after Christmas vacation.

In February of 1976, students appeared at the second Town Meeting in numbers comparable to the first to express this rejection of post Christmas exams. The faculty committee which had proposed this calendar respected this opinion and acquiesced to the wishes of the students.

Interestingly, this Town Meeting dealt exclusively with the calendar issue while the other had addressed itself to a wide variety of problems.

Michael Tardiff '79, the selectman who polled the most votes in this year's election, sees the calendar as the only major accomplishment of last year's Town Meeting.

Chairman Jeff Zimman was a bit more philosophical about what went on last year and what the Town Meeting's major accomplishment had been. He said, "One of our most important achievements was rather intangible. That being that we gathered and deliberated. That kind of community interaction doesn't go on quite enough here."

Where does this brief summary leave the future of the Town meeting at Bowdoin? It's hard to tell. Last Tuesday's Town Meeting dealt with an even longer list of issues than the first Town Meeting did a year ago, and perhaps this list will be hard for the faculty to swallow because of its length.

Yet, if the Town Meeting really does represent student opinion, the faculty should be more receptive to it and prone to act upon the articles passed.

The Town Meeting is entering its adolescence and if last Tuesday's turnout in any in-

Selectmen born amid strife and confusion

The huge turnout at last Tuesday's Student Assembly seems to indicate that the Town Meeting form of government has become an entrenched part of Bowdoin life. It was not so long ago, however, that the Town Meeting at Bowdoin was merely the almost ignored proposal of a freshman Student Councilman.

It all took place against the background of an extremely weakened student council form of government which had over forty members. In an editorial calling for some revitalization of this government, the **Orient** called this student council, "notoriously inefficient, plagued by absenteeism, apathy ... and inept in virtually all phases of decision-making."

The President of this Council had run for office on a platform that promised to "abolish the student council." President David Sandahl '76 had been trying since he had been elected in April of 1974 to pass his alternative to the student council. In February of 1975, he had still been unable to assert his will.

Gerry Knecht '76, a member of that Council explained that, "Sandahl's main problem as an incumbent was that he used his position to push his ideas and therefore alienated many of the people working for him. The conservative members of the Council, because of his power politicking, became opposed to him."

The Sandahl proposal which never was passed called for a fifteen member senate composed of three members from each class and three officers.

This government certainly would have been more efficient than the then current form of student government, yet many people felt it would have a tendency to become isolated from the student council meeting in the beginning of the spring semester of 1975. At first it was greeted with the yawns of some and the opposition of Sandahl who saw it as merely a roadblock in the way of his proposal.

The plan survived the initial meeting because of Zimman's well-presented arguments according to Knecht.

Soon after the first exposure of the Town Meeting proposal, people began to rally around the idea. Six people were identified as being its major proponents. They were Zimman, Griffin, Knecht, Ken Clarke, '78, Terry Spilsbury '77, and Tom DeMaria '76.

Demaria was tremendously important in getting the Town Meeting passed. His position on the Council was powerful because he had barely lost the election to the Sandahl in the preceding spring.

In fact, there is some speculation that a rivalry existed between Sandahl and DeMaria because of this, and that that is why he supported the Zimman proposal as enthusiastically as he did.

Zimman discounts this view as cynical. He noted that, "Tom DeMaria felt and I would agree that a student council of just fifteen would be an elite and detached group. Some form of feedback is necessary and the Student Assembly provides this feedback."

On the same subject, Chip Griffin gave more credence to the possibility of rivalry having been the initial motive of DeMaria's support for the plan. He said, "I think it is valid to say that Tom jumped on it to defeat something of Dave Sandahl but as one of the most ethical guys in the world, he soon got excited about the merits of the Town Meeting which created a mechanism by which everybody could realistically be as adults, may be able to "laugh" at a semantic concern, but the more we as adult women accept being welcomed into a man's world on the condition that we allow this world to hold on to all of its characteristics — such as its male-dominated language, the more we will think of ourselves as quite the second-class humans being pacified by being allowed to play grown-ups in the "real" world. Even more dangerous is that by not fighting to reduce gender identification in language used to describe roles, jobs, etc., our children's judgements regarding the role women play and are capable of assuming vs. the role of men will continue to be distorted.

There are so many options — "governors," "representatives," etc.; there is NO justification for retaining "selectmen." One does not have to be a woman or a feminist to see this — one has simply to consider how language does indeed influence our perceptions of "reality."

Maureen Schoolman

Burgess?

To the Editor:

I have just read an announcement regarding the upcoming elections for the board of selectmen. All through the elections of last year I was rather amazed at the landmark-type attention being given to women being allowed to govern along with a complete public disregard for the serious problem of language. In talking to many women students I was surprised to hear the widely-shared view that the term "selectmen" was *merely* a word, that my concern was more-or-less one of overdoing the problem of semantics.

This year I am indulging in this public statement. We all, men as well as women, *must* accept the fact that although language may be at first a reflection of the values of a particular culture (in part), it soon assumes a more active role; it will and it does influence the very values it purports to describe. We,

Polar Bear unmasked

by NEIL ROMAN

The polar bear's secret identity was revealed last Friday night. Between the second and third periods of the hockey game against UMass, the Bowdoin polar bear came out to do her usual intermission act. However, in the course of a very fast scratch spin, her headpiece whipped off and, for the first time, the Dayton Arena crowd saw it was 5'2½" Laurie Mish that makes the bear tick. Undaunted, Laurie put the hat back on, but one spin later it was back on the ice to stay. The crowd cheered as Laurie, uninhibited by the bothersome top piece, went into a fast routine which ended with a seemingly endless scratch spin and a smile from her face.

While last Friday night will always be remembered by Laurie, her greatest thrill as a polar bear came at Madison Square Garden. As she made her first appearance, the Garden announcer, Johnny Condon, introduced her to the crowd which included her parents. "I always wanted to skate at Madison Square Garden; I just never thought I'd be in a bear suit when it happened."

Of the two years she has spent as a polar bear, Laurie has enjoyed this season more. "I'm less inhibited and I'm getting used to skating in a suit. Not only that, but the band is better and I can now skate to the music."

Laurie is not just an avid hockey fan. The sophomore from Stamford, Conn. would like to see and play on a women's hockey team. "I think that there is enough interest for one, and other colleges seem to be having success with it. Even women's white key hockey is not large enough."

Until there is a hockey team, Laurie will be doing waltz jumps and bunny hops in her makeshift polar bear suit. She is glad that her hat fell off and that she was able to put on a good show but she does not want it to happen again. "The polar bear should be a polar bear, not a person in a polar bear. It's more fun to be mysterious. Besides, I do it because I have school spirit; not for personal reasons."

The Polar Bears must at least achieve a split of their last four games to finish the season at or above .500. In losing two of their last three games, Bowdoin has averaged only 56 points offensively, while they have given up an average of 65 points. Coach Ray Bicknell's hoopsters will try to break out of their slump tomorrow, when Norwich invades Brunswick for a 7:30 game.

Laurie Mish entertains the Dayton Arena crowd.
Orient/Thorndike

Selectmen back wording change to neuter student constitution

by BARRETT FISHER

Discussing the next Town Meeting's warrant, the Selectmen passed several notable articles to be brought before the students: the neutering of language in the student Constitution, and a proposal for a $5.00 hike in the Student Activities Fee.

Michael Tardiff '79 submitted an article for Board sponsorship in which he proposed, among other changes, the altering of "chairman" to "chair," "spokesman" to "speaker" and "night watchmen" to "security personnel."

Similar in intent, but not the same in wording, to Tardiff's article was one submitted by Alison Bell '79. Whereas Tardiff suggested "chair," Bell proposed "chairperson." Tardiff's article used "administrators" as a substitute for "selectmen." Bell preferred "selectpersons." Both articles stated that all instances of the use of "his" should be replaced by "his/her."

The Board voted not to sponsor Tardiff's article, but accepted Bell's, which was submitted with the requisite twenty signatures. At the conclusion of the discussion, Bell expressed her opinion that "anything and everything that comes before the Board ought to be placed before the students so it can be discussed by them and not just us."

The issue of Student Activities Fees arose once more, as the Board was faced with an article, also seeking Selectmen sponsorship, endorsing a raise of $5 in the fee. Sara Gates '79 expressed concern about the eventual use the extra money would be put to. "It looks like this $5 will go directly to the *Bowdoin Sun*," she said, referring to the newly formed and chartered newspaper.

Tardiff, the new student chairman of the Blanket Tax Committee, pointed out that the proposed hike would not go into effect until the 1978-79 school year, by which time inflation should justify the increase.

The Board declined sponsorship of the article, but it will appear on the warrant as sponsored Alison Bell and others, since Bell obtained twenty signatures sponsoring the article.

Keith Halloran '77 appeared before the Selectmen to present an article proposing several minor changes in the wording of the Honor Code. The one substantial change concerned the procedures of disciplinary actions against students. In certain cases, such as computer plagiarism, the alleged offense might be recognizable only to those possessing expertise in the field. As a result, the article proposes the forming of a three-member faculty committee, composed of people familiar with the area in question, to evaluate the charges against the student. The committee would then make recommendations to the Judiciary Board, but could take no action of its own. Halloran did not regard the changes as substantive. "We have an honor code that is essentially what it was before the revision," he said.

The question of Student Representative guidelines resurfaced and, for the fourth time, the Selectmen took a vote on whether or not a post on the Board of Selectmen should be considered equivalent to a position on a committee. The Board determined that such a post is not to be equated with a committee post.

In other business, the Board accepted several articles, discussed the logistics of upcoming elections for the Governing Boards and Senior Class President. The chapel was chosen as the location for the Town Meeting next week.

At its last meeting before vacation, the Board decided to review the charter of the Orient. The question was reconsidered this week, and the Selectmen reversed their decision. Although Jeff Goldenberg '77 said "Maybe we should take a look at the efficiency of the Orient," Tardiff pointed out that the Board should have a specific reason to review a charter, and that the Orient charter was reviewed last year. It was also remarked that the issue of efficiency was more properly a concern Blanket Tax.

In a charter review held before vacation, the Board had approved the charter of a new student newspaper, tentatively to be called the *Bowdoin Sun*.

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liberation goes beyond the freedom to use four letter words with the abandon of male porno magazines. But I hope that we will not be so blinded by labels that we cannot see through to the exploitation that is masked by new clothing. And to realize that at times we can be our own worst

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thought, idea, and belief that the shift to a non-sexist language will undoubtedly influence the consciousness of each one of us. Just as other forms of social evolution will expedite the change in language (for it is inevitable) so too will the change in language expedite social evolution in terms

Coffee hour encourages faculty-student chitchat

by NANCY ROBERTS

In an effort to promote communication between faculty and students, a proposal has been made by President Roger Howell to initiate an informal coffee hour in the Main Lounge of the Moulton Union. The coffee hour would occur two or three days a week during the mid-morning break from 10:00 to 10:30. Free coffee and donuts would be available for students and faculty.

Wolcott Hokanson, Vice President for Administration and Finance, who is helping to organize the program, hopes that it will be in effect by the end of February. However, the admits that "in view of the current coffee prices this might not be the most auspicious time to start a program of this sort."

Hokanson says that the coffee hour seems to work well at other institutions, and hopes that it will "promote an additional opportunity for communication between students, faculty, and administration at Bowdoin."

Dean of Students Alice Early is optimistic about the plan and sees it as a much-needed opportunity for an "informal exchange of ideas" between students and faculty.

The same goal of promoting a sense of community at Bowdoin is being pursued by Richard Mersereau, Assistant Director of the Senior Center. He explained that a program existed during the last two semesters in which faculty members were invited on designated nights to dine at the Senior Center. The program had "varying results" and he hopes that this semester students will take the initiative in inviting a faculty member to dinner.

A beer and pizza party will be held at the Senior Center on February 16th before the hockey game. Students are encouraged to bring a faculty member to this informal gathering.

C. Warren Ring, Vice President for Development, assisted in the organization of faculty-student dinners last semester. He hopes that members of the administration will make themselves available on an informal basis, and sees these dinners as a welcome opportunity to "create a closer relationship between faculty, students, and members of the community."

Double standard

To the Editor:

The poster's subtitle read, "How to be funny without a penis," but something has gone wrong when slumber party jokes, the kind that Anne Beatts told last week, pass as feminist humor. Quite a few years ago when the *National Lampoon* first started printing that sort of material, women's liberation groups were furious. It was called exploitive, sexist and chauvinistic. It seems ironic to me that now, a few years later, someone like Beatts is sponsored by BWA, Bowdoin's bastion of liberation. What I find more disheartening are the reactions to her talk, comments that she was "brilliant, hilarious and excellent.

Beatts started the lecture by doing a quickie burlesque number. It was an easy ploy to capture the audience's attention. Off came the man-tailored jacket. Off came the vest. What was left was a short-sleeved pink T top carrying the title of her book. She pointed to her breasts; "these aren't the ones on the cover," she giggled.

So began Beatts' humor. She set us straight early in the evening. "I'm here to sell my book," she announced, as she blatantly revealed her commercial intentions. "I want you all to buy as many as you can afford, at least 17 copies each." She then proceeded to spend most of the evening reciting from the book, reading one-liners like, "why would anyone want to touch you where you go to the bathroom?" and other lines worthy of *Hustler* magazine.

I wonder what would have happened if a man had told the same jokes. In all probability, he would have been hissed and booed out of Brunswick. But when Beatts

servative, which so shocked me (a flaming liberal) that I ran to the mirror to check. Had I suddenly aged? I checked for the crow's feet and the middle age spread. Maybe Geritol would help.

I feel somewhat like a spoilsport taking Beatts seriously. After all, she was billed as a comic, not as a philosopher of the women's movement. And I am well aware that nothing is more unfunny than an analysis of humor. But my question is "was she really funny?" To me, it seemed more like street graffiti, or something on the walls of the library's famed second floor bathroom.

The answer, I think, was given by Beatts herself. "All life is still high school," she said. And from the level of her humor, I doubt that she has progressed much beyond freshman year.

At fourteen, when the women's liberation movement was just beginning, I eagerly labelled myself as a feminist. It was the movement's ideals that inspired me; the talk of equal rights, the end of discrimination, the breaking down of stereotyped roles and equality between men and women. But now, when I listen to someone like Anne Beatts, I begin to wonder. What happened to the important issues?

Granted, Beatts does not represent the entire women's movement. But she does show us its symptoms. Have we begun to adopt the qualities that we once despised and fought against? Beatts struck me as being of the "if you can't beat them, join them" mentality. After all, she did tell us that she got her job "on her back."

I don't know, maybe I am getting old and conservative.

BOPO tests happiness of students' romantic affairs

by JAMES CAVISTON

In its most recent and most comprehensive poll, the Bowdoin Opinion Polling Organization discovered, by using cross-tabulation, that 66 percent of the women who have had sexual intercourse are satisfied with the social climate here, while 75 percent of the men who have are not.

Because the nature of the poll was personal, BOPO pollers personally delivered and received the questionnaires in plain unmarked envelopes. This precaution served not only to protect the individuals responding but also to insure greater accuracy in the responses. The poll consisted of twenty-four questions concerning friendships, social haunts and sexual relations. The responding 128 students included 61 percent men and 39 percent women.

In general, 55 percent of the students believe their fellow students to be dissatisfied with the social climate at the College. Only 24 percent of the students have had five or more traditional dates; 42 percent have had less than five.

The most telling information comes from cross-tabulating the responses to the questions because they take more factors into consideration and give more accurate insights than one isolated question response. The most important factor put through cross-tabulation involves male and female responses. By splitting the responses into male and female categories, the following has been discovered:

32 percent of the women have sex irregularly (less than once a month).

52 percent of the men have sex irregularly.

14 percent of the women have had what they consider one night stands.

41 percent of the men have had what they consider one night stands.

40 percent of the women have had romantic relations enduring 1 or more years.

7 percent of the men have had romantic relations enduring one or more years.

38 percent of the women's friends are men.

12 percent of the men's friends are women.

42 percent of the women's *closest* friends are men.

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version), but you also blamed the scientist's seizure on the wrong stimulus.

Melinda Aumaitre '78

Editor's Note: Thanks for the reminder. It would seem that the mail room paint job has a deleterious effect upon the memory.

Certain words

To the Editor:

Re: JW's editorial

Consider the following:

"All religions imply in one way or another that woman does not, and cannot, stand alone, that she is vitally related with and even dependent on powers in nature and society external to herself. Dimly or clearly, she knows that she is not an independent center of force capable of standing apart from the world."

This passage, from a textbook of religion is quoted verbatim except that the word "woman" has been textbook used in the curriculum at Bowdoin College entitled *Culture, People, Nature* is revised from a previous edition entitled *Culture, Man, Nature*. Non-sexist language is used throughout and it is neither unnatural nor is it bland. It is in fact not even noticeable unless one reads the author's preface in which he tells us: "The change reflects a thorough-going attempt on my part to rethink, line-by-line, the implications of the male-centered words and concept ... With very few exceptions, it is surprisingly easy to use neuter English forms when referring to both males and females, and male or female forms when referring respectively to males or females."

What ought to be kept in mind is that we are no longer talking about "women's liberation" nor even about feminism, but instead about human liberation. Language is so intricately intertwined with

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Woman joins security, two more may follow

by MARTHA HODES

"Unit one, unit two ... could you swing Officer Graves into the office for a few minutes," Chief Joy barked into his radio.

"Will do," a voice answers.

A few minutes later Officer Graves comes into the office. "Chief, what can I do for you?" she asks; here was Bowdoin's first female security officer.

Twenty-four-year-old Pamela Edwards, agreed that it was time there be a woman on duty at least part-time. "After all," says Edwards, "one-third of the students are women." Ultimately, Joy and Edwards would like to see a security force that includes three women, thus enabling a female officer to be on duty twenty-four hours a day. Graves is now working the 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. shift, Wednesday through Sunday.

Heather Williams awarded Haldane Cup for exemplary character and leadership

Heather Williams of Bangkapi, Thailand, one of Bowdoin College's leading scholar-athletes, was awarded the Andrew Allison Haldane Cup today as a senior who has displayed "outstanding qualities of leadership and character."

Dr. Roger Howell, Jr., President of Bowdoin, presented the award at the College's 172nd Commencement, during which Williams received a Bachelor of Arts degree.

A former resident of Vienna, Va., Williams is a graduate of Oakton High School there and majored in Biology at Bowdoin, where she has been a Dean's List student while compiling a distinguished academic and athletic record.

Williams has been awarded three honorary James Bowdoin Scholarships in recognition of her academic accomplishments, and in 1975 was awarded the James Bowdoin Cup as the student with the highest academic standing of any varsity letter winner during the previous year.

During the second semesters of the 1973-74 and 1975-76 years, she achieved distinction by receiving grades of "High Honors" in all of her Bowdoin courses. At the end of her junior year Williams was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary fraternity for the recognition and promotion of scholarship.

She was awarded a Surdna Foundation Undergraduate Research Fellowship for her senior year under a Bowdoin program in which outstanding students are selected to participate in research projects under the guidance of faculty members. She was recently awarded a Thomas J. Watson Foundation Fellowship grant which will enable her to study marine biology for a year in Israel and the Comoro Islands off southeast Africa.

One of Bowdoin's leading basketball players, Williams served as a co-captain of the women's varsity team during the 1976 and 1977 seasons. She has earned three varsity basketball letters and was twice awarded field hockey numerals.

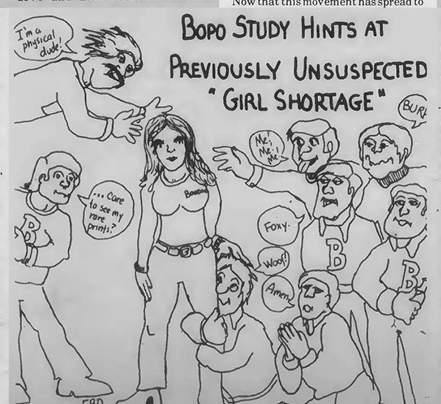
The Haldane Cup has been awarded annually since 1945 in memory of Capt. Andrew Allison Haldane, USMCR, of Bowdoin's Class of 1941, who was killed in action in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

The cup was the gift of officers who, with Captain Haldane, were members of the First Marine Division, which distinguished itself in the South Pacific.

Self-conscious

At the upcoming Town Meeting on Tuesday night, the students will be presented with a warrant to banish sexism from the language of the Student Constitution. After some debate at the last Board of Selectmen meeting, it was decided that if the warrant passes, a "chairman" will henceforth be known as a "chairperson," a "selectman" will become a "selectperson" and the word "his" will read "his/her."

Bowdoin is slightly behind the times in the quest to neuter the language which started in the sixties. Now that this movement has spread to



alumnae speak: **friendships**

"Fraternities dominated campus life in the 1970s, which created a challenge for women, making it harder to have genuine friendships with men. I felt I was a pioneer—fighting against entrenched ideas, an old-fashioned male culture, an outdated social structure. But my Bowdoin experience made me stronger, more determined, better able to negotiate male-dominated aspects of professional life. It helped me develop strategies and strengths that made me who I am today."

CALLIE CURTIS '72

Billboard Top 10 Songs Year-end 1976

1	“Silly Love Songs”	Wings
2	“Don’t Go Breaking My Heart”	Elton John and Kiki Dee
3	“Disco Lady”	Johnnie Taylor
4	“December, 1963” (“Oh, What a Night”)	The Four Seasons
5	“Play That Funky Music”	Wild Cherry
6	“Kiss and Say Goodbye”	The Manhattans
7	“Love Machine”	The Miracles
8	“50 Ways to Leave Your Lover”	Paul Simon
9	“Love Is Alive”	Gary Wright
10	“A Fifth of Beethoven”	Walter Murphy and The Big Apple Band

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Forum addresses sexual harassment

By TANYA WEINSTEIN
BOWDOIN ORIENT Contributor

Students gathered Tuesday night to seriously rethink sex.

Sexual harassment was the focus of a forum on Tuesday night in Kresge Auditorium entitled "Rethinking Sex." The forum consisted of a panel of seven people, including both students and administration.

Kathy Holzer, a student representing the Bowdoin Gay/Lesbian Straight Alliance, opened the forum by defining sexual harassment as any sort of physical, emotional or verbal harassment that has a base of sexuality. Pamphlets were passed out citing specific examples of harassment at Bowdoin. Although this has been a concern on campus for many years, open awareness of the problem is now growing.

The panel gave several reasons for the occurence of sexual harassment. Women have always been trained to be nice, accomodating, and to try to resolve uncomfortable situations peacefully. Men, on the other hand, have been taught the importance of being assertive, aggressive and strong-willed, the panel said.

Student Lindsey Baden pointed out that harassment sometimes stems from "intimacy (that) often gets misguided and misunderstood...(this) causes alot of pain for people."

Mike Roesenzweig, a counselor at Bowdoin, cited some statistics many students found suprising. By graduation, one out of every five female college students in the nation will be victims of sexual harassment, and yet less than 1% of acquaintance rape victims (knowing the assaulter) report the crime. Also, 75% of women that are raped do not name or identify their situation as rape.

Women are not the only victims. Dean Lewallen said that men are actually come to him complaining of harassment by other men. According to Baden, men are often victims of themselves, by supporting and encouraging this behavior in friends and in themselves.

Roesenzweig stressed the importance of victims of sexual harassment not remaining silent, but speakingout against their attackers by reporting the incident. She said, "People who are victims of sexual harassment carry with them shame, doubt, guilt, and a lot of fear." Remaining silent is not the only alternative. Even if a victim does not want to report the crime, he or she can receive verbal help by turning to the Peer Relations Support Group on campus.

Although getting help after the fact is important, preventing sexual harassment is even more so. One means of prevention is to educate both men and women on campus. Roesenzweig said that silence on the victim's part implies consent, and that it is the victim's responsibility to say "no" to the assaultor. She said, "The only way for a man to know he is sexually harassing someone is to be told."

Barresi suggested that students could be educated about prevention and where to get help by reaching the freshmen during initiation, before the school year starts. Barresi said, "The college really needs to think about empowering people to do something about it." She urged people to speak up if they have been harassed, saying, "The problem is that everyone is too afraid to do something," but that they would be much better off emotionally if they did not remain silent.

The audience also participated in the forum. Many agreed that it is hard to draw the line between what is sexual harassment and what isn't. Kerrie Harthan, a student on the panel, said that it is basically anything that "infringes on other people's rights".

Susan Evans, a student from the Woman's Resource Center, also spoke on this point by urging victims to stop feeling guilty about what happened and realize that he or she had been violated.

A member of the audience summed up the forum by saying, "I hope people come away from this with a deeper sense of their own personal rights.

SPEAKING OUT - Two panelists address sexual harassment at the open fourm held on Tuesday, entitled "Rethinking Sex." (Staff photo by Asaf Farashuddin)

Reality of rape discussed

By SHARON SMART
BOWDOIN ORIENT Staff Writer

On Wednesday night, a group of students quietly gathered around the lit fireplace in the Maine Lounge of the Moulton Union to join Lauren Barnard of the Bath-Brunswick Rape Crisis Center and Hotline in a discussion of "What is Rape?"

Barnard, a 1983 Bowdoin graduate, talked about her motivation for her involvement with the Center. "My last year in college I traveled to India, where I experienced for the first time the reality of physically defending my right to walk down the street." Her experiences abroad increased her awareness of the fear — fear of rape and other sexual abuse — women must live with in today's society.

"Rape is a crime of violence, meant to humiliate and degrade. Rapists overpower victims and deprive them of their basic human rights, the victim feels helpless and powerless," Barnard defined the crime further as "using sexual means to express nonsexual needs."

She stated the following statistics:

-20% of victims of sexual assault are women.

-one rape in every 3.5 minutes in the U.S.

-reported rapes are estimated to comprise only 12-25% of the total, so one rape is believed to actually occur every minute.

-one rape occurs every 35-40 hours in the state of Maine.

-one in three women will be raped at sometime in their lives.

-one in seven men will be raped (including incest).

-50% of all rapes happen in the victims own home.

-the majority of rapes are premeditated and take place between people who are acquainted in some way.

-75-90% of victims later become substance abusers.

Barnard went on to describe three basic "types" of rapists.

The first and most common is the "power" rapist. This type views sex as the core of his self-image. He seeks power over his victim and derives satisfaction from his conquest; he actually anticipates pleasure and satisfaction from the rape. He rapes repetitively, unable to understand that there is anything "wrong" with what he is doing. This type of rape is usually premeditated and involves minimal physical torture to the victim.

The second and less common type is the "anger" rapist. He rapes out of the desire to "get revenge" against women, perhaps because of rejection he experienced in a love relationship. His purpose is to hurt women; he rapes violently, using more force than is necessary, and gains little sexual satisfaction. This type of rape is not usually premeditated and is aimed most often at older women.

The third type is the "sadistic" rapist. His rapes involve torture, mutilation, and frequently death. This type is the least common but most talked about.

Barnard emphasized that the statistics and descriptions were provided to increase awareness, not fear.

Despite the seriousness of the crime and the devastating effects felt by its victims, a rape conviction is difficult to obtain in our legal system, she said. "Rape is a Class A felony — but only if actual penetration occurred and can be proven, usually with medical evidence. Anything else, from flashing to 'everything but' intercourse, is classified as a misdemeanor of misconduct". This second category carries much less severe penalties and prison terms.

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Equality

To the Editor:

I was glad to read in the January 23 1987 *Orient* that the college appears to be succeeding in enforcing Bowdoin's co-education policy. The report on the efforts of Theta Delta Chi to comply with the college's well thought out and sound policy on co-education were most gratifying to me as an alumnus. Assuming that women are full and equal participants in all aspects of Bowdoin campus life is essential to the life of the college.

For a number of years I have been active with the BASIC alumni group in Milwaukee. I have been very proud to describe Bowdoin as a college that has successfully coeducated. It is very important to get behind the college any remnants of past difficulties with achieving full equality for women at the college. Whether or not to continue the policy on co-education should no longer be an issue for Bowdoin's governing boards or any other segment of the Bowdoin family. This is an issue that I hope has been put to rest. Any re-opening of the issue only makes it more difficult in parts of the country where Bowdoin is not well known to publicize Bowdoin as a good college for bright and talented women in this part of the country almost all schools are co-educational. If a

BWA gives women a place to turn

By LISA DREIER
BOWDOIN ORIENT Staff Writer

It is a school essentially dominated by men, in which women have been enrolled for only 16 years out of its 192-year history. Bowdoin women need to have a group to turn to for support and discussion; for ideas on how to educate the community and ideas on how to understand and shape their experience here.

These are some of the principle ideas of the Bowdoin Women's Alliance and the Women's Resource Center, two organizations which are trying to fulfill the needs which they perceive on the campus.

"I think women at Bowdoin are in the same position as women in society; they may not be aware of it, but they're still in the position of being lesser citizens," said Maria Hunsinger, coordinator of the WRC.

Both organizations welcome both men and women, but serve very different purposes. The BWA is a student organization funded by the SAFC. It sponsors films, lectures and other events, including a luncheon every two weeks. The WRC, on the other hand, is a cooperative funded by Dean Willhelm's office. Headed by Hunsinger, the group's members are Susan Evans, a Bowdoin, CP'88 who feels that "we are denied as women. The college tries to make us a bunch of asexual students."

"The WRC building is a valuable source of information, which is often not used by students to its full potential. Located at 24 College Street, next to Zeta Psi, its library has its own card catalog and about 2,000 volumes, including the Bowdoin Gay/Lesbian/Straight Alliance's bulletins and numerous periodicals. During the hours that the Center is open — 3 to 5 Monday through Friday; 7 to 11 Sunday through Thursday — members of the collective proctor the library.

"The dedication and energy of all the women there is really special. There's a real desire to become familiar with the resources there," says Jane Oldfield '87.

"Just looking through the books you realize a lot of things going on with women. Things you'd never discover if you just go to Hawthorne-Longfellow," says Patricia Marsden '88, one of four people who live at the Center.

"I think the WRC is a really good place to meet not just other people but to meet yourself," she said. "There are problems you've never talked about before that when you discuss or read about you realize are real."

"It functions as a support

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Women's awareness sparks reaction

By PAULA SINCERO
BOWDOIN ORIENT Contributor

Responses to Women's Awareness Week ranged from enthusiastic to apathetic to disgusted.

Assistant Dean of Students Lisa Barresi, who mediated a discussion with a panel of female fraternity members on issues concerning women and fraternities, said, "there was a lot of interest and it was well attended which is really encouraging."

Student opinion to the panel varied. One female student communicated her concern for the women's position in fraternities. "Fraternities just breed a separation between males and females," she said.

Another male fraternity member said, "I don't think it is right that the girls went behind our backs to discuss this issue. I think this averse reactions among the student body. Many of the posters depicting two bare-shouldered women looking at each other were torn down. "It makes you wonder where the hostility is coming from," said Kathy Holzer.

Holzer said that the torn posters are "indicative of the whole attitude at Bowdoin. I think it's very reactionary. These posters must have been very angry or threatened."

Barresi believes the poster tearing reaffirms the importance of Women's Awareness Weeks in the future. "It shows the homophobic attitude at Bowdoin," said Barresi.

Debbie Pesetsky, co-president of the Bowdoin Women's Association, said, "in general Bowdoin students are insensitive to these issues, they are conservative and afraid." Pesetsky also stated, "the students do not get much contact making the notion of lesbianism less abstract. People should not be afraid to have gay friends."

One female student said, "JEB was incredible, it was just as effective for heterosexuals as for homosexuals, she was very nonthreatening."

Another student said, "It seems that lesbians are always on the defensive and it shouldn't have to be that way. People, regardless of sexual preferences, should try to understand each other."

Another male student said, "Women's Awareness Week is one way to carp these things apparent, unfortunately Bowdoin students need to be reminded of this." Several other males seemed totally oblivious to the week's events — "I thought it was just for women," one said. "I didn't even notice it, sorry."

Looking to next year Pesetsky

Fraternity forum

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seventies "you couldn't get anyone sober before noon."

Wilhelm asked the students to examine their view of the purpose of Bowdoin. He called it "terribly egocentric" to think that the most important thing is for freshmen to have five parties a week.

Lewellen voiced a similar opinion, saying that he had often seen underage freshmen "overserved." Since the college had invited the freshmen to come early, he saw such behavior as an "inappropriate introduction" to Bowdoin.

The administration offered no resistance to the suggestion for a second semester rush. Wilhelm was surprised to hear the proposal come from a fraternity member.

In the past, Wilhelm said that alumni and fraternity reaction to a second semester rush was almost "apoplectic." He stated there was a willingness on the part of the administration to consider rotational dining further into the semester and to arrange dining on campus to facilitate a second semester rush.

Second semester rush would allow freshmen to participate fully in the activities of the college, Wilhelm said.

He also added that legally the administration is warned against making policies within the fraternity houses, because if anything happens, they are forced to "go in and police it."

The first suggestion for dry rush came from the president of the Fraternity Alumni Association. This position is one the administration feels strongly about, according to Wilhelm. Bowdoin has dry rushes before the drinking age was lowered in the late sixties, and therefore many alumni do not remember Bowdoin with a wet rush.

Wilhelm hoped to dispell the myth that fraternities are vital to alumni support. He said that some alumni believe that the fraternities are no longer "playing the role they used to play", and have approached the college and offered to eliminate the fraternity system.

The alumni are not pleased with said that the success of a dry rush lies in the cooperation of the fraternities.

It was then pointed out that the rush policies this year often put the fraternities in a "no-win situation." If the fraternities followed the rules, they might suffer when others chose to serve alcohol. Those fraternities, in turn, were likely to be put on probation. The question was asked, would the college force a dry rush?

Wilhelm told the fraternity members that they ought to be "pulling together." He said that if the fraternities show that they are not able to govern themselves, "somebody's going to do it for them." He did not believe this would be in the best interest of the fraternities. Part of the advantage of the fraternity system was to "learn leadership."

Wilhelm said that the only time the administration should step in to govern the fraternities is when there is a "recurring or when a serious problem is placed before them. Such a situation arose several years ago when the college limited the initiation period. There was so much hazing going on that the college felt it did so something "to keep some sanity," Wilhelm said.

Wilhelm stated that if alcohol was the only thing luring freshmen to fraternities, the system is in "more serious trouble than any of you realize." He added that if "across the board" alcohol was handled better, there would be fewer conflicts with the fraternities and the administration.

Wilhelm noted that it was not the administration's position to police the rush. The only time it would become involved is when problems become "very, very public." He asked the students to consider experimenting with a dry rush and pointed to the success of a dry rush at Colgate.

Lewellen said he is working with a subcommittee of the Student Life Committee to find ways to improve rush. He hopes that they will be able to gather the necessary information during the first semester and develop it into some viable plan during the second half of the year. However, Lewellan

damage done to the houses which increases the budgets. Alumni have also suggested that campus-wide parties be eliminated, a subject that Wilhelm did not "want to touch with a ten foot pole."

The administration has resisted any attempt to abolish fraternities so far, but Wilhelm said that it was "not the job of the administration to see that there is a fraternity system here." He added that the college is committed to helping the fraternities through offers of financial aid, and help finding suitable fraternity kitchen arrangements.

John McGuilian, President of the IFC, questioned the college's stance on single sex organizations. He said that such a policy was an "archaic decision running counter to what a liberal arts college is endeavoring to do," and that was "incongrous to the purpose of the college."

McGuilian pointed specifically to the plight of Alpha Beta Phi, a sorority that is not recognized by the college. Because the college does not recognize it, the house cannot find a national sorority willing to let them affiliate.

Wilhelm said that in 1971, when women were admitted to the college, the majority of students were members of fraternities, and fraternities were the center of much of the social life. In order that women be fully integrated into the college, it was "natural" that they be allowed to join the fraternities.

In 1978, a time when Wilhelm said "20 percent of the women transferred out of Bowdoin," the Governing Boards decided to provide a fully coeducational education, which meant women were to have equal access to campus organizations.

Wilhelm said that it was not just a matter of "freedom of choice." The college can only control what happens on a local level, not on a national level. There are many things at Bowdoin that "you might like but can't choose," he said. The academic calendar is one of other limitations. "There will always be inequities someplace," Wilhelm said.

McGuilian also said that with

Women's studies gains momentum

By MELISSA GALLANDER
BOWDOIN ORIENT Staff Writer

It may not be long before sophomores declaring their majors have one more option to choose from. The recent formation of a Women's Studies Program Committee has made a women's studies major a future possibility.

In November two consultants from Mills College came to Bowdoin to review the present situation of the women's studies program. Through interviews with faculty members, students, and administrators the consultants obtained some conclusions on the status of the program and the possibility for its future growth. These conclusions were compiled in a report and sent to Bowdoin at the beginning of January.

In the report the consultants suggested the formation of the Women's Studies Program Committee to coordinate planning and developing existing resources within the women's studies program and ultimately to work on developing a women's studies major.

Such a committee was developed in February and consists of five faculty members, two student representatives, and two alternate student representatives.

The five faculty members, appointed by President A. LeRoy Greason, are chairperson Helen Cafferty, Marya Hunsinger, Sarah McMahon, John Rensenbrink, and William Vanderwolk.

The student representatives on the committee were interviewed and selected by members of the Executive Board, Representatives include Helen Noon, a special student, Jane Oldfield '87, and alternates Ragan O'Malley '89, and Rachel Dobkin '90.

The consultants' evaluation was based on their observations of the Women's Resource Center, the Bowdoin Women's Association (BWA), and the women's studies courses offered in the college curriculum.

In their report, the consultants found the work done by the Women's Resource Center, the BWA, and the various women's studies courses to be both positive and productive. The women's studies program as a whole, however, was found to be lacking a sense of formalization and coherence, making growth within the program difficult.

"What courses are available at Bowdoin are clearly doing a superior job of representing the scholarship in the field... and the Women's Resource Center has done much to bring together a committed group of students who can share their knowledge about women's studies courses and serve as an informal peer advising network," the report

Bulimia

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before, but in her first semester she had met two bulimic women.

The Counseling Center is attempting to deal with the problem. The discussion and film on January 22 entitled "Bulimia: A High Price to Pay for Looking Good" was an example of the center's outreach and preventive services. It was hoped to promote further discussion of bulimia, to motivate people to talk about and understand an issue which has long remained hidden.

Currently, a seven-week seminar called "Food: Friend or Foe" is being led in conjunction with the Counseling Center by Adelaide Trafton, a Registered Nurse who is working towards her master's degree in psychiatric nursing.

In addition, the center provides counseling, both individually and in groups, information resources, self-help group referrals, and an informed staff. The infirmary, also, is available to provide physical and nutritional services.

The question of what friends of bulimics should do is another issue which confronts many college students. Rosenzweig said, "victims of bulimic disorders are afraid of being labeled or monitored, but they often do want to discuss their problem with others. I suggest that friends express concern, and perhaps confront the bulimic and try to help them admit to their problem. Ask how can I help you?" Above all, don't monitor or label, but address the whole person with true caring."

In the event of the disorder becoming a threat to the victim's health or well-being, a friend should enlist the assistance of a proctor, advisor, or the counseling service. The service follows strict rules of confidentiality. They will not discuss a person under their care with anyone, and they will intervene only if the situation is judged as life-threatening.

Bowdoin confronts bulimia problem

By SHARON SMART
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As college students we live in an environment that which is one of the most conducive to eating disorders such as bulimia, a disease characterized by the greatest binging and purging of food.

Bulimia is a syndrome exhibited by women (only a very small percentage of victims are men) who alternately binge, consuming up to a possible 50,000 calories in one hour, and then purge themselves by either forced vomiting or laxative abuse. A bulimic will binge and then feel guilt and the desire to be rid of the food.

Symptoms of bulimia include:

—inconspicuous binge eating

—menstrual irregularities

—swollen and infected salivary glands

—frequent significant weight fluctuations due to alternating binges and fasts

—fear of inability to stop eating voluntarily

—depression, despair, and loneliness

—tooth and gum infections

—heart irregularities

The disorder has become more and more common in past years. Today, it is three times as common as the more publicized disorder anorexia nervosa. The media and other elements in society put pressure on women to be unnaturally thin, linking body weight to self-esteem. An article in the October 1983 issue of Ms. Magazine stated, "in contemporary American life, everything around us tells us that thinness is not only desirable but crucial to social, sexual, even professional success."

A college campus is one of the most ideal environments in which bulimia and other eating disorders can take root, and often spread. "About 15-15% of college women have serious difficulties with their eating behavior," said Ms. Magazine. As many as 50% may have lesser difficulties, such as chronic dieting, excessive exercise (a lose or maintain "ideal" weight.

Reasons for the negative influence of collegiate life on eating patterns are varied: increase in social and academic pressures, new anxiety about goals and the future, the stress of separation from family, friends, a boyfriend, and the familiarity of home. The environment also provides many opportunities for "pass-along behaviors" to help ease depression — from smoking to binging and vomiting, said Ms. Magazine.

College pressures may cause women to become bulimic, or they may just reinforce bulimic habits into the eating behavior.

Bowdoin is no exception. Mike Roesenzweig of the Counseling Service described Bowdoin as typical. "It has the kind of population ideal for eating disorders — high achievers, perfectionists," said Roesenzweig.

Roesenzweig described a "stan dard" bulimic personality as "an individual who wants to do everything perfectly, yet does not have good access to her feelings. The binge-purge cycle is an attempt to gain a sense of overall control through controlling food." The disorder masks what is really bothering her, the problems and pressures in her life."

Students also confirm how common the disorder is. One freshman said she has never heard of anyone being bulimic

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Rape

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One of the most difficult consequences of rape, Barnard said, is that "the victim is put in the position of having to prove their victimization, their own innocence." Some believe that the victim is responsible for provoking the attack. The victim herself may even think, "if only I hadn't smiled at that man" or "it was my fault for wearing provocative clothing", Barnard said.

She stressed that these feelings of guilt and responsibility are unfounded. "As women, we are told by society and the media that it is our responsibility to avoid rape; the burden of responsibility is placed on us. We need to learn that rape can happen to any woman at any time and occurs indiscriminately, 'regardless of appearance."

Women must increase their

Swimsuits

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Most of the subscribers don't seem to mind it. The female subscribers have even cried out for a male counterpart to the issue. Although the Abbinoms haven't obliged as of yet, they did present advertisements containing men who aren't exactly on their way to church.

Concerning the pornography issue, just remember this: if these pictures were on canvas and hung in a museum, they would be considered as works of art. So go ahead *SI*, keep up the good work. Your sophomoric presentation is just as professional

pensings in sports that you might have missed.

1) Nancy Lopez won her 35th LPGA tournament this past weekend. This qualifies her for the LPGA Hall of Fame.

2) Tom Chambers' 34 points makes him the 3rd highest scorer in an NBA All-Star game. Will Chamberlain and Rick Barry are first and second respectively.

3) Eamonn Coghlan of Ireland won his 7th Wannamaker Mile at last week's Millrose Games.

4) Corey Pavin became the first two-time winner on the PGA tour this year by winning the Hawaiian Open.

5) Lastly, Werner Guenther of Switzerland set a new world indoor record in the shotput of 73'4".

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by BWA this year Pesetsky said. For the remainder of the year the BWA will be sponsoring a series of weekly luncheon meetings which will resume in a few weeks.

Miscellaneous battles Meddiers for anthem

By JAY FORSTNER
BOWDOIN ORIENT Contributor

"One week ago tonight Bowdoin's own Miscellania sang the national anthem at the men's varsity hockey game versus Union College in the Dayton Arena, marking the first time in six and a half years that the song has not been performed by the Meddiebempsters.

This occurrence was both the effect and cause of a controversy between the two a capella singing groups.

According to Miscellania member Erica Lowry '89, the all-female group has been wanting to perform the anthem at men's hockey games for years now. It was only after a new member asked "why not?" at a recent meeting that the group began to seek a change. While Miscellania has been singing the anthem at women's hockey games for some time, they were openly envious of the Meddiebempsters' monopoly on the men's games, by far the most visible and well attended events on campus, Lowry said.

The process began when Amy Winton '90 asked Meddiebempster Ja y Gibbons '88 if the women could sing at one game and also proposed that the two groups could sing together. When Gibbons denied both requests Lowry took the matter to athletic director Sid Watson who said that the students should work the matter out on their own.

The women then took the issue to the administration and President Greason recommended that an arrangement be reached under which the Meddiebempsters and Miscellania would share the evening evenly. After that, accounts of the proceedings vary.

Pete Quimby '89 of the Meddiebempsters felt that Greason had mistakenly turned the issue into a sexist one. Quimby compared the dispute to what would happen if the Bowdoin Marching Band had were to decide that they, and not the traditional pep band, should play at the NCAA hockey championships.

When asked if he felt the matter would have been different had the male barber shop quartet What Four been the rival group, Quimby said "not from our perspective but from the administration's, very different."

Mike May '88 concurred, pointing out that the Meddiebempsters have been in existence for 50 years. May said that a member of What Four had told him that the quartet would never have considered singing at hockey games because they were the terrifiers of the Meddiebempsters. Both Quimby and May said that "they (Miscellania) took the anthem from their benefit, and suggested that the women find their own way of establishing themselves.

Members of Miscellania took a different view. Lowry said, "We think it should be split 50-50. It's cool (referring to the choice) to out with the administration and next year it will be that way. While she also expressed a reluctance to draw male-female lines in the dispute, she warned that "it could become a sexual issue. In which case it would be won. By us." While she pointed out that the entire affair had been an immense morale boost to Miscellania, Lowry said that when they took the ice on Friday "the applause was more hooting and hollering that there were a bunch of 'cracks' out there than really supporting a show of equality." When she was asked what would have been the case had What Four wished to sing at the games, Lowry replied that "I really don't know. We asked ourselves that, too."

Miscellania member Linda Blanchard summed up an opinion reiterated by members of both groups when she said, "I kind of wish it weren't such a big deal."

Women's Awareness Week to begin Monday

By MELISSA GALLANDER
BOWDOIN ORIENT Staff Writer

Women and women's issues will be the focus of many campus events during the week of the 15th annual Woman's Awareness Week scheduled to begin this Monday.

This week is being sponsored by the Bowdoin Women's Association (BWA) and will extend through Thursday February 27.

According to Debra Pesetsky '89, co-president of the BWA, the purpose of the week is to promote an awareness and celebration of womanhood on campus. "It's a time to affirm women and men about women's sexuality and women's choices," Pesetsky said.

The week of March 2 is nationally designated as Women's Awareness Week. The designated week for the Bowdoin community, however, will begin this Monday with a day long screening (from 9 a.m.-9 p.m.) of seven movies which are examples of the strength and independence of the women characters portrayed.

The final event of the week is an open forum entitled "Women in Fraternities" that will take place on Thursday evening. Assistant Dean of Students Lisa Barresi will

AWARENESS — This photograph by Joan Biren is part of her exhibit addressing the issues and images of lesbianism throughout history. The exhibit is part of Women's Awareness Week.

A presentation addressing the issues and images of lesbians and lesbianism throughout history, which today, will be presented on Tuesday evening by photographer Joan E. Biren. The slide show is entitled "Out of Bounds: A Lesbian Journey the Bowdoin Gay/Lesbian Straight Alliance.

"We hope it will be enlightening for a lot of people," Pesetsky said of the slide presentation. Lesbianism was chosen as the evening's topic because of a need for the

Also on the schedule of events for the week is musical entertainment in the seven-week history night. From 9 p.m.-12 p.m. Diane Dexter, a pianist, vocalist, and composer, will play music that can range from James Taylor to

Retinking sex

There isn't any sexual harassment at Bowdoin. I've never seen any thing kind of situation and I'm sure it doesn't happen."

The absurdity of this statement, found in a pamphlet entitled Rethinking Sex: Anonymous accounts of and about sexual harassment at Bowdoin College, is horrifying. It is unfathomable how someone could have such a naive and apathetic attitude.

The Rethinking Sex pamphlet, recently distributed, attempts to highlight many of the fallacies surrounding sexual harassment and to emphatically state: sexual harassment exists at Bowdoin.

The pamphlet has caused quite a controversy among those who have read it. Its contents, while somewhat graphic, intensely portray a Bowdoin campus that is less than ideal.

"When I woke up they were feeling my body, breasts, and genitals, and were undressing me ...," read one anecdote. Another fraternity "I kept ordering him to stop, to get off of me, but he wouldn't yield. The next thing I know, I had semen all over my face."

While the anecdotes described in the pamphlet are explicit, and venturing on obscene, they are excellent indicators of the severity of the sexual abuse problem at Bowdoin College.

Many students have expressed disdain over the distribution of "Rethinking Sex," calling it distasteful and reminiscent of pornographic magazine writing. Sexual harassment is obscene and can be described in no other terms. The pamphlet is such a success because it is a starkly realistic portrayal of what would have addressed the problem as well.

You should not be offended at the pamphlet itself, but at the despicable actions of your fellow students. You should be outraged. Face the facts: students at Bowdoin are abusing and are being abused sexually.

Yet the problem of educating Bowdoin students remains. The pamphlet contains the following quotation, "There isn't any sexual harassment at Bowdoin. I've never seen anybody in that kind of situation and I'm sure it doesn't happen."

It's up to students to expose sexual harassment at Bowdoin and force the administration to face the problem as well. Perpetrators of sexual harassment cannot go unpunished.

Sexual harassment exists at Bowdoin. Whether you believe that to be true or not, read Rethinking Sex. You might be offended. You should be.

Sexual harassment is a cancer on this campus that must be destroyed and pamphlets like Rethinking Sex are just a beginning.

SI swimsuits: Sports or sex?

CHRIS LACKE

The BIG Perspective

Contrary to popular opinion, the life of a sports columnist is not a bed of roses. There are deadlines to be met and typos to be corrected. Most importantly though, we have to figure out what to write about and deal this with some degree of competence.

But luck also plays a part in this job. We don't make things happen; we just talk about what has happened. This article is a perfect example because the *Sports Illustrated* swimsuit issue came out this past week.

Ever since the 1960's, the annual issue has warmed the mailboxes and magazine racks of the frigid northlands, presenting some of the world's most beautiful women in the world's most exotic places and wearing some of the skimpiest pieces of clothing known to man. Needless to say, it is one of the most controversial magazines ever published, and it's also the perennial money maker for the company.

So at the risk of being labelled as sexist, chauvinistic, or perverted, I'm going to give my thoughts about the issue and some of the comments and questions that arise each year like "Does this belong in a sports magazine?" or "Am I this pornographic?"

One letter published in a past issue that stands out in my mind was from a pre-teen girl who wrote to seriously rethink sex.

Sexual harassment was the focus of a forum on Tuesday night in Kresge Auditorium entitled "Rethinking Sex." The forum consisted of a panel of seven people, including both students and administration.

Kathy Holzer, a student representing the Bowdoin Gay/Lesbian Straight Alliance, opened the forum by defining sexual harassment as any sort of physical, emotional or verbal harassment that has a base of sexuality. Pamphlets were passed out citing specific examples of harassment at Bowdoin. Although this has been a concern on campus for many years, open awareness of the problem is now growing.

The panel gave several reasons for the occurence of sexual harassment. Women have always been trained to be nice, accomodating, and to try to resolve uncomfortable situations peacefully. Men, on the other hand, have been taught the importance of being assertive, aggressive and strong-willed, the panel said.

Student Lindsey Baden pointed out that harassment sometimes stems from "intimacy (that) often gets misguided and misunderstood...(this) causes alot of pain for people."

Mike Roesenzweig, a counselor at Bowdoin, cited some statistics many students found suprising.

Violation

To the Editor,

The Executive Board of the Student Assembly would like to clarify several points in response to Kathy Holzer's letter of Feb. 27. Ms. Holzer's letter brought to the attention of the college community the fact that a large number of posters regarding Women's Awareness Week were vandalized and even torn down by several students. This raises an issue which must be addressed by the student body in a responsible and mature manner.

In point of fact, it is a social code violation to vandalize or destroy the property of any individual or group here at Bowdoin, this applies to posters as well. Upon superficial consideration, this may seem a minor or isolated matter. In truth, vandalizing or destroying a poster actually has serious repercussions and should not be tolerated at Bowdoin College. It basically amounts to only interfering with the rights of individuals and groups to present and promote certain issues or events but also to interfering with the right of the Bowdoin community to become aware and informed of these issues and events.

Dislike of a group, individual, or event is simply not sufficient rational to justify the destruction of a poster belonging to another individual or group. At Bowdoin, there are appropriate means to express disapproval of a group, an issue, or and event. Any individual is allowed the right to write a letter to the *Orient*, complain to a Dean, have a protest, or stage a sit-in; but he or she is not allowed the right to vandalize or destroy the property of another individual or group.

Sincerely,

Scott Brian Townsend
The Executive Board

Crew women

To the Editor: We are writing in order to bring to your attention an unfortunate oversight in last week's *Orient* article on the Bowdoin Crew regatta. In the article, our coach, Mr. Bill Brown, is quoted as saying that he expressed hope that his program will develop to full potential of "men." We would like to point out that there are, indeed, many women on the team. Both the male and female members have contributed equal amounts of energy and enthusiasm toward Bowdoin Crew. After nearly two months of working together, we were disappointed that half our team was forgotten so easily.

Thank you,
Cathy Snow

Deans field fraternity questions

By LORI BODWELL
BOWDOIN ORIENT Photo Editor

Alcohol, communication, responsibility, social life and the gender gap were all topics covered at an Open Forum held Monday to discuss current fraternity-related issues.

At the invitation of the Student Executive Board, Dean of the College Robert C. Wilhelm and Dean of Students Kenneth Lawellan agreed to express their opinions and to answer questions concerning the administration's position on fraternities.

Executive Board Chair Beth Calciano '88, who mediated the event, stated that the purpose of the forum was to help alleviate "tension" between the fraternities and the administration caused in part by a lack of communication.

In his opening statement, Wilhelm commented on the difficulty of communication, even in an environment as small as Bowdoin. This problem has been enhanced by what he referred to as "misinformation" and improper emphasis by the press when dealing with the fraternity system.

Wilhelm referred back six years to when he first came to Bowdoin calling it a very "tremendous time" for fraternities and administration. The situation was resolved only after communication with the alumni presidents and the Inter Fraternity Council.

Wilhelm said he has recently witnessed a pattern of deteriorating fraternity/administration communications. The alumni have elected to meet alone, inviting the deans only when there is "some kind of problem or something going wrong," according to Wilhelm.

At other times, after a meeting with the Deans, fraternity presidents have chosen "not to go back and really tell the whole story to the membership," Wilhelm said.

Wilhelm saw society as a culprit in the escalating tensions. He cited examples such as the liquor liability laws, the new drinking age and the recent decisions by the courts, laws that are beyond the control of the college. It was the "special responsibility" of the college to informs students of the laws.

Wilhelm noted that, along with changes in the laws, the courts have adopted a tougher stance when dealing with infractions. He said this put pressure on the fraternity presidents and the dorm proctors who knowingly allow alcohol to be served to minors, and not on the administration.

Lewellen viewed the lack of understanding and communication as a personal failure. He was "unaccustomed" to failing when "it comes to dealing with people." Lewellen noted the existence of independents and fraternity members be he had "no intention of destroying fraternities," a position reiterated by Wilhelm later during the forum.

When the floor was opened for discussion, attention turned to the question of why rush had been limited to two weeks. Wilhelm said that in the past, when most of the students joined fraternities, rush was only one week.

After coming to Bowdoin, Wilhelm said he had worked with the then-dean of Students Alan Springer and the Student Life Committee to extend rush.

In order get the faculty to agree to this measure, it was agreed that the second week would be for "decision only, no parties." Wilhelm saw this as a positive step by allowing freshmen to go to classes and see fraternities in "something other than a completely chaotic situation."

Lewellan, who worked with the IFC last spring to propose guidelines for rush, said that the party nights during rush week had been extended by one day this year to include Thursday.

When pressed for a reason why rush could not begin earlier in the week, Wilhelm said that the administration had tried to allow freshmen to be introduced to the fraternity system through a series of open houses. He also pointed out that the barbeque had been held on Tuesday of rush week to give fraternities added exposure.

However, Wilhelm believed that extension was a time when freshmen should learn about the college. When parties were were held all week during the early

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FRAT FORUM — Beth Calciano, Executive Board chairperson, and Dean of the College Robert Wilhelm, answer questions about fraternities during an open forum. Staff photo by Lori Bodwell.

BWA

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group," said Oldfield. "You build wonderful relations with other women there ... the Resource Center is a safe place where I never feel threatened there."

For Lynn Vogelstein '88, the WRC offers something rare. "There are very few places here to explore what it's like to be a woman in a sexist society. Sometimes you need a place to go to share that experience."

At the same time as providing personal benefits, the Center offers academic opportunities. Oldfield says that as an English major, the Center exposed her "to a whole new field ... it put me in touch with women's literature. I've found that at the WRC instead of the English Department."

The collective's primary goal — which it has been working towards since it was formed six years ago — is to establish a women's studies program on campus. "We've got a lot of the courses there, we just don't have a major or a coherent

studies program," said Hunsinger. To make their cause "legitimate," the Center is "going through the route a department goes through," she said, bringing permanent lectures and concerts to campus.

An important step in the process will take place on November 16 through 18, when two curriculum consultants from Smith College — funded by a $2,500 Mellon Foundation grant — will "assess the need for a women's studies program at Bowdoin," Hunsinger said. They will consult with the curriculum planning committee of people than usually give money to Bowdoin, who wouldn't ever dream of giving money to the main college because they think it would be used for athletic facilities," Hunsinger said. The new fund will enable alumni to contribute directly to the Resource Center.

But what about men? Everyone is encouraged to attend BWA meetings. That group, members say, is trying to reach everyone in the community. Members repeatedly emphasized that the WRC is open to everyone, although Cooperative meetings are usually only attended by women.

"I'm always trying to get more men in here using the resources," Hunsinger said.

Some men may feel uncomfortable about coming to the center, according to Susan Evans '87. "It's really hard for a man to come into an environment that's not focused on maleness and that's what's scary ... it's really sad because there's nothing scary about equality," she said.

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Lynn Vogelstein '88

Women's studies

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said.

The consultants found problems within the program such as the limited range of departments offering classes. They said the departments of literature, government, psychology, and philosophy were most lacking in women's studies courses.

The consultants also saw a need for all the departments to recruit candidates for faculty positions who exhibit competence and experience in the field of women's studies.

The report stated, "With greater control over the coordination of course scheduling by faculty members committed to women's studies, Bowdoin should be ready to offer a minor by next year. With greater incentives and a clearer direction for curriculum development a major might be foreseeable in two to three years."

Helen Cafferty, chairperson of planning, "We are looking at our models and soliciting information from members of the workshop (conducted by the consultants) during their November visit to determine what kind of program would make sense for Bowdoin," Cafferty said.

Sorority

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Maureen Rayhill '89.

Laurie Sablak '90, a pledge, said, "the house is a definate part of the sorority. It will be sad if we lose it, but nothing can be done."

AuFranc said, "I feel we've worked hard for this house, we've done — this is discouraging."

Dean of Students Kenneth Lawellan, also expressed his concern. "Personally, in the two years I've been here the women at that location have shown themselves to be responsible, have contributed to the Bowdoin and Brunswick com-

WOMEN'S AWARENESS WEEK

Monday: February 23
Monday Movie Madness
Maine Lounge 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM

alumnae speak: **support**

"Bowdoin's fraternity life posed a challenge to allowing women to be full, equal participants in college life. Ironically, however, my joining Delta Sigma—where women held leadership positions, including president—ended up providing me with a huge family-like support network for being a woman and a lesbian on campus."

SHELLEY HEARNE '83

Billboard Top 10 Songs Year-end 1986

1	“That’s What Friends Are For”	Dionne Warwick, Gladys Knight, Elton John and Stevie Wonder
2	“Say You, Say Me”	Lionel Richie
3	“I Miss You”	Klymaxx
4	“On My Own”	Patti LaBelle and Michael McDonald
5	“Broken Wings”	Mr. Mister
6	“How Will I Know”	Whitney Houston
7	“Party All the Time”	Eddie Murphy
8	“Burning Heart”	Survivor
9	“Kyrie”	Mr. Mister
10	“Addicted to Love”	Robert Palmer

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Trustees to vote on Residential Life

Emily Church
Editor-in-Chief

The members of the Commission on Residential Life have kept their lips sealed this week in anticipation of the Board of Trustees adjournment today. While the College community waits in anticipation, the Board is discussing the Commission's interim report this afternoon and will continue on Saturday morning, when the report will come to a vote.

The Commission finished the report last week and copies were express mailed to trustees on Tuesday. Pending approval of the report, the student body will receive individual copies over e-mail and in their mail boxes on Saturday afternoon.

The report, which is a summary of different recommendations, will touch on issues of residential life ranging from student housing to the role of fraternities and outline a "philosophy of residential life." While the question of the fraternities' existence has dominated much of the campus discussion over the last year, Commission member and Professor of Sociology Craig McEwen stresses that the Commission has maintained a broad perspective.

"The central issues of residential life go well beyond fraternities," he said. There is no question, however, that the recommendations aim to plot a new course for the future of residential life at Bowdoin. Dean of Stu-

Awareness week

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awareness is further emphasized by Lisa

Students respond to Res. Life Report

■ The Commission on Residential Life's Interim Report, unanimously approved by the trustees, has not been received as well by the student body.

Emily Church
Editor in Chief

The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the Commission on Residential Life's Interim Report on Saturday, but it faces a tough sell on campus, where students voice discontent with the Report's findings and skepticism about the workability of the new house system.

The Trustees approved Saturday morning the Commission's report in principle and endorsed four recommendations: the "Philosophy of Residential Life" that broadly outlines the values of the envisioned community, a building program that includes the renovation of Wentworth Hall and the construction of space for 250 new beds, the phasing out of the College's eight remaining fra-

Many students voiced their discontent at Sunday night's open forum. An estimated 500 students, or one third of the student body, attended the forum in Morrell Gymnasium. (Adam Zimman/*Bowdoin Orient*)

munity believe the report does not reflect their input.

Amidst the criticism, however, there were some expressions of support. A few people at

needed to be made and I'm glad it was finally made."

Sense of Disenfranchisement

tive Board and the Commission on Residential Life. "It sounded more like a 30-70 numbers game [percentage of students in fraternities versus those who are independent] and that sounds really illogical to me."

"Is there any reason for us to be here today?" remarked Pete Sims '98 "It just feels like it's being thrown on us."

The feelings of disenfranchisement permeated the all-campus forum on Sunday evening, which at least one-third of the student body attended. Members of the Alpha Delta Phi (AD) house were especially vocal in their denouncement of the Commission's findings, questionning the validity of the report because it did not receive approval from the student body.

Doug Fleming '99, a member of AD, said that it was not the College's responsibility to form a commission to decide what is best for the student body. When he remarked that "We don't seem to feel that we are represented on a very equal basis with the Administration of this school," he received loud applause.

The distrust and frustration that was directed at the Commission on Sunday night upset Dean of Student Affairs and Commission member Craig Bradley, who insists that their work has been in good faith. He is concerned, specifically, with the us versus them mentality on the part of students, the distrust of the Administration and the lack of an understanding of how the College is governed.

"If we can't work through the sense of mistrust," he said. "Then I'm not as hopeful about the result."

Members of the Commission are disheartened by the level of criticism. They insist that

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Sexual Assault Awareness Week raises consciousness

Arkady Libman
Staff Writer

This past week, Safe Space, a student group that educates the Bowdoin community on sexual assault and helps its survivors to deal with their experiences, organized a series of events in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Week. According to Safe Space co-coordinator Christa Jefferis '98, the events were designed "to raise general campus awareness of sexual assault taking place here."

Marc Seiffert '98, another co-coordinator, believes that "sexual assault doesn't get talked about enough," and because of this, one of the purposes of this week's events was to encourage more discussion. He hopes to "provide a bit of support for the survivors on this campus. There are quite a few of them and they are being ignored."

Marc continued by saying that "rapes do happen on campus all the time" and that Bowdoin's statistic of zero rapes is wrong. Safe Space hopes to let the whole Bowdoin community know that sexual assault is everybody's problem.

The event that started this week was the performance of the F.L.I.T.E., an interactive theater group consisting of five people that work for public health and education programs. The group put on a short play about date rape that featured students in an environment similar to Bowdoin's. After the performance, the actors led a discussion with students in the audience. The purpose of the group's performance was to demonstrate that "it's quite conceivable that it [sexual assault] can happen here."

On Tuesday, Safe Space, along with Struggle and Change, hosted Sharon Simone, who offered her insights as a survivor and expert on abuse and child trauma. During their childhood, Simone and her sister were sexually abused by their father, against whom they successfully brought sexual assault charges four years ago. Simone's speech, according to Sieffert, was to be "inspirational and to demonstrate that you can overcome [sexual abuse]."

The next day, in Massachusetts Hall, a talk was held for students to speak out about their experiences with sexual assault, and their views of it. "Some shared their experiences, but most of the discussion was focused on sexual assault on campus and the silence associated with it," said Sieffert. Many people voiced their views on what needs to be improved to make it easier for the survivors to come out and talk about their sexual assault experiences. One of the things proposed was an anonymous report form that an assaulted student would fill out and turn in to the Dean's office, so that the administration would keep a more accurate statistic on sexual assaults on campus.

On Thursday, Jackson Katz, a nationally recognized expert on sexual assault, delivered a lecture entitled "Football, Feminism, and Other Contemporary Contradictions." Jefferis thinks that Katz' male point of view and his athletic background will shed a fresh light on sexual assault issue.

Sexual Assault Awareness Week will conclude tonight with the annual silent candlelight vigil that will start on the steps of the Art Museum at 8 p.m., circle the quad, and finish at the steps of Moulton Union. The vigil will commemorate the survivors and victims of sexual assault.

A "Speak Out" against sexual assault was held Wednesday night in Massachusetts Hall. (Adam Zimman/*Bowdoin Orient*)

Community at Bowdoin

Community is not just for the individual

By Jeffrey Bedrosian
Opinion Editor

It is truly an exciting time to be a first-year at Bowdoin. As the school creaks and burgeons under the weight of its self-imposed expansion and improvement, it should come as no surprise to me or anyone else to feel at times, angry, confused, befuddled and downright frustrated at the extraordinary changes taking place in our midst. Thus, it is with this premise that I would like to introduce the first in a weekly series of columns that express two different, contrary or simply individual views on a specific issue. The issue this week is the state of Bowdoin's "community," and to this end, it is somewhat ironic that the two columns are being written by a first-year, me, who has been here for one semester and three weeks, and a senior, Paul, who seems like he's been here forever.

By giving the Commission a mandate, the Bowdoin community will have to trust that the changes made will be for our collective benefit.

I am not too far removed from my secondary school years to remember vividly how much I agonized over which college I would

Let me say first that I greatly admire people with personal initiative, people with a vision and resolve to enact that vision. I admire, for example, the organizors of Bowdoin Ballroom Dance. It is a club with no budget from the College and it makes up for the lack of funding through highly motivated leaders. In its few years of existence, it has drawn as many as 130 people in one weekly session. This type of club is the posterchild for my vision of community at Bowdoin. It was founded by people with a vision. They saw something that Bowdoin lacked and decided to change the status quo. But most importantly, it brings people together from all classes where total strangers, together and forces them to interact with each other. During each lesson, you are required to dance with multiple people and they are usually stangers. Nevertheless, these strangers are united by three common bonds. They are Bowdoin students, they like ballroom dance and they like to interact with others. Is this not exactly what the Commission on Residential Life is looking for?

In a sense, Paul's view of community, that is, community is what you make of it, and the

Community is what we are willing to make it

By Paul Rohlfing
Senior Editor

This spring, the Commission on Residential Life will release its report about social life on campus. Whatever recommendations they decide to make, the future character of the Bowdoin community will not be decided by the Commission or the Administration.

In 1962, the Committee For Plans For Future Dormitory And Dining Facilities (did they call themselves the C.F.P.F.F.D.A.D.F?) issued its final report. The committee had been asked by President James Stacy Coles to address the shortcomings of Bowdoin's fragmented community and to develop plans for confronting planned expansions in the College's enrollment.

The report issued by the Committee called for the construction of a three million dollar residence to house all of Bowdoin's seniors under one roof. Architect Hugh Stubbins was hired to develop a plan that would meet the College's needs.

The lesson that stands out from Van Vliet's experience is clear: students who are unsatisfied with the social life they are leading have the power to do something about it.

mon rooms are often unused and the building has all the community spirit of a modern urban high-rise apartment complex. Instead of serving as a gathering place for seniors, the Tower is mostly a holding pen for sophomores and juniors lucky enough to find another upperclassman with a good lottery number.

We are not, however, doomed to repeat the miscaluculations of the past.

Some students are not waiting to be told how to reengineer their social lives. They are doing it on their own.

Carina Van Vliet '97 is one of those students. Like many others, Van Vliet was not happy with the social life she found at Bowdoin, "When I got here I said, 'This is not satisfying.'"

Van Vliet's idea of campus social life involves more interaction between faculty and students and a greater emphasis on intellectual discourse than she found here at Bowdoin. Along with her friend Sarah Ross '97, Van Vliet developed the idea behind the Classic Theme House, now located in the old BowdInn across from Alpha Kappa Sigma on Harpswell Street.

Today, Van Vliet's vision is a reality. Faculty members and students regularly gather at the house for evening teas where issues such as Bosnia, the global environment and morality in the 1990's are discussed in an

Silent protest greets board

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erning Boards were here."

The idea of the town meeting came at one of the meetings of the organizers as "a forum where issues could be addressed" and the "a Administration can directly respond," said Wilson.

Maria Pistone '99 participated in the demonstration because it was "one of the things I can do to voice an opinion," she said. "The Trustees don't go to school here; they need to know what's going on."

"They [the Administration] pick and choose what issues to focus on and deal with," she added, noting in particular the "lack of a concrete sexual harassment policy."

Richard Mersereau, executive assistant to the president and trustees, said the demonstration came as a surprise to the trustees.

"Even the president didn't know until he got inside," Mersereau said, noting that President Edwards and several of the trustees entered the Tower via an alternate entrance and missed the demonstration entirely.

Mersereau also said that the Board of Trustees didn't explicitly deal with the issues raised at the protest.

"The Board expects the Administration to address all issues that are raised and come back with recommendations," he said.

The Administration does intend to discuss the issues raised at the demonstration. "The silent protest has put into play a number of questions," said Mersereau, adding, "There will be some follow-up. ... [We] take the issues raised in the silent protest with great seriousness."

Specifically, the idea of the "town meeting" was a major topic of the weekly senior staff meeting on Tuesday, March 4. Mersereau estimates that an hour and a half of the two and a half hour meeting was spent tackling the issue.

Mersereau added that Craig Bradley, dean of Student Affairs, "will be working up a response" to the letter than will probably "go

Students take issue with findings of report

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the Report itself is based on three months of intensive discussions with all campus constituencies and that it reflects the need of the greatest number of students, many of whom feel disconnected and alienated from the Bowdoin community. Members also note that the Commission finished the report in February because of the desire for further student input.

"We aimed to get the report endorsed now in principle so we could get together with students and faculty ... and learn in terms of implementation what will really enhance your experience," explained Bradley.

Commission Chairman Don Kurtz '52 echoed Bradley's remarks and stated that in the months to come the Commission is "seeking the advice, counsel and the participation of students and others in the community."

Bradley is currently accepting letters of intent from students interested in participating in an ad-hoc committee that will help in the implementation process of the new house system.

Choice

Another factor contributing to the student body's objections to the Commission's report is the perceived lack of choice in the new system. The word "choice" has been a buzz word in much of the campus discussion. It relates not only to the closing of fraternities, but the proposed College Housing system as well.

Many students are skeptical that a system based on random assignment will create a sense of community. The proposed housing plan would associate students living in the brick dorms with a "College House" to which they would retain membership for their entire college career.

Sims believes that with these recommendations, the report tries to institutionalize socializing. While the College can assign students to a specific house, he said, there is no guarantee that these houses will provoke enough interest because students aren't allowed to choose where they want to belong.

"They set up this model that says students will belong to a house before they step on campus. How do you have ownership over that house if you've never seen it?" Sims asked.

Sanae Yamada '97 told members of the Commission at the forum on Sunday that it will be disorienting and alienating for first-years in bad living situations who think "oh my God, this is my college experience for the next four years." She went on to reiterate the most prevalent theme of the evening: students should be able to choose where they want to be and who with whom they want to socialize.

"You can't force people into a community situation," she said. "You can't make them mold their college experience around compromising their differences."

Bradley stresses that the College isn't forcing students to socialize with people whom they don't like. He said that the assignment to the dorms is random, but the choice to socialize at a house lies solely the students.

"This is not like a fraternity," he emphasized. "It is a building that offers a shared common space ... the opportunity to hold events, host parties and interact with friends and faculty. Joining shouldn't be the problem. It's not that rigid a system."

Some members of the Commission have also noted that self-selection will ultimately lead to exclusion.

Despite continued student criticism, there is confusion as to whether the proposed housing plan could be redrawn to address student concerns.

Hiram Hamilton, chair of the Executive Board and a member of the Commission, said that he would be "surprised" if there were any major changes in the new housing system. Hamilton noted that the Commission struggled with the proposal and he still has some reservations. "How are we going to make the attachment real? How can we make this connection work?" he asked.

Bradley said that the Commission will discuss the flexibility of the report in their Friday meeting.

Minority concerns

Some of the most emotional exchange at the forum reflected the minority community's sense that despite long hours of discussion with Commission members during the fall, their concerns were only reflected in one sentence of the report.

David Morales '97 and Stacey Jones '00 spoke of the openness with which they related to the Commission their experiences as minorities at Bowdoin, and their disappointment with the final results. "Most of this document pertains to other things," Jones said.

Herlande Rosemond '97 articulated her grievances passionately, pointing to her experiences with personal and institutional racism at Bowdoin. She explained that there is "no sense in talking" because no one seems to listen.

Jasmin Rojas '99, a member of the Latin American Students' Organization, said in a later interview that she was disappointed with the lack of attention given to diversity at Bowdoin. While the Report states that "Commission members heard repeatedly in small group meetings of the sense of exclusion, separation, and even intimidation experienced by many students of color, gay and lesbian students and some women students," Rojas had hoped that the Commission would address the lack of a "support network" for minorities at Bowdoin.

Specifically, Rojas was looking for "How do you make Bowdoin diverse, keep it diverse and create support systems."

Members of the Commission counter that the report itself is about inclusion and the values of diversity in a learning community. Bradley said that the reactions at the forum only reinforce the Commission's findings and the importance of recreating an inclusive community. He said that he understood that these students "took a lot of risk" in their open discussions with Commission members and he stressed the critical role those meetings had in the formulation of the final report.

President Robert Edwards explained that he has been meeting in small groups with concerned individuals and hopes to reassure the minority community that Bowdoin in committed to their concerns. He said that he is addressing the issue through specific programs outside the purview of residential life, such as providing more money for financial aid scholarships.

"My main concern is that they not back away from us now," he said. "... But in other ways, don't stop putting on the heat."

Professor of religion Eddie Glaude points out that the issues being raised represent "a broader moral concern." He stresses that the impetus for change cannot come solely from a report on residential life; rather, it must reflect the desires of the student body.

Tradition and Transition

Many students, especially fraternity members, are concerned with the destruction of tradition. They fear that with the phase out of the fraternities, the legacy of the house system will disappear.

The Chair of the Board of Trustees, Fred Thorne '52, and members of the Commission made it clear that they are not looking to destroy the traditions of the fraternities and are devoted to making the transition over the next three years as painless as possible.

"We are very conscious of preserving the history of the places," said Kurtz. "We have no intention of changing or rewriting Bowdoin's history. We want alumni and students to be able to come back to those places and be proud."

According to Bradley, the Commission made every effort to be sensitive to the fraternities' needs in the coming years.

"We wanted to try not to disrupt the happy experience that people are having in their current frats, but to phase it out [so that it's not] a wrenching, immediate change," he said.

There is also a willingness to work with the Administration on the part of the Inter Fraternity Council; members decided at this week's meeting that rather than fight the decision, they would provide constructive input.

Nat Wysor '97, the president of the IFC, sees "no point" in an argument and hopes that students have voiced their anger and are willing to look to the future.

"There is a tw- fold role for the fraternities through the year 2000," he said. "Number one, to continue to promote the values and to put on all the events [that have been tradition] since the system was founded ... the second role is to work with the College to help implement the new system."

Anonymous attacks appall campus

Michael Melia
News Editor

On the heels of the College's Eating Disorder Awareness Week, several members of the College community were sent anonymous, offensive packages regarding issues of self-image and health.

At least five Bowdoin women received unsigned packages through campus mail containing either diet pills or condoms last week. Amanda Norejko '98 received a manilla envelope on Monday containing diet pills, an application for a subscription to Weight

"This is one of the meanest things I've seen at Bowdoin to date. I find anonymous harrassing statements to be cowardly and mean-spirited; they have no place at Bowdoin."

— **Craig Bradley**
dean of Student Affairs

the National Eating Disorder Awareness Week were vandalized. Professor of Romance Languages John Turner found one such poster particularly appalling and xeroxed it for all his students to see. Beneath a section of the poster which revealed the percentages of women who have been or currently are dieting, a hand-written note reads: "Ninety percent need to be."

"It's better to know the evil than to be hidden from it," says Turner. "Going day to day you can forget the mentality that's there. Women don't forget it; Bowdoin's not a friendly place for minorities or women. It's no worse than the outside world, but it ought to be better."

According to Norejko, "I didn't take it as a reflection on me, I took it as a reflection on the person who sent it." She worries, however, that someone who might be in the same situation would not be able to come to the same realization. "Others may have had trouble eating, they could take it as an honest criticism because their low self-esteem makes them susceptible," she said.

Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Betsy Maier and Bradley are doing everything they can to find out who mailed the packages and to deal with their violation of College standards. "It's the cowardice of it. Issues of body image are facts of life for everyone, particularly college women," stated Bradley. "Hundreds of thousands struggle with it every day and to make light of it is just appalling. There's nothing funny at all about that. To target it at individuals is downright mean."

Norejko hopes that the individuals would not have sent the packages if they had known how dangerous such messages can be. "I've gotten to the point where it doesn't effect me, but I don't want it to hurt anyone else. They're playing with fire, and it's very dangerous," she said.

Bradley echoed the sentiment in likening someone struggling with a self-image problem to an AIDS sufferer: "They live with that constantly. I hope we wouldn't joke about someone in our community struggling with

Asian week features panel on women's rights

Kim Schneider
Assistant News Editor

This Asian Students Association recognized "Asian Week" with a series of activities and lectures celebrating their cultures and discussing current issues in Asia.

On Thursday, a panel on Asian women was held in Kresge Auditorium. Professors Nancy Riley and Sree Padma discussed the state of women in China and India.

Professor Riley talked about the status of women under the communist state in China. Under state policies the number of women who have entered the work force has increased dramatically; today approximately 90 percent of women aged 15 to 55 in urban areas work. But while women are working, they have not achieved equality. They are often segregated into more "suitable" (and lower-paying) jobs, and even when performing the same tasks as men, they receive comparable wages but minimal health and family the jobs have been given to men. Many women are being hired in new national and international factories, which they welcome for the income, but questions have been raised as to whether the factories exploit the women unfairly.

Professor Padma discussed the women's rights movement in India. Unlike China, where individual human rights (and thus women's rights) are not part of the culture, the Indian constitution guarantees women equal rights. In India before the arrival of Europeans, women had very little status in society. When the English colonized India, it became fashionable for the elite Indians to send both their sons and their daughters to European-style schools.

The "new" Indian woman was seen as the maintainer of Indian culture, a spiritually supreme "goddess." She was more sophisticated and patient than her predecessor, and she knew a life beyond the confines of the home. These new women participated in the Indian independence movement, and

Trustees met by protest

Students outside the Tower protested what they felt was a lack of communication between students and the Administration. (Adam Zimman/*Bowdoin Orient*)

Infamous "rape drug" suspected at Bowdoin

Gerun Riley
Contributor

Rohypnol, more commonly known as "the rape drug," is sweeping college campuses nationwide and Director of Health Services Robin Beltramini is concerned about the drug's presence at Bowdoin.

Illegally imported from Mexico or Colombia, Rohypnol tablets are generally sold for recreational use; one tablet sells at a street value of two to five dollars, making it a "cheap high."

The drug is most often ingested orally in conjunction with alcohol to exaggerate the sensation of inebriation and to further eliminate inhibitions.

The drug is also used to enhance low-quality heroin, to increase the effects of marijuana or cocaine or to offset the effects of withdrawal from other drugs.

Although the drug is commonly abused for such recreational uses, there has been a recent surge in the number of incidents in which unsuspecting students are subjected to sexual assault after unknowingly ingesting it.

According to Beltramini, the colorless, tasteless and odorless nature of Rohypnol makes it easy to slip into drinks without detection. Rohypnol tablets are round, white and slightly smaller than an aspirin giving them a deceptively "safe" appearance. They are single or cross-scored on one side with "ROCHE" printed on the

in conjunction with Rohypnol at Bowdoin, she has been suspicious in a few incidences.

"There have been a few situations here this year involving women and alcohol that just don't make sense ... [there has not been] enough alcohol to cause the behaviors witnessed," she said.

Beltramini advises students take precautions such as watching their drinks when they are out, refusing drinks from strangers and making sure that friends are looking out for one another.

Rohypnol's effects begin to take place within 30 minutes of ingestion and may persist for eight hours depending on the person and the dosage.

Once ingested, individuals experience a black-out period and may awake in unfamiliar surroundings with distinct signs of sexual assault.

The drug may also cause nausea, numbness, hallucinations, delirium, convulsions, coma and seizures. In combination with alcohol or other drugs, Rohypnol has been linked to a number of deaths due to coma.

Rohypnol can be detected in blood up to four hours following ingestion and more adverse effects include decreased blood pressure, memory impairment (for up to 24 hours), drowsiness, dizziness, slurred speech and lack of motor coordination. Rohypnol can be detected in urine for up to 48 hours.

Consequently, individuals who suspect that they have been sexually assaulted while under the influence of this drug are

Campus recognizes effects of eating disorders

Meg Hall
Contributor

The attempt to bring the discussion of eating disorders and their presence at Bowdoin out of the closet was forged this past week with events aimed at increasing awareness and recognition. As part of National Eating Disorder Awareness Week (Feb. 3-Feb. 9), Mary McCann of the counseling center and members of the Bowdoin Women's Association planned and organized events focused on generating and discussion. Among the events was a "Trash and Bash" trash can set up outside the convenience store, inviting individuals to ditch their diets by throwing away diet products, magazines, scales and clothing that no longer fit. Friday, Feb. 7th was also celebrated as "Fearless Friday," a national event which encourages everyone to abandoned restrictive dieting and instead to eat normal, balanced meals.

However, the main event of the week was a talk and discussion held on Feb. 5th entitled "Reality Speaks: Voices of Triumph, Struggle, and Survival." With McCann acting as the moderator, a panel of Bowdoin students spoke on their personal experiences with eating disorders and then opened up the floor for questions and discussion. As Ary Wessal '00 stated, "Last night's forum was a

Mary McCann of the counseling center led a discussion on Feb. 5th entitled "Reality Speaks: Voices of Triumph, Struggle and Survival." (Jacob Levine/*Bowdoin Orient*)

good way of talking about issues that take a huge toll on women at this college. Everyone who spoke gave us insight, awareness, and hope."Five to 20 percent of young women are affected by some degree of eating disorder. One percent of teenage women suffer from anorexia. Five percent of college-aged women have bulimia. 150,000 women die each year from anorexia.

These statistics reflect the degree to which eating disorders affect the lives of many women. However, as only numbers, figures and facts, they can't accurately display the true impact and presence of eating disorders within our society. Eating disorders affect men, women, personal lives and relationships. Men and women who are suffering have names and faces and emotional and mental issues that are caught up within the complexities of the disease. Eating disorders ravage not only the external physical body, but also the internal emotional state of the sufferer. We often only hear obout the numbers afflicted or medical components of eating disorders. We may fail to realize, know or understand that the student with us in lab or next to us in the Union may be suffering in silence.

Colleges have often been implicated as breeding grounds for eating disorders. The close-knit atmosphere of a college community that can foster friendships and social networks also has the potential to lead to high incidences of eating disorders. Bowdoin is not at all an exception to this hypothesis as many factors, such as competition and the strive for perfection, play directly into the hands of the development of an eating disorder. Sadly, however, the presence of eating disorders at Bowdoin isn't an issue that is discussed openly or on a campus-wide basis. As Katie Ford '99, states, " at Bowdoin, you don't realize how prevalent, but hidden eating disorders are. It is important to bring these issues into the light and to let people know that they aren't alone and they don't have to suffer in silence." Importance for

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Recognizing diversity

In the past, community at Bowdoin, an all-male, all-white institution, was based on sameness; because most students fit a certain mold, the College naturally fostered a sense of inclusiveness among its students. Today, however, our challenge is to create that inclusiveness based not on a homogeneous student body, but on a population of men and women of all colors, interests, sexual preferences and backgrounds. Because we begin our Bowdoin experience from such different perspectives, this task is considerably more difficult.

The process will be trying, but the potential result is even more exciting because it incorporates the unique talents of a group of diverse individuals able to enrich each other's college experiences precisely because of our differences. The stakes are higher now, and we must prove that we can accept the challenge.

It's easy to become isolated at Bowdoin. Not only does the structure of the campus separate us from the surrounding community, but our involvement in individual academic strengths and activities often separates us from fellow students who do not share similar interests. Some groups on campus are unfairly marginalized and understandably retreat years, begun to emerge from their shells. Not only are they slowly becoming interested in the Bowdoin community as a whole, but they see value in the unique qualities of their fellow students as well.

These signs of hope show that the proposed changes and challenges to the status quo have made the campus recognize and appreciate differences found among members of the community who do not reflect their own views. Self-recognition may not be easy, but it is essential if a new kind of inclusive Bowdoin community is to prevail.

At Tuesday night's town meeting, students who spoke demonstrated the first signs of this awareness. While many at the previous forum had remained immersed in short-sighted concerns, some of the people who spoke at the town meeting showed a willingness to transcend their own immediate circumstances to recognize those whose ideas and situations may not reflect their own. First-Year Marshall Miller asked "What can I do?"—a new attitude that reflects a desire not to further one's own interest, but to relate to others what we might not understand. This is the kind of empathy—that of understanding, though not necessarily agreement—which must continue if we are to create a more

Students, staff and faculty convene in Smith Union continue celebrating 25 years of women at Bowdoin

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On Thursday, April 3, Bowdoin celebrated 25 years of women with a series of readings, reflections and musical pieces at the Smith Union. Speakers and performers included students, staff and faculty members.

The evening began with opening remarks entitled "Bowdoin's Forgotten Women," given by Alice Rivero, academic department

"We tried to include as many voices as possible and highlight as many experiences as possible. We wanted to show the history, especially of the forgotten

A dangerous new drug

Rohypnol, better known as "the rape drug," may have arrived at Bowdoin. Although there is no direct evidence that the drug has been involved in sexual assaults on campus, Director of Health Services Robin Beltramini is suspicious. What does this mean for the security of women on this campus? How should we react?

If the drug is sweeping college campuses, there is no reason to assume that Bowdoin will be an exception. While reports of violent crime in Brunswick are rare, and high-cost, high-profile drugs like cocaine and heroine appear to be worlds away, Rohypnol is far

have also learned to look after one another especially when alcohol is involved.

However, with the introduction of a Rohypnol to the campus, women must be more aware of their personal welfare in normal social situations. While students generally for themselves how much they want Rohypnol undermines this choice and causes to unknowingly and unwittingly lose their tions. As a result, their power over their transferred to the administers of the drug shame that this possibility of must now p

Honest action after a long wait

Six months ago Dean of Student Affairs Craig Bradley made a commitment to include a final version of the Sexual Misconduct Policy in the *1997-1998 Student Handbook*. As a week of sexual assault awareness draws to a close, the Student Affairs Committee is finalizing a new policy which reflects a long-awaited administrative commitment to face issues of sexual assault and harrassment in a proactive manner.

The most important feature of this new policy is the emphasis on building trust among community members who in the past have looked upon the adjudication process for sexual misconduct as a bureaucratic labyrinth marked by inconsistent policies and intimidating boards. The new three-member board, for example, offers an alternative to the large-scale Judicial Board hearing, the rarely used, untrained Sexual Misconduct Board and the face to face mediation process.

A significant feature of the new policy is the system of trained advisors—faculty, staff and students—who will be available to community members needing counseling or those with questions regarding the policy itself. This is an excellent way to convert a set of distant administrative guidelines into an evolving policy backed by trusted

Space in the process. Safe Space has provided invaluable services, especially during a period when administrative response to sexual misconduct was inconsistent, and their advice and input should be actively sought as the Dean's Office attempts to implement the new policy. Working with the Office of the First Year Class Dean, Safe Space members could help begin the process of education during Orientation. The best way to ensure the success of the new policy is to foster open dialogue about sexual misconduct early on—if first years trust the system, then we have a chance of moving beyond old attitudes and assumptions on the part of both students and administrators.

Also encouraging is the emphasis placed on training for those who will be advising victims of sexual assault or harrassment. In past years Safe Space struggled to train a group of student advocates while the Administration offered no assistance. According to Bradley, the Dean's Office will be working directly with Sexual Assault Support Services of Mid-Coast Maine to train the advisors, some Safe Space members and Residential Life Staff. The acknowledgement that training is essential when advising victims of sexual as

College nears completion of Sexual Misconduct Policy

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The long-awaited Sexual Misconduct Policy is in the final stages of revision and will be finished in time to appear in next year's Student Handbook. The new policy retains pieces of the current policy, but includes a system of campus advisors as well as a new option for victims who do not want student to student charges adjudicated by out details in the next week.

"We have reached a consensus in principle about this," said Dean Betsy Maier, a member of the Student Affairs Committee. "... we will continue to refine pieces of it."

The two pieces of the new policy that differ substantially from earlier versions include the choice of a small board hearing for student to student cases, and the creation of faculty, staff and student advisors who will be trained by the Sexual Assault Support Services of MidCoast Maine (SASSMM).

the Judicial Board.

Maier hopes that the new board will bring forward students who might have been intimidated by the atmosphere of a Judicial Board hearing. She also hopes that "the cases will be more quickly resolvable and the speedier disposition will help us with the idea of continuity."

The details of the new campus advisors system are still being discussed, but the goal is clearly articulated: to create an atmosphere on campus that discourages sexual miscon-

will be readily available for community members who need counseling, or who have questions regarding the policy itself.

The model tentatively includes a group of 24-25 advisors, with eight new members appointed and eight members rotating out each year. Maier hopes to create a sense of continuity, while training as many people as possible.

"The benefit over time is that we will create a different environment on campus just because there will be more trained people,"

alumnae speak: **gender equality**

"I chose Bowdoin in part because I was hoping to attend a New England college that had equal numbers of men and women. Bowdoin, which was 60 percent male and 40 percent female in the late 1970s, seemed serious about getting to 50/50. I made women friends quickly and easily… It may have been only 'ten years of men and women under the pines' in the early 1980s, but it's the women I remember and cherish."

HEATHER KENVIN '83

Billboard Top 10 Songs Year-end 1996

1	“Macarena (Bayside Boys Mix)”	Los del Río
2	“One Sweet Day”	Mariah Carey and Boyz II Men
3	“Because You Loved Me”	Celine Dion
4	“Nobody Knows”	The Tony Rich Project
5	“Always Be My Baby”	Mariah Carey
6	“Give Me One Reason”	Tracy Chapman
7	“Tha Crossroads”	Bone Thugs-n-Harmony
8	“I Love You Always Forever”	Donna Lewis
9	“You’re Makin’ Me High / Let It Flow”	Toni Braxton
10	“Twisted”	Keith Sweat

2006–2007 Headlines from the *Orient*

Has dating fallen by the wayside?

Talkin' About It

by Lauren McGrath
COLUMNIST

COMMENTARY

I want to know what happened to dating at Bowdoin. Where did it go? I know you've probably heard this gripe before, but I'm serious. We need to bring dating back to Bowdoin.

The random "hook-up" phenomenon has become widely accepted as the status quo at most colleges. In other words, it's perfectly normal to hook-up with someone you just met. Ok, I can see the intrigue the first few times, but after that it just becomes so meaningless. Somehow I don't think that drunken sex with someone you hardly know is what the sexual revolution set out to achieve.

Maybe it's traditional of me to want dating at college to come back, but I don't think I'm the only one. My single friends are always complaining that no one goes out on dates at Bowdoin. I was sitting with my beautiful, smart, funny friend the other night at dinner when she revealed that, while she had hooked up with a bunch of guys, she had never been out on a date at Bowdoin....and she is a senior! One guy friend said, "It's too awkward to ask people out on dates at Bowdoin. I'm afraid they will think it's weird." It's not weird to ask someone out on a date, it's nice and it's civilized.

Getting to know someone before you engage in physical intimacy just makes sense, and a lot of the time it makes the "hook-up" better once is divided into two groups: the random hook-up crowd and the people who have been dating since their first-year pre-O trip who spend every waking hour together. There's not much in between, and I think that's part of what many people find dissatisfying about the dating scene, or lack thereof, at college.

While randomly hooking-up may feel good in the moment, there are often lots of uncomfortable aspects that you have to deal with the next morning. I've talked to students, both men and women, who often felt bad about what had happened the previous night, the morning after a random hook-up. It's really, really awkward to have to see this person, whose last name you may not have even known before you stuck your tongue down their throat the night before, around campus the next day. You bump into them in the dining hall, and you can barely make eye contact, or muster the strength to say hello. I won't lie—I've struggled with these post hook-up, sober interactions myself, and when I think about it, it's really messed up.

I know we're living in a post-sexual revolution society where both men and women can ostensibly enjoy unattached sex without any real stigmatization, but I'd like to ask students at Bowdoin this: Wouldn't you prefer to go out on a date before getting physical? I'd like to know if girls and guys hook-up without really knowing the person or spending time with each other beforehand because they want to, or because they think it's what the other person wants, and what they think the college culture we live in demands of them. We're all entitled

No birth control solution in sight

College will continue to offer emergency contraception at no cost to students

BY ANNE RILEY
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After the College abruptly lost its contract with contraceptive manufacturer Organon in early February, college officials scrambled to find a solution that would allow them to continue distributing birth control to women on campus at low costs. However, both routes pursued by the College—buying in bulk with peer schools and purchasing generic versions of the previously available contraceptives—have been largely abandoned by the health center.

"The coalition is not happening," said Student Health Program Administrator Caitlin Gutheil, referring to the first possibility. "That fell apart."

tackle, according to Gutheil.

"The main issue with buying generic and stocking it here and supplying it to students at cost is front desk time," Gutheil said, noting that the health center would need to bill insurance companies and deal with increased financial transactions, were it to take on this function.

"We're not staffed in a way that we have that kind of manpower or woman power," Gutheil said.

The College lost its contract with contraceptive supplier Organon last month due to rising prescription costs triggered by a change in the Medicaid rebate law. In the past, drug companies received an incentive to provide discounts to colleges, but the amended law eliminated any such perks.

Before the College lost its contract, Organon had been providing oral contraceptives Desogen and Cyclessa to the health center for about $1.80 a pack and the NuvaRing for about $3 a pack, prices so manageable that the health center was able to distribute the contraceptives to students free of charge.

The same prescriptions now cost more than $20 a pack for oral contraceptives and $30 a pack for the NuvaRing, marking an increase in price that the health center was not prepared to cover.

Dudley Coe Health Center currently has a surplus of Cyclessa, which it will continue to distribute to students until the supply expires.

According to Sansone, some students on campus have opted to switch to Cyclessa, rather than have their prescriptions for Desogen or the NuvaRing filled elsewhere.

Sansone warns that switching birth control brands is not for everyone.

"Some people can tolerate some pills and not others. It's really trial and error," she said.

ing prescriptions that students can get filled at any local pharmacy with an insurance co-pay.

Students wishing to maintain their confidentiality and not use their parents' insurance can opt to fill their prescription at Planned Parenthood, where costumers pay on a sliding scale.

Despite initial concern that students would find it difficult to adapt to the new system according to which they must obtain a written prescription from the health center and fill it at the pharmacy of their choice, staff members have seen very few problems with the transition.

"Students, from my understanding, have been great about learning the new system and working with it," Gutheil said.

"There hasn't been a sense that as a result of this change, women have stopped using birth control," she said.

Sansone agreed.

"These are very responsible young women," she said. "Sure, everyone feels bad that it's not free, but I haven't heard from anyone that it's a difficult thing."

The price of Plan B emergency contraception has also increased in recent months, jumping from $7.95 a pack to $17.95 a pack. Nonetheless, the College has decided that it will continue to provide Plan B to students free of charge.

At RiteAid, each pack of Plan B costs $41.99, a markup of approximately $24.

"We're buying it directly to distribute," Sansone said. "Not only are we giving it away for free, but we have no intention of making a profit. Bowdoin women are in a good place with that."

According to Sansone, the price of Plan B went up due to distribution licenses and re-packaging costs associated with its new over-the-

fund Plan B.

"It may be more inconvenient to have to get a prescription and can certainly pose a financial burden for some, but I think the fact that our health center is still supplying Plan B at no cost is extremely commendable and perhaps even more essential," Belden said.

According to Belden, having Plan B available on campus is especially crucial for survivors of sexual assault.

"Knowing that Plan B is easily obtainable on the Bowdoin campus can provide some relief, and as slight as it may be compared to the emotional trauma survivors face, every little bit of support helps," she said.

Sansone said that the women to whom she's given packs of Plan B understand that it is not intended to be used as a primary form of birth control.

"The side effects [of using Plan B frequently] would be that your cycle would be so confused," she said. "It wouldn't hurt you, but it would drive you crazy."

The health center and members of Bowdoin Women's Association (BWA) distributed packs of Plan B in the Union on Wednesday at its third "EC Does it Day" this year.

'The Female Orgasm' to excite student body

by Kathryn Papanek
STAFF WRITER

Multiple orgasms. The clitoris. Female ejaculation. Unless you need to

tion of the couple's previous experience with Bowdoin. Last year, Heather Day '06, then co-chair of the Bowdoin Women's Association, learned about the duo as part of an honors project she

Speak Out confronts sexual violence

BY KIRA CHAPPELLE
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Safe Space's third annual Speak Out was held last week to provide a forum for sexual assault survivors and their supporters to relate their stories as part of the healing process.

"It's not often that you can take as long as you want to speak about your experience," said co-organizer Nicole Willey '08.

"It's empowering and it's an opportunity to give voice to what you have been going through," she added.

Sunday's Speak Out lasted about two and half hours, during which survivors were invited to stand up and speak whenever they felt so moved.

"What struck me most about it was how most of the women who got up—I'd say about 90 percent—said they didn't plan on getting up and didn't come with a story prepared to tell," said Director of the Women's Resource Center Meadow Davis.

"It says something about the safe space that was created that really moved all different women to get up and tell their own stories about sexual violence in their lives and relationships," she said.

"It's also eye opening for the audience to watch people stand up and talk about what happened to them as well," said co-organizer Emily Coffin '08.

Some 50 people attended the Speak Out, including a number of Bowdoin administrators.

"There was a great attendance from a wide variety of different women on campus," said Davis, as well as "from the deans office, athletics, and there were a number of men, which was wonderful to see."

Willey, who has attended the annual event from the first Speak Out when she was a first year, said that each year has a different atmosphere and that this year "it was more intimate...The ratio of people who spoke to the number of people in the audience was higher."

Willey and Coffin said that about

"It's not often that you can take as long as you want to speak about your experience. It's empowering and it's an opportunity to give voice to what you have been going through."

NICOLE WILLEY '08

Break the silence about sexual assault at annual Speak Out

To the Editors:

April is Sexual Assault Awareness month. Over the course the month, Safe Space hopes to raise awareness about how sexual violence affects the Bowdoin community. National statistics show that 1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men will be sexually assaulted in their lifetimes. Being supportive of survivors of sexual violence can often be complicated and difficult. We hope to create a caring and secure environment for survivors to share their stories. To reach this goal, we ask the Bowdoin community to keep in mind the following:

-Sexual assault is about power and control—not sex.

-The most important aspect of supporting a survivor is empowering them and giving back control that often feels lost after a rape.

-Listen and trust the survivor's story. Only two percent of all sexual assault accusations reported to law enforcement turn out to be false. This is the same rate as other types of violent crimes.

-Many Bowdoin students have been affected by sexual assault both at Bowdoin and outside the campus. Choose language wisely when discussing sexual assault; statistics suggest you could be in the company of a survivor.

On Sunday, April 1 at 7 p.m. in Main Lounge, Moulton Union, Safe Space is holding the third annual Speak Out. This is an opportunity to come forward and talk about experiences of sexual violence in a safe environment. Speaking in front of an audience is often an extremely healing and strengthening experience. We invite you to come speak or support your classmates in breaking the silence about sexual assault. Trained Safe Space members will

New sex assault policy launched

College adds third alternative of structured meeting with staff

by Kira Chappelle
STAFF WRITER

Bowdoin has adopted a new Student Sexual Assault and Misconduct Policy that aims to make it easier to address matters of sexual assault and misconduct on campus.

"In my 10.5 years at Bowdoin, the Sexual Misconduct Board has handled only two cases," said Dean of Student Affairs Tim Foster. "Each year, however, we receive a handful of reports, some anonymous, of assault, but the alleged victim is unwilling for a variety of reasons to take any formal action."

The new policy, adapted from the University of Virginia (UVA), now offers three different ways to handle a sexual assault case. The old policy listed only two alternatives: mediation and formal hearings. The new policy provides the additional option of a structured meeting with staff from the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs.

"It seems to be key to have a kind of middle road in between the other two options," Associate Dean of

Women winning college race

Women outnumbering men in admissions, reflects national trend

by Beth Kowitt
ORIENT STAFF

In 1971, 250 women applied to Bowdoin. The College wanted only 30 of them.

Today, the number of women on campus has risen to the point where, at this once all-male campus, there are now more women than men.

The phenomenon of women outnumbering men on U.S. campuses has received national attention. But it may be in more areas than admissions that women's numbers are increasing.

The New York Times published a front-page article in July reporting that while women are having more success in college than ever, men are falling behind in enrollment, academic achievement, and involvement in campus activities.

To see if the national trends apply to Bowdoin, the Orient spoke with more than 10 members of the faculty, staff, and administration, analyzed Bowdoin's Common Data Set and Phi Beta Kappa records, several other colleges' factbooks and Common Data Sets, and national statistics on higher education.

While Bowdoin reflects the national trends in some respects, in others it does not.

Changing times

In the fall of 2005, the total student body at Bowdoin was slightly more than 50 percent female. That percentage is much higher for colleges and universities nationwide. In its July article, the New York Times reported that women made up 58 percent of students enrolled in two- and four-year colleges. And the National Center for Education

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Davis named WRC director

by Cati Mitchell
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"About a year ago, I was talking to my husband about what I termed 'my perfect job,'" said Meadow Davis. "If there was a way I could work on a college campus, focusing on women students and the issues that were important to them, that would be my perfect job."

Luckily for Davis, a position as the director of the Women's Resource Center (WRC) opened this summer when its former director, Karin Clough, accepted a job in Kenya. A search committee was formed in her absence to find a replacement.

"We all loved Karin," said Alison Driver '08, a member of the search committee. "That being said, Meadow is fun and talented and will take the WRC in fantastic new directions."

Davis, who will begin on December 4, graduated from Trinity College with a major in American studies and a concentration in women's studies. Upon graduating, she spent three years in the Peace Corps before getting a master's degree in nonprofit management from Notre Dame.

A native of Belfast, Maine, Davis comes to Bowdoin from the Maine Association of Nonprofits, where she was the associate director.

"While this work was really interesting, I realized that my real interest lay in people," said Davis.

Members of the search committee spoke very highly of Davis's experience and passion for the job.

"She had a great interview and that was the consensus. She just really captivated people," Director of Student Activities Allen Delong said. "It was clear that she would be a very good community member."

Dan Robinson '07 agreed.

"Meadow was an excellent candidate because of her very relevant work experience, warm and engaging personality, and her focus on students," he said.

Davis, who lives in Portland with her husband, Trevor, a special education teacher, and her two-year-old son, Caden, looks forward to starting her job at the WRC.

"There are a lot of wonderful things about the center as it is, and I'm excited to build upon the existing strengths," she said. "I loved the time that I was able to spend with the students and staff at Bowdoin and can tell what an amazing place it will be to work."

Davis encouraged students to feel comfortable speaking with her.

"It is absolute bliss for me to have my job be talking to students and hearing their challenges and ideas and helping them find the resources that they need to fulfill their visions," she said.

LIFE AFTER COLLEGE

Women's business club will hold convention

Convention to focus on two often-neglected areas of business: communications and non-profits

BY SAM WAXMAN
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When the Bowdoin Women in Business Club (BWIB) put together its upcoming convention, it certainly meant business.

The convention will take place on Saturday, March 31 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Main Lounge, Moulton Union, with informational interviews and résumé critiques from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Career Planning Center.

With this convention, BWIB seeks to help female students prepare for careers by providing an opportunity for "networking, career preparation, and [learning about] challenges real people face," said BWIB Co-President Haley Bridger '07.

The convention will welcome approximately 20 guests, many of whom are Bowdoin alumnae. They will interact with students in a small and intimate atmosphere and explain how their college education influenced their later careers.

Notable guests include Crystal Canney, who is the communications director for Maine Governor John Baldacci; Dr. Michele G. Cyr '76, associate dean for women in medicine at Brown Medical School; and Mary Herman, a member of the Board of Directors for Safe Passage and former first lady of Maine.

The Convention attempts to address students' concerns about how their Bowdoin education will mesh with their post-Bowdoin careers.

"Students are necessarily focused on academics, and taking time out to read about career options doesn't seem practical," said Director of the Career Planning Center Anne Shields. "Often, the best way to learn is to talk with other people who have pursued the interests that you share with them."

This year's convention will focus on two often-neglected areas of business: communications and non-profits.

"We wanted to give students the opportunity to get information about other fields, and also to allow those students not interested in banking to pursue their interests," said BWIB Vice President Charlotte Hitch '09.

BWIB has received a great deal of support for its convention from all sides, including an overwhelming alumnae response, as well as on-campus encouragement from organizations including the Career Planning Center, the Women's Resource Center, and also from Karen Mills, President Barry Mills's wife, who chairs Governor Baldacci's Council on Jobs, Innovation, and the Economy.

"So many alumnae expressed the wish to come this year. It's been very positive," said Bridger.

BWIB intends to lay the groundwork for the convention to be enlarged in the future, and hopes that

Orgasm seminar screams female empowerment

Talkin' About It

by Lauren McGrath
COLUMNIST

COMMENTARY

As I walked out of the library last Monday night on my way to Kresge Auditorium, I heard a familiar voice behind me. "Lauren McGrath!" she shouted. "Are you going where I think you're going?"

"Oh yeah." I replied.

I was going to the female orgasm.

With a laugh, she replied, "Yeah, me too."

As we made our way toward Kresge, we couldn't help but notice the throngs of Bowdoin students headed in the same direction. Realizing it might not be as easy as we thought to get a seat, we simul-

sary to turn off their cell phones, just "set them to vibrate." Right away, it was clear that Miller and Solot weren't going to be drawing diagrams of fallopian tubes or handing out "say no to sex" pins. Contrary to what most of us learned in our high school health classes, they presented students with a playful, informative, and honest approach to sex and the female orgasm.

According to Miller and Solot, just 25 percent of girls have had an orgasm by the time they reach 15 years old. While they didn't say the percentage of boys who had had orgasms by this age, I'm guessing it's much higher. The pair emphasized the importance for women to be comfortable with their own bodies, as well as knowing what feels good to them before they involve another person. Solot talked about

lives, they might not be as reluctant to masturbate, or they might feel more comfortable with their bodies. This theory certainly seems to ring true, and in the end, one of the most important elements to achieving an orgasm for a woman is her ability to feel comfortable in her own skin.

Once a woman has figured out how to love her body, according to Solot and Miller, it takes her 20 minutes to orgasm, while it takes men from two to five minutes (on average). Read: Foreplay for a woman is essential. Solot also took this moment to dispel the myths about simultaneous orgasms, telling the audience it's an unlikely happening and that it's perfectly normal not to be having them.

The room really erupted when Solot and Miller showed a clip of the infamous fake orgasm scene from the movie "When Harry Met Sally." According to the educators, 44 percent of men say their partners always have an orgasm when they have sex, compared with a reported 22 percent of women who say they always have an orgasm during sex. Notice a disconnect here? Somebody's not telling the truth—and I think in this case it's probably the women. Women have been faking orgasms since the beginning of time. They fake them because they're bored, because they don't want to disappoint their partner, because they've never actually had an orgasm, the list goes on. What's sad about this statistic is that many women aren't having enough orgasms (or any at all) and feel the need to pretend that they are.

Leaving the auditorium, one girlfriend was making mental notes on the men in the room. She commented with anticipation, "I'm moving these guys to the top of my list because they're going to know what they're doing."

When all is said and done, what I found amazing about this talk was that it was all about women. Its primary focus was women's pleasure. There were older women in the room who confessed they never talked about masturbation as openly as young women. How lucky our generation is that we have the resources to talk about sex and the female orgasm. Times are changing and women are more interested in learning how to please themselves before mastering the "Ultimate Guide to Fellatio" or memorizing "99 Things to do to a Naked Man" in Cosmo magazine. We can read those later, but for now we're going to listen to Solot and Miller and find out how to satisfy ourselves first.

'Monologues' aims to raise awareness

While women advance past men in admissions, some believe gender equity remains an issue

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Statistics reported that in 2003-2004 women earned 57 percent of all bachelor's degrees.

"The percentage of women in college [nationwide] compared to men right now is dramatically out of balance," said new Dean of Admissions Bill Shain in an interview about his plans for Bowdoin earlier this month.

While the class entering Bowdoin in 2005 was about 54 percent female, the College admits the same percentage of men and women from their respective applicant pools. The disparity therefore stems from a greater number of women applying.

Bowdoin reported 366 more women than men applied to enter the College for the fall of 2005. While the admit rate and enrollment rate for the male and female applicant pools were nearly identical

Breaking down Bowdoin by gender

Phi Beta Kappa honors

In 2005 and 2006, women comprised 2 of every 3 students who received Phi Beta Kappa honors at Bowdoin.

YEAR	MEN	WOMEN	TOTAL
1990	17 (48.6%)	18 (51.4%)	35
1995	19 (50%)	19 (50%)	38
2000	19 (43.2%)	25 (56.8%)	44
2005	14 (34.1%)	27 (65.9%)	41
2006	13 (31%)	29 (69%)	42

SOURCE: ORIENT PRIMARY-SOURCE RESEARCH OF ORIGINAL RECORDS

Study habits

One question on a spring 2001 Bowdoin survey showed that there was not a significant difference between the study habits of men and women. The question asked how many hours a week they spend studying for each of their courses.

spring survey of students conducted by Bowdoin's Office of Institutional Research showed that 49 percent of women compared to 28.6 percent of men completed all assigned readings for class about every week.

But the office's spring 2001 survey of students' experiences in classes showed that men and women spent the same amount of time on course work per week and attended classes at the same rate.

Professor of Economics John Fitzgerald provided the Orient with results from a 2006 spring semester survey of first-year students regarding their use of time. The survey was administered during the third week of the 2006 spring semester and a second time during the 10th week to the same randomly selected group of about 200 first-year students.

Fitzgerald said in an email that

42 students who lead the volunteer organizations under the Community Service Council, 31 are women.

Study away has also seen higher participation by women. Statistics from the Office of Off-Campus Study showed that slightly over 60 percent of the students who plan to study away this year are women.

Director of Off-Campus Study Stephen Hall said that the discrepancy between men and women studying away is lower than at most schools. He has been compiling information on 24 schools in the Northeast and has found that "women are overrepresented [in study abroad] almost everywhere." Hall found that for those schools, 67 percent of those studying abroad are women.

He said his office has not taken any special measures to recruit men.

"We haven't put out the call to

alumnae speak: **bonds**

"My Bowdoin friends are different from those I have made [elsewhere]... friendships just seem to blossom around a Bowdoin connection. Forming friendships seemed easy. Maybe the orientation trips or dorms brought us together, gave us shared experiences to grow from... the social life seemed more inclusive than I remember it being in high school. Whether you were male or female, class of '07 or '08, white, Asian, or any other race or ethnicity, you could always find something to bond over. And I think those bonds did more to change me and shape me into the person I was becoming than any class I took..."

CAIT POLISTENA '07

Billboard Top 10 Songs Year-end 2006

1	“Bad Day”	Daniel Powter
2	“Temperature”	Sean Paul
3	“Promiscuous”	Nellie Furtado
4	“You’re Beautiful”	James Blunt
5	“Hips Don’t Lie”	Shakira
6	“Unwritten”	Natasha Bedingfield
7	“Crazy”	Knarls Barkley
8	“Ridin’”	Chamillionaire
9	“SexyBack”	Justin Timberlake
10	“Check On It”	Beyoncé

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alumnae speak: **competition**

"I will always treasure my time with Miscellania. In the early-to-mid 1980s, Miscellania competed with the Meddies for attention, in part because they had an alumni base that we didn't have. To their credit, though, the Meddies bantered with us more than anything else, and they pushed us to bring our A-game."

JENN GRAHAM BILLINGS '86

Billboard Top 10 Songs Year-end 2016

1	“Love Yourself”	Justin Bieber
2	“Sorry”	Justin Bieber
3	“One Dance”	Drake
4	“Work”	Rihanna
5	“Stressed Out”	Twenty One Pilots
6	“Panda”	Desiigner
7	“Hello”	Adele
8	“Don’t Let Me Down”	The Chainsmokers
9	“Can’t Stop the Feeling!”	Justin Timberlake
10	“Closer”	The Chainsmokers