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On the cover: Octavio Orozco Ibarra '20 moved himself and some gear the fun way as he and fellow BOC leaders-in-training wrapped up their excursion to the BOC cabin in Monson, Maine. Photo by Fred Field.

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BOWDOIN SEEN

Worrying the snow that goes
sun-struck from pine, bright
while squirrel claws oak's gray
edge, I scratch my carrot-nose,
cinch my coat against the warmth. What
I need is what I fear: to learn
not to melt, not to freeze too hard.

—Thorpe Moeckel '93 from his poem "Thaw."

Mailbox

Lifelong Learning

Good for Louis Arthur Norton '58, for taking the time to share his remarkable story about the good ship *Bowdoin*. I just returned from Antarctica and am taking an Osher Lifelong Learning class here in Ashland, Oregon, on the Arctic. I will share his story with the instructor. Small world it is as Bernard Osher '48 is from Biddeford, Maine, and chose to share part of his wealth by creating the Osher Foundation in 2001 and supporting at least 120 sites for offering classes to seniors across the country. Go U Bears!

Steve Haskell '64

A Superior Connection

What a surprise when I read about the two friends (Uma Blanchard '17 and Sophie Goeks) paddling

around Lake Superior. My brother called me and told me to read their blog. On their blog under "Ration 1," June 11, 2016, they describe being stranded for a day or so by high seas and landed on a beach with a cabin nearby. They were befriended by a "caretaker" named Obe Saari and he told them to go ahead and spend the night on the porch of the cabin out of the weather (the cabin was all locked up). Little did they know that my brother Scott '75 and I own that cabin and it has been in my family since the 1920s! What a small world. Happy to help out!

John Curtiss '74

CORRECTION:

On page 32 of our fall edition, an article references Bowdoin's three national championships in field hockey. Of course, Nicky Pearson and her teams are four-time national champions: 2007, 2008, 2010, and 2103.



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A DIGEST OF CAMPUS, ALUMNI, AND GENERAL COLLEGE MISCELLANY

"Follow Your Passion"

"If your goal is purely to become rich, there's a good chance you will become neither rich nor happy. . . . In my industry, if you're not passionate about what you're doing, you're going to lose money." Sound advice from Stanley Druckenmiller '75, H'07. The renowned philanthropist spoke in Pickard Theater on February 8 during an event titled "An Investor's Perspective on Trump, Trade, and Global Populism."



Big Daddy Turns Ninety-Five

A legend on campus and in his profession turned ninety-five on February 2. For more than sixty years Mike Linkovich—known to nearly all as "Link" (though there was a time when Bowdoin athletes would call him "Big Daddy"; that's a true story)—has been a fixture on the Bowdoin campus.

Joining the College in 1954 as athletic trainer,

Link was a member of the Bowdoin staff for forty years, and still can be seen often in the athletic equipment room, at sporting events, and in the dining halls. Friends on campus celebrated Link's birthday with a lunch in Daggett Lounge, Thorne Hall. Read more about Link and his remarkable career in the Bowdoin Athletic Hall of Honor section of the Athletics website: athletics.bowdoin.edu.

Bibliophile Bliss

The aptly named Bliss Room, on the second floor of Hubbard Hall, is known to evoke a sense of euphoria for those who enter. Tucked away behind unassuming embossed leather doors is a resplendent room featuring a painted and gilded Italian Renaissance ceiling, French-carved walnut paneling, a baroque Istrian stone mantelpiece, and some of the most beautiful and important books that the College owns.

The Susan Dwight Bliss Room has a history almost as elaborate as its fine furnishings. Assembled by New York

City socialite Jeanette Dwight Bliss, the room housed the family library in her Upper East Side mansion. Bliss purchased architectural details and furnishings from dealers throughout Europe, as well as from the 1906 estate sale of famed Beaux Arts architect Stanford White. The family also enlisted the most talented bookbinders of the era to provide custom bindings for their collection. Susan Dwight Bliss, Jeanette's civic-minded daughter, downsized the home by gifting architectural gems and fine art to a number of educational and cultural institutions. The library room—but not the



French walnut with gilded ornaments, initially designed by Jean Lassurance and originally installed circa 1730 in the Hôtel de Sans, Faubourg Saint Germain.



Carved from a fine-grained and compact limestone known as Istrian stone, the mantel depicts charismatic centaurs, griffons, a Bacchus-figure, cherubs, and is centered on a Roman profile. Circa seventeenth century.



Susan Dwight Bliss's mother originally purchased the ceiling in Rome from Alexandre Imbert, a dealer, in 1906. A carved and gilded ceiling with inset paintings, the five large central panels lead the viewer through an allegorical story toward a worthwhile life.

books—came to Bowdoin in 1945 when it was adapted by College architects McKim, Mead & White (Stanford White's old firm) to house Bowdoin's rare book collection in what was then the College's library, Hubbard Hall. The Bliss book collection was reunited with the room years later when Bliss also gifted the College an impressive collection of more than 1,200 books on literature, history, architecture, art history, and travel. Elements of the Manhattan Bliss residence can also be found on campus in Gibson Hall. The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art are

among the other institutions where you can find reminders of the elegant home.

The Bliss Room is now part of Bowdoin College Library's Department of Special Collections & Archives. The room is open Wednesdays from noon to 3 p.m., as well as during Commencement and Reunion when visitors from across campus and beyond are welcome to experience some *Bliss*.

For more information on the Bliss Room, go to library.bowdoin.edu/arch/collections/susan-dwight-bliss-room.



Bliss's books are accessible to researchers in the Special Collections & Archives Reading Room on the third floor of the Hawthorne-Longfellow Library.



Circa eighteenth-century French woodwork.

Special Collections & Archives is partnering with Alumni Relations to host a new series of events this spring titled "A Taste for Good Books." The first event, "Bliss and Bourbon," is being hosted in the Bliss Room on April 13. For more information and to learn about additional events, go to alumni.bowdoin.edu/gateway/good-books.

Photos by James Marshall

Almanac

Philanthropist **Shaw Ruddock '77** Receives Honor from English Crown

In the 2016 British New Year Honours, Trustee Emerita Jill Shaw Ruddock '77 received from the Queen of England the honor of Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) for her philanthropic work with older people. Shaw Ruddock, author of *The Second Half of Your Life* and founder of The Second Half Foundation, opened the Second Half Centre in North

Kensington, London, in 2012 to provide meaningful activities for community members age fifty-plus. Standing with her at Buckingham Palace is husband Sir Paul Ruddock and their two daughters, Isabella (left) and Sophie (right). Inset: Princess Anne bestows the CBE medal to Shaw Ruddock during the investiture ceremony at Buckingham Palace.

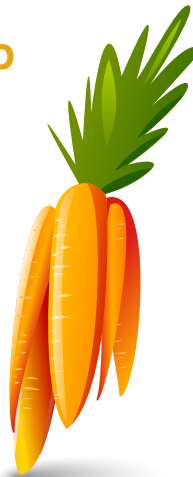


*** BOWDOIN DINING RECIPE ***

Carrot Ginger Soup

Serves six

- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 ½ cups diced onion
- 1 tablespoon curry powder
- ½ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 4 cups peeled, sliced fresh carrots
- 2 tablespoons grated fresh ginger
- 4 cups vegetable stock
- 3 cups half and half
- salt and white pepper to taste



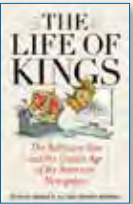
Melt butter in a large stockpot over medium low heat. Add diced onion and sauté, stirring constantly, until soft but not browned, about three to four minutes. Add curry powder and cayenne pepper and sauté a minute or two longer.

Add carrots, ginger, and vegetable stock. Increase heat and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low, cover, and simmer for twenty-five to thirty minutes, until carrots are soft.

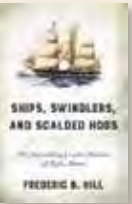
Using an immersion wand or, in batches, a blender, puree until smooth. If using a blender, return soup to pot. Stir in half and half and gently reheat. Do not boil. Add salt and white pepper to taste and serve.

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BOOKS



The Life of Kings: The Baltimore Sun and the Golden Age of the American Newspaper
edited by Frederick B. Hill '62 and Stephens Broening
(Rowman & Littlefield, 2016)



Ships, Swindlers, and Scalded Hogs: The Rise and Fall of the Crooker Shipyard in Bath, Maine
by Frederick B. Hill '62
(Down East Books, 2016)



Understanding War: An Annotated Bibliography
by Christian P. Potholm '62
(Rowman & Littlefield, 2016)



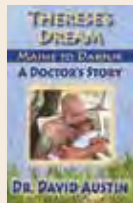
The Invisible Bestseller: Searching for the Bible in America
by Kenneth A. Briggs '63
(Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2016)



Why? Explaining the Holocaust
by Peter Hayes '68
(WW Norton & Co., 2017)



Mosses, Liverworts, and Hornworts: A Field Guide to Common Bryophytes of the Northeast
by Ralph Pope '69
(Cornell University Press, 2016)



Therese's Dream: Maine to Darfur: A Doctor's Story
by David Austin '76
(Matrika Press, 2016)



Democratization by Institutions: Argentina's Transition Years in Comparative Perspective
by Leslie E. Anderson '79
(University of Michigan Press, 2016)

APPLICATION

Top 10
Things for Parents to **NOT** Do

Bowdoin Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Whitney Soule offers sound advice for the parents of children immersed in the college search process.

10
Direct, manage, or otherwise control the college search for your child.

9
Trade sound advice from the college counseling office for the illegitimate advice you prefer from your best friend, neighbor, or anyone else who does not have professional experience.

8
Share an opinion of a school with your child before your child shares his/her opinion about it.

7
Ask admission staff for advice about your child in front of others, especially in front of your child.

6
Assume that college is unaffordable.

5
Edit, write, other otherwise contribute to your child's application.

4
Expect that your child will manage the college search process, lists, and/or deadlines any differently than he/she might normally. Though pursuing college, your child is still the same person.

3
Live out your own educational dreams or regrets through your child's college application experience.

2
Assume that the college application outcome is a reflection of your parenting or your child's character.

1
Focus on losses. (Only focus on wins!)

False Glory

This excerpt from Wayne Burton '66's essay, "False Glory," was displayed in the Bedford Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Bedford, Massachusetts, in November. It was part of an exhibition of works in paint, prose, poetry, and photography about Vietnam by veterans, and is affiliated with the United States Government's ongoing initiative commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the Vietnam War. To learn more about the commemoration, go to vietnamwar50th.com.

We had stopped on a hot Sunday afternoon in April 1969 for three skinny urchins with their hands out and the pinched look of extreme hunger on their faces. They were standing in front of a pagoda-like school of white stucco trimmed in bright red. The mine sweepers had been out earlier to clear the roads of the Chinese-made explosives the Viet Cong (VC) buried every night and we dug up every morning. An unofficial truce was generally held on Sundays between the Viet Cong and us. They needed to tend their crops and to other domestic activities. They also shopped with the money they and their spouses earned cleaning our hooches and other chores on our base during the week. We sadly had to clean our own following a late April attack in which knee mortars landed on our ammo dump, no doubt measured by hooch girls walking off in the distance from an aiming point. The blast killed twenty-two Americans and wounded about a hundred more. The powerful concussion knocked me on my keister about a half-mile from the massive crater caused by the detonation of the 500-pound bombs we stored there. Following the blast, a voice screamed in my field phone, "Gas!" We frantically searched for our protective masks as I yelled back, "The VC don't have gas." The exasperated voice rasped back, "It's not theirs; it's ours."

We warily pulled the Jeep to a stop and three boys ran up to us. We were well aware that the VC occasionally strapped satchel charges to women and kids converting them to suicide bombers. But the skinny brown chests showing through the buttonless black shirts caused us to relax. Two of the ill-clad boys, wearing US Army-issued floppy jungle hats, occupied the two men with me in my open Jeep—made deadlier by a 50-caliber machine gun mounted in the back. Clark, a newly arrived Pfc. from Iowa, who barely needed to shave, cast a scared look my way that melted when I smiled back. The other soldier, Fontanato, a Boston native like me who always needed a shave, who had been in country for almost ten months and recently promoted to Specialist 5, smirked at Clark with the look of a parent bemusing a child.



Burton in front of the essay displayed at the Bedford Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Right: Burton's snapshot of a Bob Hope performance in Vietnam.



We also knew that many Vietnamese kids participated in the black market of stolen and reused American equipment. They were as likely to pitch stolen watches as accept candy. I noticed all three were wearing flip-flops made with soles cut from tires stolen from American vehicles. That, plus a thriving jewelry market, had developed with earrings and other items sculpted from brass purloined from couplers in our communications lines. Two of the boys were diminutive, but due to diet so were most Vietnamese, causing age estimations to be problematic. I noticed the third boy, a little taller at about four feet, six inches, angling toward the back of the vehicle eyeing my recently-acquired Yashika camera I had carelessly slung over the barrel of the .50 cal. The prized device had consumed \$200, almost all my net pay after sending my wife's allotment home. Risking our lives to kill for our flag paid less than that made by a good mechanic. Also, the film in the camera contained undeveloped images I treasured from my previous trip to the orphanage, a facility subsisting on the food and clothing we provided. The C-rations we carried fed their bodies, but nourished our souls even more. No doubt the camera made a tempting target as the shiny black leather case and strap showed no wear and tear, and still had that fresh leather smell when I had slung it over my shoulder leaving my

hooch earlier—my battered, fully-loaded M-16 hanging from my other one.

With hands faster than a blackjack dealer, the kid snagged the strap and took off with the camera toward the school. It would net him a bundle in the back room of one of the hundreds of small shops in My Tho. Since my bellowed warning failed to stop his sprint away, I hoped the lethal, loud click of the bolt driving home a round in my large .45 I had drawn from its holster would do the trick. Flashing through my head was the thought that shooting him dead would not only get my camera back, but also get me points for an enemy kill. Under Operation Speedy Express, all Vietnamese were considered killable enemies until proven otherwise.

Days before, during a command staff briefing, our Commanding General, Julian J. Ewell, blew up at the cowering staff officers sitting behind him when the weekly killing scorecard contained on an acetate slide was projected on the screen. We met in the air-conditioned, well-fortified underground bunker where Ewell spent most of his time during the week before flying to Hawaii every other weekend to be with his wife. The 9th Infantry body count of dead enemy had fallen behind that of the 101st Airborne and Big Red One. He suggested we count the arms and legs separately next time the division obliterated a suspected enemy village and killed its inhabitants. The report of the child's death would add to the body count total for next week and please "The Butcher of the Delta," a nickname given him inside the military for his fixation on this dubious metric. No doubt the estimated 5,000–7,000 non-combatant men, women, and children killed during Operation Speedy Express would have agreed with that nickname had they not perished in what one investigator termed "a My Lai a month."

As I stood transfixed, aware my armpits were soaking as much from tension as the infernal heat, my louder, violent self debated my wimpy soft side. I aimed, as trained, at the head for a kill shot—the butt of the pistol firmly planted in my extended left hand, my right hand slowly squeezing the trigger while my eye aligned the front and back sites with the unkempt, dirt-clotted hair on the back of the thief's head. That voice of reason, perhaps conscience, grew louder. Something snapped in my head and a voice asked forcefully, "What the hell are you doing? It's only a camera."

Wayne Burton '66, father of Jeffrey Burton '93, is a former captain, US Army 9th Infantry Division, president emeritus of North Shore Community College, and currently the state representative of Strafford District 6 in New Hampshire. He was commissioned in the army through Bowdoin ROTC. He lives in Durham, New Hampshire, with his wife, Elizabeth.

Dear Nat and Kaye,

I really appreciate your help on the clothes for the orphanage. It's really sad and heartwarming at the same time to see these kids who have known nothing but war since birth. The young Americans don't know how well off they are. You really have to see a place like Vietnam to appreciate the luxury of living in the US.

The American way of life is completely incomprehensible to the Vietnamese, which is one reason I'm not sure they could ever live under a government system such as ours. They are happy people, but need guidance and direction—if nothing else, I hope this war provides that.

The kids at the orphanage are really no different from American children. They sing, play games, get fresh, and ask for candy and all the other things associated with kids. Every Sunday a truckload of food and men go to the orphanage and distribute these items to the children. The orphanage is run by Vietnamese nuns and also houses adults who are mentally retarded. I admire the sisters so much. I can't imagine what hard work they must do to take care of all their charges.

Captain Wayne Burton

From a letter, dated March 7, 1969, to neighbors at home who collected clothes and other items at their church for the My Tho orphanage.



Left: Burton with children at the My Tho orphanage. He was awarded a Civic Action Honor Medal from the South Vietnamese government for organizing support of the orphanage.



Environmental Studies Course Explores How to Make Communities More Resilient

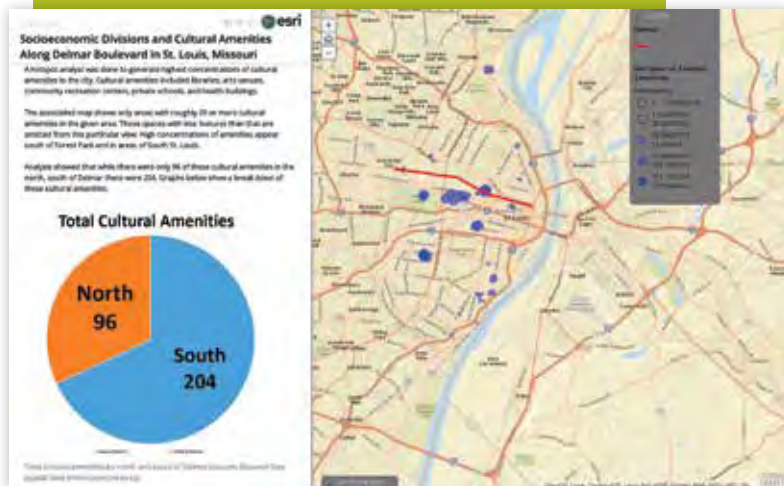
Environmental Studies lecturer Eileen Johnson teaches students how to use GIS mapping technology and current scientific data to better understand, and propose solutions to, some of our most pressing social and environmental problems.

Last fall she offered a course, Building Resilient Communities, that focused on the ways that environmental studies intersects with social science. In particular, her students looked at how local governance can help communities better cope with changing environmental conditions.

After collecting and interpreting social, geographic, and environmental data, students addressed a number of concerns—from hunger prevention to sea level rise and invasive species management. “Students chose community-based projects and worked with local organizations to explore an issue of local concern,” Johnson said. “Some students chose to examine particular challenges and opportunities faced by their own communities.”

The students presented their maps to the public at the end of the semester. “As a class, we also explored the ways that interactive GIS can provide an opportunity to effectively engage community members in longer-term planning processes,” Johnson said.

A map by Marina Henke '19 shows the concentration of cultural amenities north and south of Delmar Boulevard, long known as a dividing line between St. Louis's black and white communities.



THE BOWDOIN MARINE CORPS SOCIETY

Gordon Linke '50, Jack Abbott '63, and Gil Barndollar '04 founded the Bowdoin Marine Corps Society (BMCS) this year in order to connect Bowdoin men and women who have served or are serving in the United States Marine Corps. The BMCS supports a scholarship fund for Marine veterans and their children to attend Bowdoin, and the group co-sponsors the Everett P. Pope Lecture Series. Ambassador Laurence Pope '67, son of the late Congressional Medal of Honor winner Everett P. Pope '41, spoke on campus in February to inaugurate the annual series. Learn more at: bowdoinmarinecorpsociety.org.



Jack Abbott '63 and Gil Barndollar '04 aboard the USS Constitution.



Historic Lincoln Inauguration Photograph Unveiled



"The First Inaugural of Abraham Lincoln," March 4, 1861, salt print attributed to Alexander Gardner. Bowdoin College Museum of Art.

The week before President Donald Trump's inauguration, the Bowdoin College Museum of Art formally unveiled a recently-acquired photograph of President Abraham Lincoln's first inauguration, almost 156 years after it was taken. It was among the earliest political ceremonies to be captured on film, a pioneering example of photojournalism, and this photo is one of only three copies in existence.

"This photograph of the event captures a critical moment in our national history," said Professor of History Patrick Rael. "At such points, we define not just the rules, but the principles they uphold. The slice of time captured here marks the moment when the final contest over slavery became truly inevitable—the point at which a great hypocrisy at the founding of the nation could be righted."

My Syrian Neighbors

By Tasha Graff '07 • Photos by Jen Dean

In late October, I was walking downtown in Portland, Maine, and, while waiting for a traffic light to change, I waved at a young boy sitting on his father's shoulders. It was just before six o'clock in the evening and the autumn air had the first pang of winter as the sky faded to gloaming. As the cars went by on Washington Avenue, I smiled at the boy's mother and noticed she was holding a white binder. She smiled back. I asked if she was going to class at Portland Adult Education (PAE), which is just down the street. Her husband said, "Yes, her first English class. I am walking her." We spoke in broken English and lots of hand gestures for the next five minutes as I walked with them to PAE, where I volunteer.

I learned their names were Nader and Jamileh, that they had been in the US for three months, and that they were from Syria. I asked if they had what they needed: clothes, an apartment, warm jackets, food, etc. "Oh yes," said Nader. I wasn't sure he understood all my questions, so when we arrived at the school, I gave Nader my phone number and told him to text me if he needed any help with anything. I explained that I was an English teacher and could help them with paperwork or finding supplies. He thanked me and shook my hand.

That evening I received the following text message: "I was happy to meet with you. We want you to come visit us." He sent me his address and said, "we are waiting for you." Now, I have lived in Maine for my entire adult life, with the exception of two years in Barcelona, and no Mainer has ever invited me to their home immediately after meeting me. Usually it takes several encounters, a few beverages out, a

walk or hike, and then perhaps an accepted dinner invitation before the doors open. I was born fifteen miles from the Maine border and I am still, as they say here, "from away." In Portland, most of my friend circle is "from away," as well, and so the rules are a little, shall we say, easier. But still. I



"We think of our friends as family."

was in awe of Nader's message. It reminded me of my home, a small town in northern New Hampshire, and the ease with which neighbors became friends and friends became family. I texted him back saying I was going out of town for the weekend but that I would love to stop by soon. "We are waiting for you," he wrote.

We arranged to meet the following Tuesday. I Googled Syrian hospitality and found several rules that served me well: take off your shoes, accept offers for tea or coffee, never finish everything on your plate if you are full because your hosts will continue to serve you food, never compliment something that isn't bolted down to the wall because they will give it to you. Armed with this superficial knowledge and a bouquet of flowers, I walked over to my neighbors'

house. Nader, Jamileh, and I sat in their living room, smiling, talking a little, using Google Translate, and sipping tea. Their children played in another room and occasionally poked their heads around the corner to shyly smile. They welcomed me with kindness and with generosity.

We told each other about our families. I explained that my paternal grandmother also came to the United States as a refugee, and that my mother was from another

"I Googled Syrian hospitality: take off your shoes, accept offers for tea or coffee, never finish everything on your plate if you are full because your hosts will continue to serve you food, never compliment something that isn't bolted down to the wall because they will give it to you."

country, as well. They explained that they each had siblings living in Jordan, Lebanon, and, most dangerously, Syria. Nader asked, "So you live with your father and brother?" I explained that my parents lived a three-hour drive away and that my brother lived with his own family. "Oh, sister," Nader responded, "You live alone? You must know you are welcome to our house always. You will be our sister."

I let the sentence echo in my head as my eyes filled with tears. I smiled and said, in my clearest English, "Thank you.



I am happy where I live and that is very kind of you." He insisted, "Jamileh loves to cook. She will make meals for you. You will be her sister. We think of our friends as family." Jamileh smiled and nodded.

"Sister," she typed into her phone in Arabic. Before I knew it, Jamileh was in the kitchen making me falafel. I stood with her and told her the English words for "spoon," "spatula," and "stir." She repeated each word

carefully and showed me how to expertly drop the falafel mixture into the oil.

We stood together in the kitchen, over 5,000 miles from Syria, our language one of friendship and family, despite having spent only an hour in the other's presence. She put homemade yogurt in a bowl, sliced and salted a tomato, and piled golden falafel balls on a white plate. "Here," she said, and Nader said, "You must eat, sister. Eat."

On my walk home (which Nader offered to accompany me on) I thought about my hometown. I thought about the brothers and sisters I acquired, not through blood but through proximity, through open-heartedness, through friendship born from meals shared, rides given, help offered. These were the threads in my life's fabric, the sometimes invisible strands that continue to be ever-present. I thought about my life in Portland, filled with wonderful friends, but also unknown neighbors. I thought about the stereotype of the Syrian refugee.

I don't yet know the full story of Nader and Jamileh's journey to America nor do I know the extent of the hardships they have endured, the family and friends they have lost, and the fear that lives inside them knowing their home country is a war zone. I do know that they opened their doors to me, offered me tea, food, and friendship. They opened their hearts with a love that transcends language barriers.

The next day, as I walked past Nader and Jamileh's apartment, I thought of my grandmother, a ninety-five-year-old refugee from Nazi Germany. I thought of the final lines of the poem by Emma Lazarus, engraved on the Statue of Liberty: "Give me your tired, your poor, / Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, / The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. / Send these, the homeless, the tempest-tost to me, / I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

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Siwady '19 Competes for Honduran National Team

Bowdoin men's swimmer Gabriel Siwady competed at the 13th International Swimming Federation (FINA) World Swimming Championships in Ontario, Canada, in December.

The sophomore represented his home country of Honduras, where he has been a member of the national team since he was fifteen and holds several national records. This was his first competition at the international senior level.

The international short-course (25 meters) championship is held every two years and attracts nearly 1,000 of the world's best swimmers, including many Olympians, from more than 172 countries. Siwady finished 39th in the 1500-meter freestyle with a personal record, and the fifth-fastest time among college students competing (16:32.62). He finished 51st in the 200-meter backstroke (2:19.31).



Andrew Walter-McNeill '19 and Ana Timoney-Gomez '18, Bowdoin Chamber Orchestra cellists, at the inauguration of Clayton Rose, October 17, 2015.

CELLO AGAIN

Ana Timoney-Gomez '18 and Andrew Walter-McNeill '19 grew up playing music together in Bronxville, New York. In a wonderful small-world turn, they now share a stand as cellists in the Bowdoin Chamber Orchestra. Ana tells the coincidental story: "Andrew and I started playing the cello together when we were eleven years old in the Bronxville Middle School Orchestra and continued through high school. We never dreamed we'd find ourselves once again playing under the same conductor, but that dream suddenly became a possibility when Andrew came to Bowdoin a year after I did. He quickly convinced me to join the Bowdoin College Chamber Orchestra with him, and it was fate (in the form of the esteemed George Lopez) that placed us behind the same stand."

"It's funny to think about those middle school days now; Andrew used to sit in the back of the orchestra and constantly goof around while I sat farther up and focused on the difficult music. He has since matured into an incredible musician and leader, and is currently the principal cellist. I think George will agree with me when I say our roles have rather reversed."

BY THE NUMBERS

ARCTIC EXPLORER
ROBERT E. PEARY
CLASS OF 1877

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1st

Reputed rank among explorers who managed to reach the North Pole

133

Number of sled dogs he brought for the cross-ice march of the final expedition, 1908-1909

THREE

Age when his family moved to Maine

ZERO

Number of toes Peary had by the time he reached the Pole (frostbite claimed eight; the others were amputated to make it easier for him to walk)

2nd

Class rank at Bowdoin

\$500

Amount funded by Peary's mother toward passage and supplies for his first Arctic expedition, in 1886

5

The range in miles from the actual North Pole where Peary planted his flag

-59

Lowest temperature (°F) in which he traveled by sledge toward the pole

130,000

Weight in pounds of a meteorite he brought back from the Arctic (a piece of which is now at New York's Museum of Natural History)

ONE

Number of legs Peary broke on his first major expedition to Greenland, with the goal of crossing the ice cap (which he did)

1

Number of his children delivered by wife Josephine in the Arctic (a girl, known as "the Snow Baby")

Mills Named to Senior Post at UMass Boston



Barry Mills, who served as Bowdoin's fourteenth president from 2001 to 2015, has been named deputy chancellor and chief operating officer of the University of Massachusetts (UMass) Boston, where he will oversee the academic and research program and campus operations, and will work with Chancellor J. Keith Motley on developing and refining long-term strategy for the campus.

"When I left Bowdoin, I spoke often about finding the next challenge and about my interest in public higher education," said Mills. "In retirement, I have done some consulting for UMass and the challenge of public higher education has become even more interesting and compelling to me—the mission is central to the

common good. So, when UMass approached me about getting involved with UMass Boston, I agreed to take this on to make an impact at a public urban research university."

UMass Boston, with approximately 14,000 undergraduates and 4,000 graduate students, is known for conducting research in public health, education, and the environment. UMass Boston faculty researchers played a significant role in planning and executing the cleanup of Boston Harbor and are now working to eliminate racially-based health disparities. UMass Boston has a major cancer-research partnership with the Dana Farber/Harvard Cancer Center. The university attracts students from throughout the nation and 150 countries.

A Green Touch to the White Glove Test

No speck of dirt or fleck of dust is safe from Saudia Davis '00, founder and CEO of GreenHouse Eco-Cleaning, an award-winning New York City company lauded for its environmental and social conscience as well as its meticulous eye to detail.



HERE AT ETSY'S HEADQUARTERS IN BROOKLYN'S DUMBO NEIGHBORHOOD, SAUDIA DAVIS '00 RUNS HER FINGERS ALONG THE TOP OF PICTURE FRAMES, BEHIND THE FLAT SCREEN TVS MOUNTED TO CONFERENCE ROOM WALLS, UNDER LAMPSHADES, AND ACROSS THE HANDLES OF TRASH CAN LIDS—ALL IN SEARCH OF PROBLEM SPOTS THAT HER STAFF MIGHT HAVE MISSED.

Davis has ten employees who service the online arts and crafts marketplace's headquarters every work day for the company she runs, GreenHouse Eco-Cleaning. But it's late December and the crew has just completed a thorough "deep clean" after Etsy's swanky office emptied out for the holidays. The group's work must now pass a spot check from Davis's discerning eye. She frowns at a few stray fingerprints on a row of lockers, and nods with satisfaction after discovering her employees dusted the easy-to-miss crevices underneath the cafeteria's benches.

Etsy is a major client for GreenHouse, which Davis started nearly a decade ago to meet the growing demand for cleaning services that use environmentally friendly products that are better for the health of people and the planet. Her current staff of forty still takes on the kind of residential clients in Brooklyn and Manhattan that she started with, but the team has come to specialize in meeting the unique needs of companies like Etsy.

"When we moved to Dumbo"—Davis relocated the company here from Brooklyn's Gowanus neighborhood in 2009—"there were a lot of new businesses down here that had a young demographic in terms of employees," she says. "They just needed more robust service than in corporate, which was wiping down cubicles." That means tackling the kind of mess produced by an office that has a meditation room, serves lunch twice a week, and has beer on tap.

Now Davis and her company are at a crossroads as she pushes to take her business to the next level. "Any CEO will tell you the fifty-employee mark is a very tricky



mark," she says. "Getting past that is when wheels start to fall off. It really starts to show the things that are not working." The fifty-person threshold, she explains, is when the balance between management and employees can falter. It becomes a struggle to get everyone aligned on the same page. Problems—like poor communication—that could be ignored with a staff of two dozen start to have a problematic ripple effect through the organization after hitting fifty.

To catapult the company into its next phase, Davis is trying to refocus the business on its core. She recently completed a software build that streamlines operations, is working on building a board of directors, and is thinking about how to fund this next stage of growth. That comes down to so much more than its eco-friendly focus and its expertise in servicing start-ups that have unique needs. In the end, it comes down to her employee base. "The green

piece is where we started with healthy products," Davis says, "but I'd say where we make the greatest impact is on the quality of life for the people who work for us."

A reality of start-up life is that many entrepreneurs end up trying to solve problems that have plagued them firsthand. This leads to a cruel irony: to solve these said problems,

founders often spend most of their time mulling over issues that land somewhere on their personal scale of small irritant to major tormentor.

For Davis, that was cleaning. "I hate cleaning," she says. "I know how to clean quite well. But ask my mother—it was like pulling teeth." Davis's mom also happens to be the one to thank for her daughter's cleaning prowess. She would make Davis and her sister get up at the crack of dawn every Saturday so all three could spend the day making the house spotless and doing laundry.

It wasn't until Davis had been out of college for six years that the thought of pursuing cleaning as a business crossed her mind. It started in 2006 when her grandmother passed away from cancer. Her grandmother had been a professional cleaner—a livelihood that allowed her to bring Davis, Davis's sister, and Davis's mother to the US from Jamaica in 1991. When Davis's grandmother



BY BETH KOWITT '07 • PHOTOGRAPHY BY KARSTEN MORAN '05

fell ill, the family “speculated that it was due to years of using harsh cleaning chemicals,” Davis says, so they started using nontoxic cleaners—things like vinegar and lemon. But Davis felt like there wasn’t a service out there that espoused the green cleaning doctrine she wanted.

Davis also knew that her family wasn’t the only one looking to introduce more eco-friendly products into their lives. At the time, Davis was working as a publicist for the movie industry, a job she’d had since graduating from Bowdoin in 2000 with a degree in English and Africana studies. “I was working with a lot of celebrities that I knew were moving to Brooklyn,” she says. “I was a glorified

calls and booked appointments. Or if she was in Los Angeles, where she spent half her time, Davis was even known to take a call with a client on the red carpet. “You need a high level of naivety to start a business,” she says, “because you’d be a lunatic to do it.”

At night, after working her day job, Davis would go out and clean. “I wanted to understand what people wanted,” she says. Davis saved up the money from those early jobs, and used it to start the business. Today the company is still completely self-funded.

Davis still dislikes cleaning for herself, but she has found that cleaning for others can actually be pretty rewarding. “There’s a goal,” she says. “There’s this overwhelming feeling of achievement when it’s been

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concierge, so I knew what it meant to take care of them.”

More than anything else, however, the death of Davis’s grandmother gave her a sense of urgency that she hadn’t felt before. “When my grandmother passed, it was definitely the first realization that I was going to die at some point,” she says. She always knew she wanted to start a company, but “I knew the majority of successful owners had crashed and burned a couple of businesses.” It made her feel like she was running out of time to fail before getting it right.

The notion of an eco-friendly business followed her around for months. Every morning it was the first thought in her head and it was the last at night. She would regularly bounce the idea off her Bowdoin network for feedback. “I was just like, ‘I do not want to do this,’” she recalls, “but I couldn’t shake it.”

Eventually Davis surrendered to the idea and put up flyers in Brooklyn’s Fort Greene neighborhood that advertised a green cleaning service. During her lunch breaks, she would cross the street from her Manhattan office to a Borders bookstore, where she returned phone

transformed, and you see the look on their face when they walk in. That part of it is very fulfilling.”

Even now that she spends most of her time on marketing, sales, logistics, and operations for her staff of forty, Davis will still work shoulder to shoulder with her team on big projects. She says, “No one in the office is above what we do.”

GreenHouse is categorically a cleaning business, but—above all else—it is a people business. “People are at every front,” Davis says. “You’re dealing with people’s things and private spaces, which means it’s highly emotional.”

On the one end of the spectrum are her clients—people or companies that both desire and can afford the kind of luxury that a green cleaning service represents. On the other is her workforce, which Davis says grapples with socioeconomic challenges you sometimes can’t even wrap your mind around. The moment Davis came to fully understand the types of hardships her employees can deal with is when she hired her first staff member. After getting her first check, the employee headed



straight to the closest Western Union to send the money home to Ecuador, where her mother needed surgery.

Since that day, Davis has tried to help her employees by handing them more than just a paycheck. “One of the things we realized is that there’s a distrust for banks,” she says. That led the company to set up direct deposit cards, which let employees take their money out of ATMs for free rather than pay a fee to cash a check. “Something as simple as that makes a huge difference,” Davis says. She also set up a partnership with Neighborhood Trust, which acts as a financial adviser to the kind of demographic that makes up GreenHouse’s employee base. The firm can help Davis’s staffers work toward improving their credit or help them achieve a financial goal.

“We’re a B-Corp and therefore our mission is to use business as a force for good in the world and in our community,” says Davis. “This is why we pledged to employ, educate, and empower people from underserved communities. It’s why we have won the Best For NYC award in the community section and the same award for B-Corp twice. We work with nonprofits who help newly arriving immigrants who are legal to work in the US find jobs. In our industry, undocumented workers are paid very little and are often abused because of their circumstances. We try to offer a good, healthy place to work for people who are able to work and who are trying to find stability and a way to take care of their families.”

The company is working on a partnership for 2017 with Spring Bank, which will permit longtime employees to take out a loan and have their paychecks go toward paying it off—say if they want to move but don’t have the cash to do it. Davis’s hope is that the collaboration will at least help mitigate the massive housing and homelessness issues some of her team members face. One employee, for example, struggled to get the papers that would allow him to go in and out of a shelter late at night to take on a night account. In that case, Davis was able to step in and help.

These services and partnerships are not completely benevolent. They aid in fighting against what Davis says is the industry’s 300 percent turnover rate—meaning that if you start the year with twenty people, that group will change three times before the year ends. “It makes it incredibly hard to run a business,” she explains. The industry’s turnover is compounded by the fact that it is typically a distributed workforce—meaning employees don’t come into the office every day.

Davis’s turnover rate is drastically lower, at about 15 percent—in part, she says, because she’s very policy and procedure driven. For example, leaving a site early and reporting time incorrectly is an offense that will lead to termination. “It might seem small, but for us it’s a

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slippery slope,” Davis says. “Honesty and integrity are important to us, especially when being trusted with other people’s things.” It can feel harsh, Davis acknowledges, but

that’s a red flag for the company.

Davis has tried to cut off at the pass some of her employees’ challenges that lead them to disappear. She stresses during orientation that they should not be embarrassed by their struggles. “I try to start the relationship by telling them I’ve seen everything,” she says. “We can help you resolve or give you time to resolve the situation. We’re happy to work with you.” But to do that, Davis needs to know what the issues are. She’s therefore developed a knack for getting employees to open up during the interview process. Davis says, “they call me Oprah.”

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NEW MAPS FOR *These Territories:* THE *Arctic Council* COMES TO MAINE

BY LINCOLN PAINE

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Mental maps of the world sometimes change in a historical instant, as they did five hundred years ago with the establishment of permanent transatlantic and transpacific sailing routes. Most of the time, however, our worldview changes piecemeal and more modestly, through personal necessity or experience—from the opening of a new road, perhaps, or relocation for school or work. As the Arctic thaws before our eyes, it is revealing the once-frozen region’s myriad mysteries, untapped potential, and innumerable hazards in ways that are redrawing the world map more dramatically than at any time since Columbus and Magellan.

It is only in the last decade or so that the public has become aware of the Arctic as a region with more to offer than Inuit, ice, and explorers with a penchant for hardship and cold. Bowdoin, however, has a history of Arctic

involvement dating back more than a century, thanks to the work of, most notably, Robert Peary and Donald MacMillan. And it is due largely to the enduring links to Arctic peoples forged by Bowdoin students, professors, and alumni that Maine became the venue for the 2016 Arctic Council meetings.

“When the State Department sent an advance team to Maine to decide whether to hold Arctic Council meetings here,” says Dana Eidsness, director of the Maine North Atlantic Development Office (MENADO) and chair of the Maine Arctic Council host committee, “we took them to the Bowdoin campus and introduced them to Susan Kaplan and Genny LeMoine at the Peary-MacMillan Arctic Museum. The demonstration of Maine’s long history and ongoing relationships in the Arctic and the work of the College’s Arctic Studies Center dazzled them.” It also predisposed them to recognize the many other Arctic-



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oriented resources in Maine’s business, education, science and research, and artistic communities, and convinced them that Maine would be an excellent site for a meeting of the Arctic Council.

Maine’s multifaceted engagement with the Arctic had received a major boost in 2013, when the Icelandic shipping company Eimskip made Portland its principal US port of call. At a Maine International Trade Day meeting shortly after that, Iceland’s President Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson challenged his audience to focus on North Atlantic and high north trade, including Atlantic Canada, Greenland, Iceland, and Northern Europe. The creation of MENADO was a direct result of that. But in addition to dealing with commercial issues, according to Eidsness, “part of the job description was to insert Maine into conversations about the future of the Arctic, with the melting of the sea ice and the opening of new seaways.”

“Donald Baxter MacMillan, hunting party, camped. Fall 1908–1909. Hand-tinted glass lantern slide. Gift of Donald and Miriam MacMillan.”

Senator Angus King H’07 addresses the crowd at a reception the Arctic Museum hosted in Portland in honor of the permanent participants of the Arctic Council. Photo by Dana Williams ’18.



At the same time, Maine’s Senator Angus King was becoming interested in the Arctic and the possible opportunities—and pitfalls—for Maine as the Northwest Passage and other Arctic shipping lanes become viable. “The opening up of the Arctic, which has never been open in human history, is like the sudden discovery of the Mediterranean Sea,” he said at the Maine Arctic Forum, an event held at the University of Southern Maine (USM) as Senior Arctic Officials met in Portland. “It’s a large, incredibly significant body of water that just wasn’t there before.” The fact that large swaths of the Arctic are now ice-free for several months

sustainable development and environmental protection. The council comprises the eight nations whose territory borders the Arctic Ocean—the United States, Canada, Denmark (including Greenland), Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Russia—and the permanent participants, six umbrella groups representing indigenous northern peoples. In addition, the council allows non-Arctic states and intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations to participate, primarily as members of the six working groups that generate most of the Arctic Council’s assessments and recommendations.

Soon after the establishment of MENADO, Eidsness was invited to join the Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment (PAME) Working Group, which she invited to meet in Maine. “PAME agreed, and then we had numerous Arctic Council workshops and task force and working group meetings added to the Portland agenda—eight, all told. And eventually they said, ‘We want to have the Senior Arctic Officials meeting in Portland, as well.’” The choice of Maine rather than, say, Alaska or Washington, DC, made sense because “part of the mission of the US chairmanship was more thorough engagement with the rest of the country, and using our two-year chairmanship as a teaching moment.”

Because most Arctic Council meetings are closed to the public, the host committee—which included Kaplan and LeMoine—designed a program to introduce to Maine the four hundred or so international members of the Arctic Council who met here in September and October, and vice versa. To that end, Bowdoin and the Arctic Museum hosted a conference meeting on campus, and University of Alaska geographer Lawson Brigham visited Kaplan’s Contemporary Arctic Environmental and Social Issues class. Additional to the Arctic Council-sponsored activities, the Museum hosted the Meaningful Engagement of Indigenous Peoples and Communities in Marine Activities workshop—at which students were invited to act as rapporteurs—in collaboration with the US Coast Guard Academy, the World Wildlife Fund, the Arctic Domain Awareness Center, and the University of Alaska–Anchorage. The Governing Across the Waves workshop brought



Left: Senior Arctic Officials meeting of the Arctic Council in Portland, Maine, October 2016. Credit: Arctic Council Secretariat / Linnea Nordström. Illustration: 1984 approximates long-term average. Image courtesy of NASA.



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together scholars and policymakers to discuss the challenges of effective maritime governance in the Arctic. Farther afield, the Sustainable Development Working Group gathered at the University of Maine in Orono. Their closed session was followed by a reception that Eidsness described as “sort of a speed-dating event with Arctic officials. . . . We sent out some study guide ideas ahead of time to students, who came from Colby and Bowdoin and USM and all over the state. Then we took over the upstairs of a pub and had an emcee and different tables set up with various people from the Sustainable Development Working Group who willingly met and spoke with students and others.”

The most comprehensive and publicly accessible introduction to Arctic issues was at the Maine Arctic Forum. Following presentations on the environmental

transformation of the Arctic by Senator King and the likes of Paul Mayewski of the University of Maine’s Climate Change Institute, the focus turned to the broader implications of these changes. James Kraska, professor of law at the Naval War College, pointed out that Russia has recently established six new bases, sixteen deep-water ports, and thirteen airfields on its northern coast, in anticipation of the fact that by 2030 the Northern Sea Route between the White and Bering Seas may be open nine months a year. The United States, Canada, and Norway have similarly been enhancing their military presence, for the simple reason that the Arctic is a bonanza-in-waiting. As Lawson Brigham observed, “The retreat of sea ice is a given, but it is natural resource development that is driving the future of marine transport in the Arctic Ocean.”

At the Bowdoin-hosted reception for permanent participants of the Arctic Council. Photos by Dana Williams ’18. Top: Kevin Yu ’18, John Sweeney ’20, Madison Kuras ’18, Emma Greenberg ’18, and Natalie Kiley-Bergen ’17. Middle: Luke Frankel ’18, Lara Bluhm ’17, and Kevin Yu ’19. Bottom: Susan Kaplan (back turned), unidentified Arctic Council participant, Thomas Diaz ’18, Madeline Schuldt ’18, and Kevin Yu ’18.

of the year is changing the way people orient themselves to the world, whether their interests are in transportation, the environment, industry, or the rights of indigenous people, whose permafrost world is literally melting beneath their feet. Given the momentous implications of these changes, King observed, “the challenge that we have is to manage the process of this opening-up in a peaceful, cooperative way.”

This is, in fact, the mandate of the Arctic Council, an intergovernmental forum founded in 1996 to promote cooperation, coordination, and interaction among Arctic states, indigenous communities, and others, especially regarding



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These resources include perhaps 20 percent of the world's undiscovered oil and natural gas, as well as enormous reserves of hard minerals, including iron ore, zinc, nickel, palladium, and coal. (The world's largest zinc and nickel mines are the Red Dog Mine in Alaska and Norilsk Nickel in Russia, respectively.) In addition, the Arctic is being increasingly exploited for its fisheries, which already accounted for 10 percent of the global catch a decade ago; it is the source of one-third of the increasingly thirsty world's fresh water; and its ecotourism industry is growing. Yet, even with the seasonal retreat of sea ice, the conditions remain brutal and the risks enormous, for most of the region lacks things most of us take for granted. Only 8 percent of the ocean is charted to international navigation standards; outside of Norway and northwest Russia there is little or no infrastructure even for emergency response capability; major seabed claims await adjudication;

and much of the regulatory regime governing the Arctic consists of "soft law," such as declarations with moral rather than legal force.

As a world, we are heading both literally and figuratively into uncharted waters. While some may see in the Arctic a "new world" for the twenty-first century, others are not so sanguine. "The Bering Sea is our garden," Alaska's State Representative Bob Herron told the forum. "What's happening, and everyone that lives on a coast will appreciate this, is that a lot of my constituents are scared. They're scared because they see the sea rising, they see the permafrost melting. It's not academic to them." It is instructive to note that Herron's district lies below the Arctic. But this is the teachable moment: more than 99 percent of the world's population lives below the Arctic, yet what happens in the Arctic affects us all.

Kaplan, who teaches anthropology, points out that the challenges before us entail moral and

ethical responsibilities, not just material concerns. She endorses the work of the Arctic Council because "I don't want to see history repeat itself. We should be collaborating with northern people. We will lose some control, but it can lead to great things." The Arctic Council intensified and raised the profile of issues of abiding interest to the Bowdoin community and, like the Arctic Studies Center, one of its key functions is to help us draw new maps for these territories.

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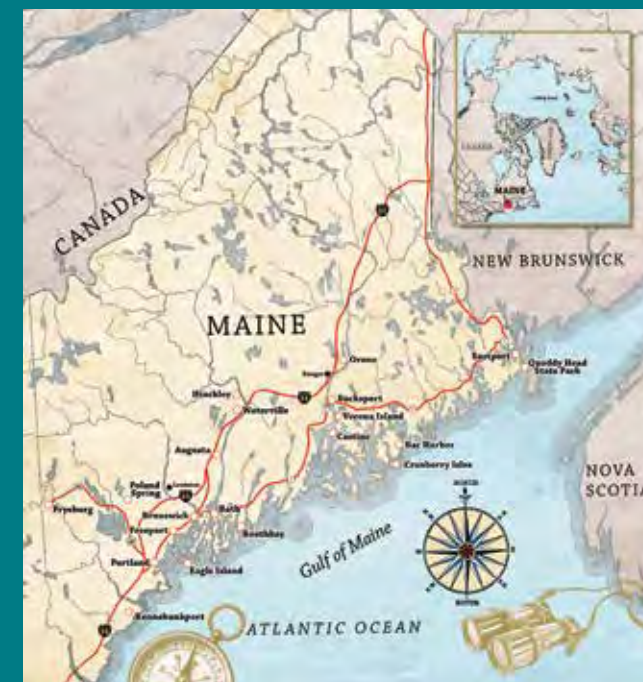
At the end of the "Meaningful Engagement" workshop, participants and students posed for a photo on the deck of Cram Alumni House. Arctic Trail Map by Bill Fall.




THE MAINE ARCTIC TRAIL

DISCOVERING MAINE'S Arctic Heritage

Last spring, with funding from the Oak Foundation, the Peary-MacMillan Arctic Museum hired Lily Woodward '16 to begin compiling information for the Maine Arctic Trail Map, identifying nearly thirty locations across the state of Maine with significant connections to the Arctic and Arctic exploration. Aidan French '18 and William Wise '18 continued the work collecting additional photographs and historical notes during internships last summer, and the Museum distributed copies of the completed brochure around the state and to attendees of the Arctic Council meetings in the fall. An interactive version of the map will be available soon on the Museum's website.



Among the interesting notes: A cluster of crowberry plants, survivors of the last ice age, grows on Higgins Mountain on Georgetown Island, just a few miles from campus.



Hawthorne-Longfellow in the Twenty-first Century:

A Q&A with Bowdoin Librarian Marjorie Hassen

In today's speedy world of information technology, how is Bowdoin's Library and its staff keeping pace? On a recent visit back to campus, Meghan Detering '07, librarian at Colorado Rocky Mountain School and a candidate for a master's degree in library and information sciences at Drexel University, visited with Bowdoin Librarian Marjorie Hassen to talk about how Hawthorne-Longfellow Library varies today from the version that older alumni would recall, or even for alumni like Meghan who have been out of school barely ten years.

Meghan Detering: How are academic libraries changing in the twenty-first century—how does the Bowdoin Library and its resources today vary from even what I would have known not quite ten years ago?

Marjorie Hassen: There is this myth out there that everything is digitized. That's certainly not the case. We're currently in a hybrid environment. We're buying both electronic and print based on the format in which materials are published and how they're being used. About 86 percent of the journals we buy are electronic and 14 percent are in print. Books are the reverse. For individual titles—we're spending 85 percent of our book budget on print, and the rest on electronic.

We know that the landscape will continue to change. But our circulation, the number of items leaving the building, has actually remained steady for the past few years. While there's been a significant drop from where it was ten years ago, we appear to have reached a plateau.

And we work closely with Bates and Colby on a collaborative collections project, keeping duplication of print titles to a minimum and joining forces on the purchase of electronic materials when possible. We consider the three libraries' collections as one—we share an online catalog. A student or faculty member can request something from Colby or Bates and have it delivered to Bowdoin in just two days.

We work with faculty to ensure we have what they and their students need. If we have a title as an e-book, for example, and someone asks for the print version, we will get it.

Detering: By purchasing it?

Hassen: Yes, we'll buy the print version. With e-books and journals as well as with research databases, which are used extensively by faculty and students, it's a matter of either licensing or purchasing, depending on the particular situation. Publishers and vendors continue to experiment with different business models, though their goals are often at odds with those of libraries, which are focused on providing broad access.

I think the way in which we work with students has changed since your time at Bowdoin. Walk-up reference assistance to answer what might be a quick question has declined and the librarians are spending their time providing in-depth research help. They're also being asked to consult more often on group projects. While so much information is available virtually, research can be complicated. We're actually doing more course-related instruction than we used to—close to 250 class sessions last year.

And use of Special Collections & Archives has also increased. More faculty are integrating primary source materials into their teaching. Is this trend a reaction to the Internet? I don't know, but we now have a position that is focused on outreach to faculty and students in terms of using Special Collections and that's been a terrific success. We have faculty who reserve time in the department for their class a semester ahead because they know scheduling is going to get tight. It's wonderful to see students excited about working with primary sources—whether the topic is the history of the College, Shakespeare, the Civil War, or artist books.

And then there's technology. It's embedded in everything we do and we are continually pushing the envelope. We just installed a 3-D printer in the Hatch Science Library that will be available for student use.

This goes back to the question of what is a library in the twenty-first century? Does a 3-D printer belong in

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a library? I would say that if it serves to support the academic mission of the College, then yes. Libraries have always been closely integrated with technology and we have the broad staff expertise to support and develop it.

Detering: Over the last three years, the number of students that the library reaches had consistently increased, nearly doubling between 2013–2014, and 2015–2016. To what do you attribute the increase?

Hassen: This is due at least in part to our integration into more first-year seminars—an opportunity for librarians to work with first-year students, to begin to build their information literacy skills. It's also helpful for students to

get to know librarians early on. They feel less intimidated to come to the library and ask for help. I would say our librarians, the liaison librarians in particular, are working at capacity.

Detering: Do you think that faculty or Library staff have noticed any kind of notable improvement in the competence that students and researchers have as users of information?

Hassen: A faculty member recently mentioned that a librarian had come to her class and had talked about evaluating resources. She said that, as a result, the students' presentations were of a much higher quality because they had thought more critically about their



Photos by Michele Stapleton

research rather than settling for the first few resources they might find on the Internet. It was gratifying to hear that she saw a difference.

I think that for all of us, the Internet has actually made life more complicated because of the sheer quantity of information so readily available. The focus then needs to be on evaluation. And of course, we're now surrounded by the topic of fake news.

Detering: Of course, it's suspect now.

Hassen: Exactly. This semester one of my colleagues,

Particularly with students, the interactions are more in terms of depth rather than breadth.



Beth Hoppe, created a guide called "Fake or Fact?" to assist students in evaluating sources.



We also work closely with students on citation management, including regularly providing workshops on several popular software tools.

Copyright and intellectual property is another area where our work has changed. We have always provided support to students and faculty, to help understand and

interpret copyright law, but now, with so much media available digitally and so easily shared, boundaries are often blurred. Carmen Greenlee is our digital copyright expert and she is often asked for advice on how music and films can be used.

Detering: I learned in one of my academic library classes about different forms of reference service, whether it's peer reference service, roving reference, chat, etc. Is Bowdoin experimenting with any of these things? Or, because of the College's size and community-oriented nature, is this something you're trying to stay away from because you want the actual building to be the hub?

Hassen: We want to meet everyone's needs, whether they want to come to us physically or virtually. It's not heavily used at Bowdoin, but we do provide a chat service. We do e-mail reference as well.

We have student assistants on the reference desk in the evenings and the weekends to supplement our librarians'

hours—and they're well trained. Some students feel comfortable approaching a peer; others don't.

Librarians have conducted programs in the College Houses. We've collaborated with the Center for Learning & Teaching, most recently with the Writing Project. Librarians participate in their end-of-semester "Write-Ins." We aim to reach out as much as bring people in.

Detering: In terms of faculty outreach, it sounds like there's probably a reciprocal relationship. Do you feel librarians are reaching out to faculty more, or is there more demand on the faculty side?

Hassen: I would say both are true. Our librarian liaisons are assigned to individual academic departments so they get to know faculty quite well. While the initial contact may come from the library side, faculty regularly seek out their liaisons. Particularly when it comes to course support, it's a collaborative process. If a faculty member has an idea for a class research project, we can help make it a reality.

Detering: Can you tell me about some of the events the Library sponsors?

Hassen: For the past two years we've held a party in H-L at the beginning of the fall semester to help students feel more at home in the building. As part of the event we've brought in therapy dogs, which has been a huge draw.

An event that's become extremely popular is our monthly page-turning of Audubon's *Birds of America* double-elephant folio. I don't know if you've seen that on display in Special Collections. It's called the "double-elephant folio" because of its size. It takes two people to turn the page. We host the event the first Friday of every month and typically have fifty or sixty people attend, including students. We also live broadcast it through Facebook.

Kat Stefko, our director of Special Collections & Archives, occasionally invites a guest speaker. We've been joined by Nat Wheelwright, chair of the biology department and an ornithologist; and this spring Peter Logan '75, who recently published a biography of Audubon, will be our special guest.

We have exhibit openings, Ramp Gallery events—that's our student-run gallery—and a number of other programs throughout the year. We also make our spaces available to student groups. We don't necessarily have to be the event

sponsor. We've hosted the Bowdoin Film Society and the Food for Thought student lecture series, which is organized by Bowdoin Student Government.

Detering: Given all of that, I would say that twenty-first-century libraries are perceived as offering a lot of programming—bringing communities together. Do you see that as being a purpose or mission of an academic library, or do you think it's secondary to accepted intentions for this space and building?

Hassen: I think that assumptions about what an academic library should be have changed. We are a hub on campus—the academic hub, the intellectual center, as well as a gathering place. For me, the question is what do our students and faculty need and how can we support and enhance their experience at Bowdoin?

Detering: I think many people still have this idea of libraries as being these totally quiet spaces. There are so many types of libraries, but many are moving toward

This goes back to the question of what is a library in the twenty-first century? Does a 3-D printer belong in a library?

becoming what might be called learning commons, or research commons—really collaborative, vibrant spaces. What would someone experience during reading period? Collaboration on the lower levels and quiet, individual studying above?

Hassen: For the most part, the students define the ambiance of a particular space, though the kind of furniture in the space also has an impact. The first floor of H-L is always busy, with students working alone as well as in groups. Last year we noticed that many students were using the low bookshelves as standing desks so we've purchased some high stools and some actual standing



desks. This fall we removed some stationary shelving and replaced it with a number of mobile tables, chairs, and whiteboards. They use the furniture creatively—one day I saw a student sitting on a table with the whiteboard in front of her, writing formulas—and they love the mobility. We never find it in the same place two days in a row.

Up in the stacks, which are lined with individual study carrels, is where it's really quiet—where students want to be sequestered. The Abrahamson Reading Room on the sixth floor of Hubbard, which has recently had a face-lift, including all new furniture, is probably

the quietest, and most coveted space in the library. Make the slightest noise and everyone turns around and looks at you. In the basement of H-L, in the Media Commons, students are working in different ways, more collaboratively.

Detering: Would you elaborate a bit more on the Media Commons?

Hassen: It opened in the fall of 2015 to support media creation and the study of film. The space includes a media lab, reformatting equipment—from VHS to DVD, vinyl to digital, and so on—and two recording studios. We have a green screen and a Whisper Room—it's about the size of a phone booth and is soundproof so is great for recordings. Staff from the Library and the Academic Technology & Consulting team work together to provide instruction and technology support on site.



We moved the Library's film collections from the former Sills Language Media Center to the Commons and we immediately saw an increase in use, I expect because of the more central location on campus. Films are being used in courses across the disciplines and while we subscribe to a number of streaming services, much of our collection is not available digitally.

The space also includes a cinema-quality screening room and computer classroom, which are both used for teaching.

And we just opened the Telepresence Classroom, which was funded through a grant from the Mellon Foundation to support a collaboration between the Russian departments of Bowdoin and Yale. The technology will make it possible for Bowdoin students who are in upper-level Russian classes to participate fully in classes held at Yale. The room will be available generally for teleconferencing and collaborative instruction. Technologically, it's state-of-the-art, with audio-sensitive cameras so if you speak the camera zeroes in on you automatically.

Detering: Oh, wow. That's incredible.

Hassen: It's really very cool. The possibilities are endless—this connection between technology and information provides unlimited opportunities. When you ask someone, "What do you think of first, when you think about a library?" people will often say, "Books." Books are important, and they are an essential part of who we are, but we're more than that.

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Outside of the

ZONE

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If you hear the word "OZ" on campus,

the speaker isn't likely referring to a mythical, magical place at the end of a yellow brick road, but a Bowdoin Outing Club program that can certainly be transformative for its participants. OZ is short for Outside of the Zone, a leadership training program for students with limited or no previous outdoor recreation experience. Writer Deepak Singh, himself new to Maine and a novice in the outdoors, accompanied the latest group of leaders-in-training on their winter expedition and provides a immersive perspective on the OZ experience.



It was negative ten Fahrenheit. There was an excruciating amount of pain in my big toe. My socks and jeans were both wet and it was now pitch dark. There were two dozen backpacks on the floor, and I couldn't tell which one was mine. Everyone had their headlamps on except me, and the bright lamps seemed to diminish whatever limited sight my eyes could muster.

Mike was now chopping onions. I went to him and said, "I can't feel my toes."

"Put on a hat," he said in a nonchalant tone, continuing to chop onions.

"Not my head, my toes."

"Yeah, put on a hat," he said, without looking at me.

I walked to Anna and told her my problem. She said, "Come here. Stretch your hands wide apart and jump up and down like a penguin." I jumped up and down and learned later that putting on a hat was a brilliant idea. Heat escapes from the head. I should have paid attention to Mike and Anna's class before embarking upon the trip. I was busy paying attention to how they were teaching, not to what they were teaching.

I was recently invited, as a writer, to accompany the team of sixteen Bowdoin students on a three-day trip to Monson, Maine. The trip was a part of the Bowdoin Outing Club's (BOC) Out of the Zone (OZ) Leadership Training (LT) program. For the past nine years, the OZ LT program has been identifying, recruiting, and training student leaders who might not otherwise take advantage of opportunities offered by the BOC. Twenty-five applicants competed for the sixteen

spots in this year's program. Ranging from first-years to seniors, participants came from places such as Des Moines, Iowa; Phoenix, Arizona; Miami, Florida; Houston, Texas; New York, New York; and Hong Kong.

A few days before the trip, I met Mike Woodruff '87, the director of the Bowdoin Outing Club. He welcomed me into his office and led me to a big room that resembled a warehouse. He handed me a backpack that was large enough to hold a human being. I thought to myself, why do I need

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this supersize backpack for a three-day trip? As I carried the backpack around the warehouse, Mike kept dropping different kinds of snow gear into it—skiing boots, snow boots, mittens, a fleece pullover, snow pants, gaiters, woolen pants, and sleeping bag. I had never gone skiing before, and had definitely never heard of the term “snowshoeing.” This would be different, I thought.

I grew up in the plains of northern India, where daytime temperatures in summer, which lasts for eight months out of twelve in the year, vary from 100 to 120 degrees Fahrenheit. Some days are very hot, and others are unbearably hot. I’m pretty sure no one in my hometown has ever seen any of the stuff that Mike had dropped in my backpack. Was I prepared for this expedition? I began to have second thoughts, but I had already said yes to the assignment. There was no looking back.

Mike told me to come to his office at 7 a.m. on the day of departure. Everyone would congregate then and, after a small orientation, we would begin on our journey.

The day came. I arrived with two backpacks—one that Mike had given me, and the other one, much smaller, with my clothes, toiletries, books, notebooks, glasses, headlamp, towel, medicine, and some snacks. I met Anna Bastidas—the upbeat assistant director of the program. She was orienting the students, who sat in a circle and listened to her. Mike and Anna’s leading styles were interestingly juxtaposed. Anna was meticulous about everything, walking up to every student, taking stock of what they carried and what they didn’t, every detail of the trip. Mike laughed and joked with the students. His relaxed but confident gait gave me the impression that he had done this more times than he could remember. I listened to what Anna said, with the gravity of the trip sinking in, but I enjoyed it when Mike burst into laughter. Anna’s message seemed to be, “Make 100 percent sure you are prepared for this trip.” Mike seemed to say, “It’s going to be so much fun.”

There were three different vehicles for the journey—a twelve-passenger van and two pickup trucks. I chose to ride with Mike in one of the trucks. He wanted to take the lead, so we were the first ones to leave. After twenty minutes of driving, Mike’s relaxed demeanor put me at ease. He wore a flannel shirt and a friendly smile that seldom left his face. Anna was driving the other truck, and one of the students was at the wheel of the van.

As we got closer to Monson, everything became whiter. There was snow everywhere, piled up high on the side of road, and on top of the houses and stores. We drove by ponds and

lakes that were nothing but massive hunks of ice covered with a thick sheet of fresh snow that resembled a silvery bedspread.

All three vehicles arrived in Monson within minutes of each other. We parked as close as possible to the cabin. There was a big wall of snow that seemed to be the end of the drivable path. Mike got off his truck and yelled, “Everybody



put on your snow gear. The cabin is up there.”

I looked up and around and didn’t see any cabin. All I could see was copious amounts of snow and trees. The students started putting on their snowshoes. I asked Mike, “Do I have to put these on now?”

“Yes, it would be a good idea,” he replied.

I put them on and heaved the heavy backpack onto my shoulders. As soon as I took the first step on the uphill climb, I staggered under the weight of the two backpacks and fell. A part of me thought, this is not going to end well. I decided to leave my big backpack at the bottom and climb up with the lighter one. As we began our ascent, more people began to tumble, but we got up and kept moving.

I had made the mistake of not putting on the heavy-duty snow boots that Mike had given me. I also didn’t have the snow pants on. I was under the impression that we were supposed to change into snow clothes once we set out on an

adventure. I didn’t realize that this hike to the cabin was part of the adventure.

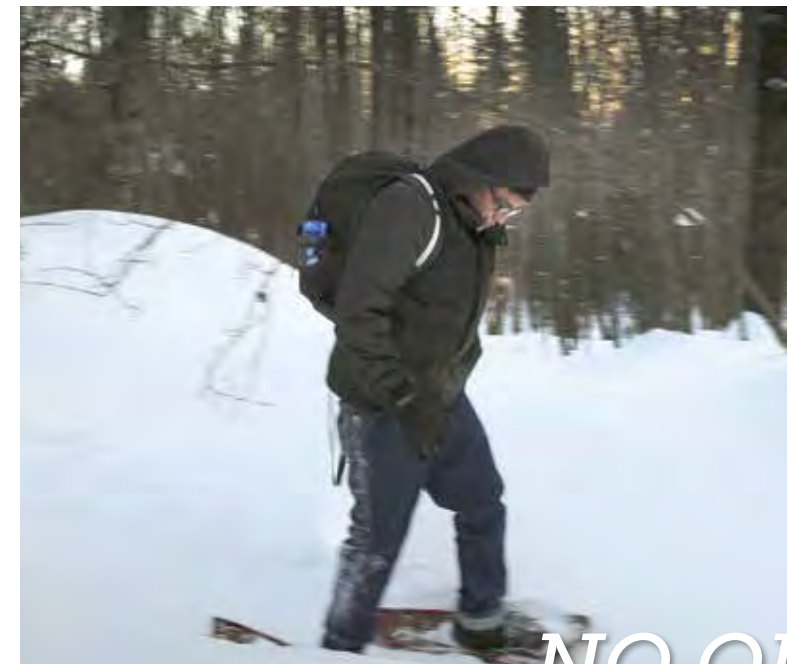
After a twenty-minute climb that seemed to me to last two hours, we saw a small cabin that stood on top of the hill. It was surrounded by waist-high snow and its door was blocked shut. I tried to say something, but couldn’t—my lips were temporarily paralyzed from the cold. A couple of students cleared up the path and opened the door. Everyone cheered in unison. But the temperature inside the cabin wasn’t any different than the temperature outside. The wooden structure must not have been more than 300 square feet, with a loft and a steeply peaked roof.

We dropped our backpacks on the floor. My legs were



shaking and I didn’t think I could go down and climb back up with my other backpack. I mentioned this to a student, Enrique Mendia ’20. Looking at my hapless state, he said, “Don’t worry, I’ll go down and get it for you.” This friendly and very kind young man came from Miami, Florida.

In the next few minutes everyone had made it to the cabin. Anna and the students got busy working on dinner. Mike started the fire and then joined the cooking. While I was trying to get myself warm, I watched students work in teams to bring buckets of snow from outside to melt on the stove. Everyone started settling in, carrying the thin mattresses up to the loft and getting their sleeping bags out. Although there were sixteen of them, cramped in a tiny log cabin, they respected



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each other's space, and everyone got a good night's sleep. They all knew tomorrow was going to be a big excursion day.

The next morning, we had grits and coffee and hot chocolate—all prepared by the students. While having breakfast, I sat next to Mamadou Diaw '20, from New York City. He had a cheerful and positive attitude. I asked him why he was doing the trip. He said, "I believed that I was not cut out for the outdoors. I decided to be in OZ LT because I wanted to achieve confidence in my abilities and skills as a leader for others. I have not only achieved more friends that I will cherish throughout my time at Bowdoin and with the Outing Club, but as the only African American male in the program I can instill more confidence in almost everything that I do, even if it may not be up my alley." I nodded and we chatted some more before it was time to get ready for the day.

We changed into our snow gear—thermal underwear, snow pants, gaiters, snow boots, and snow shoes—and made our way down to the vehicles for the five-mile drive to the base of Borestone Mountain. Once we got there, Anna and Mike gathered everyone into a circle to brief the team. They said it was going to be an hour-and-a-half hike up, and it'd take about the same time coming back. Hiking up, with all the heavy snow gear and a backpack, was one of the toughest things I have ever done in my life. Most of us were in bad

shape by the time we got to the top, but Mike and Anna did a wonderful job of encouraging everyone and helping when some of us got cold, tired, or left behind. Once we reached a frozen pond, we got to shed our backpacks for a while. We had some snacks—Snickers, crackers, chips, cheese. There was a thermos full of hot chocolate and a single cup of hot drink passed through several hands. Everyone's faces lit up with new vigor. Snowballs started flying in all directions. Soon, there were people racing against each other on the frozen pond, making snow angels.

While everyone was having some downtime, I got the chance to speak to Meera Prasad '20, from Des Moines, Iowa. I asked her about her motivations for getting involved with the Bowdoin Outing Club. She said, "As reflective of much of Bowdoin, the BOC is a very white space. That can make it intimidating to an outsider who has no outdoors experience. In this way, the welcomed inexperience of OZ was attractive. The diversity of OZ is an accessible pocket of the BOC in a different way than the other LT groups, at least for me."

Coming down the mountain was fun for the students; they laughed and giggled as they tumbled down. But it was harder than climbing up for me. I was cautious with every step I took. We finally made it back to the parking lot.

After one more cozy night in the cabin, the students and staff packed up to return to the conveniences of life on the Bowdoin campus.

And when students returned to their regular campus lives, I wondered what stuck with them from OZ. Senior Daniel Castro Bonilla explained that some of the skills he's found most applicable are those that "have helped with group assignments—like learning to delegate tasks, communicating with my peers, and knowing to trust them." Olivia Bean '17 told me that OZ also helped her strengthen her people skills, and that she learned a lot about problem-solving and decision-making, whether in a simple situation or a crisis.

"OZ is now at the very center of our leadership training efforts," says Tim Foster, dean of students affairs. "Seeing students exposed to the outdoors for the first time is special, but to then see these same students leading and introducing their peers to the wilds of Maine is magic."

"OZ was a turning point in my life," says La'Shaye (Ervin) Cogley '12, a PhD candidate in the ecology, evolution, and organismal biology program at the University of Utah. "If I didn't get into the outdoors through OZ, Utah would have been way harder for me. The amount of climbing, hiking, and skiing that I do now is all a result of my time in OZ. It taught me how to safely lead a group of people on outdoor adventures. I learned problem-solving skills and how to assess risks. I learned how to mediate between different factions in groups and make firm decisions about what may be best for everyone."

Students in the OZ LT group complete the eighty-hour Wilderness First Responder course taught on campus by Wilderness Medical Associates. Over spring break, they undertake a five-day winter trip, with a backpacking and overnight winter camping component. During the spring, they do a five-day canoe trip on a river in northern Maine. During the semester, the BOC staff meets with the group to teach skills like map and compass navigation, stove repair and maintenance, fire building, canoeing, and rock climbing. They also discuss leadership concepts and critical decision-making skills, as well as planning for the field trips.

"I want students to experience the outdoors, get out of their comfort zone, and think outside the box," says Brian Cook '80, who with his wife, Ann, established an endowment to support OZ financially. "If they're spending a night in a cabin in freezing temperatures, in the middle of the wilderness, they have to think creatively to keep themselves warm. They can't just Google to see how to keep yourself warm. And that's a good thing. Sometimes you have to push yourself to know what you can do."

I'm inclined to agree with Mr. Cook.

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Timothy Dwyer • Diving Below the Surface

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I teach science and math at Spring Street International School, an independent school in the San Juan Islands of Washington State. I'm able to put a lot of effort into keeping my subject matter relevant to my students by integrating materials and skills across different disciplines, by bringing kids outdoors to explore local ecosystems during field labs and extended field trips, and by differentiating my own training through extended experiences with scientists, engineers, and communicators.

In 2015, I was awarded a Science Communication Fellowship with a deep-ocean exploration nonprofit foundation that operates a 212-foot vessel, the E/V *Nautilus*. I participated in multi-week expeditions off the coast of Vancouver

Island, where engineers were using remotely operated vehicles (ROV)—car-sized underwater robots—to maintain and repair oceanographic sensors installed on the sea floor, two kilometers below the ship. My role was to share and interpret the experience of being in the ROV control room with an online audience while video from the ROVs streamed live on the Internet.

I took a sabbatical from teaching in the fall of 2016 to spend two months in Antarctica, working with a team of researchers examining the reasons some cold-water marine invertebrate animals get very large, a phenomenon known as “polar gigantism.” I was participating in PolarTREC, a National Science Foundation-funded program that embeds teachers with science

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teams working in the polar regions with the aim of improving the public’s understanding of these regions. My cold-water scuba diving background made me a particularly good fit for a research team from the University of Hawaii and the University of Montana, whose experiments with giant sea spiders had them diving beneath the sea ice at a latitude nearly 78 degrees south. The twenty-nine-degree water limited our dive times to under forty-five minutes, but these brief visits nonetheless highlighted the starkly contrasting environments on either side of the ice. McMurdo Sound under water has more wildlife, more color, and more warmth than the terrestrial world above. I’m actually surprised that penguins and icebergs dominate our collective mental image of Antarctica when such incredible scenes exist just beneath the ice.

I’ve been fortunate to have been educated by extremely talented teachers. Bowdoin faculty members James Higginbotham, Jill Pearlman, Ed Laine, and Nat Wheelwright were particularly innovative and engaging. However, my students are the ones who have had the greatest influence over my professional development. I’m constantly surprised by the diversity of outlooks and ideas present within every classroom. They frequently “invite” me to try out new techniques to improve my effectiveness by highlighting my own misconceptions about the different ways people learn. Witnessing a student’s facial expression change as a concept hits home or a skill is finally mastered is a big payoff for me.

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1957 REUNION

Ed Langbein: "Our numbers continue to shrink and the Class extends its sympathy to the families of **Frederick G.P. Thorne** and **James D.S. Kim**. Additionally, we have lost Margaret Morrison (widow of **Tom**) and Beverly Murdock (widow of **Jim**).

"Serious planning is underway for our 60th Reunion. Thanks to those who have stepped up to

serve as the Reunion committee: Daisy Crane, **Walter Gans**, **David Ham**, Kay and **Dick Lyman**, **Ted Parsons**, **David Kessler**, **John Simonds**, **Kent Hobby**, and **John Snow**. First priority is to make contact and get a head count of those planning to return.

"In October **Harry Carpenter** wrote that he and Vicky will soon be off to Florida (until April), and asks that we count the snowflakes for him. This past summer Dick and Kay Lyman sailed the Aegean with stops in Turkey and Greece. Fortunately, they were not called upon to climb the rigging or set sails. Marsha and **Nate Winer** enjoyed a fall trip to Venice, which was capped by a cruise down the Adriatic to Croatia, Greece, around the boot of Italy

to Sicily, and Rome. Nancy and I took a more local cruise, up and down the Hudson from/to New York City with stops at Sleepy Hollow, Hyde Park, Olana (home of artist Frederick Church), West Point, Albany, and Troy. The experience was enhanced by the pre- and post-trip hospitality of Walter and Katherine Gans. The following month they celebrated Nancy's sixtieth reunion at Colby Sawyer, which coincided with the installation of their new president. It was also an opportunity to visit with their granddaughter who just transferred there as a junior.

"MaryJane Smith wrote that she is well and that granddaughter Hannah, a sophomore pre-med at Bates, is on the rowing team. Ted Parsons and the 'Gentlemen Songsters'

participated in the New England competition held in Portland and finished fifth of twenty-two groups. Sparse turnout at Whittier for the final cookout of the season. With son Bill on the grill, the faithful attendees were Harry Carpenter, Wende Chapman, **Bill Cooke**, Barbara and David Ham, Dick and Kay Lyman, **Tom Needham** with **Tom Jr. '87**, and grandsons Tom III and William, Ted Parsons and Susan Morey, and John Snow.

"In November, MaryLou and **Clem Wilson** moved from Holyoke to Greenfield, Massachusetts, which is closer to their daughter Eileen. Both are fine, but fighting the usual fall colds. Moving south, just for the winter, John and Ann Snow are with us in Brunswick (from Port Clyde). A bit disconcerting



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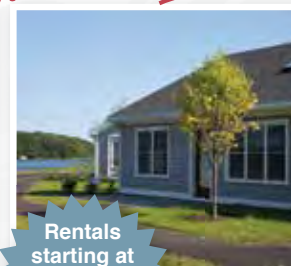


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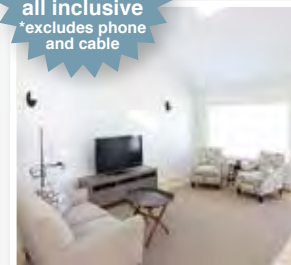
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to hear from **Jack Woodward** that, after three to four years of monitoring, he learned that two arteries were badly clogged. The outcome was a triple bypass and replacement of an aortic valve. Recovery has gone exceedingly well and he hopes to ride with the 'Bears on Bikes' this spring.

"The holidays brought a welcome flood of greetings and news to share. Thanks to everyone who took the time to communicate. Of note, many class members indicate they have been drawn temporarily to warmer climes. Pam and **Peter Davis** left the 'briskness' (minus four degrees) of Ely, Minnesota,

for a few months by the Gulf and were jolted to have it snow in Alabama. Vicky and Harry Carpenter are again spending winter in Florida after a full summer in Maine, which was highlighted by the wedding of their son Matt in a brief interval between his passing of the medical school exams and drive to Georgia for his first clinical assignment. Barbara and David Ham are also taking some time in the sun which has given them a chance to visit Toni and **Payton Perkins**.

"Kay and Dick Lyman (accompanied by Calliope, their golden retriever) journeyed from Connecticut and Washington,



Three Morrell brothers and two Niven brothers in the early days of a bond that would take them all the way through College: the late Paul Kendall Niven '46, Bob Morrell '47, the late Malcolm Morrell '49, Dick Morrell '50, the late John Morrell '52, and the late Cam Niven '52, circa 1937 in Brunswick.



Bob Delaney '55 celebrates his wife Bert's eightieth birthday and their family's annual Octoberfest with brother-in-law Dick Horn '62, granddaughter Shannon Delaney '20, Art Black '91, niece Johanna Horn '98, and daughter Rary Delaney '83.

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DC, to Los Angeles and Arizona, and then Montana. Also on the move, Sally and **David Seavey** checked out the US and Europe this past year. In 2017 they are planning to explore the East Coast up to the Maritime Provinces in June and then, in September, the shorelines of the Great Lakes. Lois and **Bob Estes** enjoyed a summer visit to the northwest (Alberta and British Columbia) and Olympia, Redwood, and Crater National Parks. This March they're looking forward to a Caribbean cruise. In October, MaryLou and **Jim Millar** enjoyed a Danube cruise with visits to Vienna and Budapest. Less traveled, Nancy and Ed Langbein did make it down to Connecticut for a 'grandchildren fix' over the holidays, and regularly enjoy seeing Joanie Shepherd and Cynthia Howland at Bowdoin events (and the grocery store) here in Brunswick. Janie Webster mentioned seeing Nancy and **Gene Wheeler** at an eighties-plus tennis tournament in Vero Beach (unclear if Tut was participating or just giving pointers to those on the court). Marsha and Nate Winer enjoyed Thanksgiving in the Napa Valley wine country with their son Dan and his boys. And, Flora Cowen wrote 'another full year' and that granddaughter **Sophie '18** will check into 'Hotel Grandma Flora' en route to a spring semester in Provence, France.

"**Dietmar Klein** wrote to extend a holiday greeting to all, and announced that he

and Gisela plan to 'downsize' in February from Frankfurt to nearby Bad Krunberg. "A card from **Paul Kingsbury** featured a photo of his hometown church in Holliston, Massachusetts, and demonstrated his newfound talent of card production." **1960** **Bruce Bockmann:** "The lyric that gets my attention the most over the past ten years is from The Grateful Dead's 'Truckin.' The chorus ends with: 'Sometimes the light's all shining on me/Other times I can barely see/Lately it occurs to me/What a long, strange trip it's been.' And it's getting longer every day. Glad to hear you are all well and content. All is good here in Southampton."

Ross Hawkins: "Just got back from younger son Scott's wedding in Pinehurst, North Carolina. He sells mortgages for Wells Fargo. The bride, Natalie, is the assistant town manager for Pinehurst. He has two daughters, ages fourteen and twenty, and she has a son, age eighteen, and a daughter, age thirteen. So, we now have two new grandchildren. Had a great time, in spite of a thunderstorm warning, which drenched the town but somehow missed the wedding site altogether."

Bob Hohlfelder: "Kathryn and I have had a busy summer. I had a trip to Naples, Italy, in the early summer where I offered some lectures on the archaeology and ancient history of this region to a

group of Stanford students (future volcanologists and geophysicists). I also talked with various Italian colleagues about future archaeological and geophysical work in the Bay of Naples and the deeper waters off shore. There is an ancient city beneath the sea (Portus Julius) in the Gulf of Pozzuoli, the northern part of the Bay of Naples, that

has never been adequately explored, although I did some work there in 2006 around the submerged harbor mouth. I'd like very much to begin a systematic survey of the underwater remains and, if possible, begin to look for deep offshore shipwrecks using robotic technology. There is one wreck at a depth of approximately

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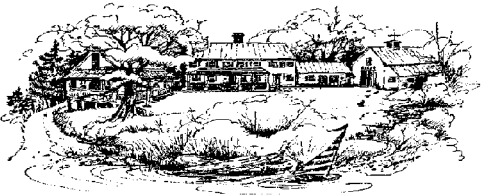
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150 meters that Italian archaeologists have recently discovered and have invited me to join in its survey. Since the Bay of Naples was Rome's most important gateway for maritime activities going to and from the eastern Mediterranean, I know there are many more ancient wrecks awaiting discovery in the maritime corridors leading to and from this important port.

"We also were blessed to have both of our European families visit us this summer . . . All together, we had at least one grandchild with us for six weeks, and we all survived quite nicely. Kathryn and I also had a quick trip to Port Clyde, Maine, to visit friends on Hupper Island before heading home. We had both families with us again for the Christmas season and for some skiing in the Vail Valley . . . A colleague of mine, who had retired before I did, once said to me that the best thing about retirement was that every day was like a Saturday and that you would quickly wonder how you ever had time to live while you were working. You know, I think he was right."

Bob LeMieux: "I turned seventy-eight in early August and closing in on eighty with the rest of you, I'm pleased to note that I cycled the twenty-five miles of carriage trails at Acadia this week and kept up with daughters and our recently-turned eight-year-old grandson. His job was even more difficult than mine as his bike weighs sixty percent of his weight with smaller tires. Very proud of the young lad

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and pleased that we both could master the mile-long uphill climbs. Acadia, celebrating its one hundredth anniversary, was splendidly beautiful and well attended."

Bob Smith: "We have had a very busy spring and summer. Bob Jr.'s son Alden graduated from Trinity College, and Lauren's daughter Jennifer graduated from Skidmore College on the same weekend in May. Then, in June, we had two other grandchildren graduate from high school. So, a lot of traveling back and forth to kids' homes and celebrations. We spent a great week on the Cape with Bob's family with their kids coming in for a couple of days between their summer jobs. Betsy and I have been quite involved with bringing into the US a young family from Syria, refugees from the brutality of the Assad regime. We initiated the effort just a year ago through our church and eleven months later they were sitting across from us in the living room of the new apartment in West Hartford.



Bowdoin basketball players Hugh O'Neil '19, Maddie Hasson '20, Sydney Hancock '17, and Tim Ahn '19 helped Charlie Prinn '61 celebrate his seventy-seventh birthday during a dinner graciously hosted by Prinn and his wife, Frances, during the College's winter break.

There is a long road ahead to get them assimilated into our world, but there is a team of people who are working hard to make this happen. It has been quite a moving experience to realize, even at our ages, you can make a meaningful contribution to make things better."

Bob Spencer: "Greetings from mild, sunny, dry Colorado—but with snow above 10,000 feet! The Spencers and the **Carl Smiths** enjoyed each other's company and had lunch a couple months back atop 'the Art,' a swanky new hotel here in Denver—this town's skyline is spreading in all directions. We just got back from Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts, where it was wet and somewhat cold, but warm friends and family compensated. **Steve Loebs** is doing very well in his recovery from injuries incurred in a serious car accident earlier this year. He and Sue are enjoying retirement



During a road trip to Canada, Bill Christmas '61 and Pete Hanson '61 couldn't find a Polar Bear in Ottawa so, as Bill says, they "found the next best thing—a Kodiak bear."

at Highland Green in Topsham and their summer residence on Mere Point. Campbell Road in West Bath was a destination to witness what is going on at 'The Farm,' where **Phil Wilson's** son **Chris '86** has undertaken a major restoration and expansion of the big house. The Dekes of the late '50s will recall many a good time 'farming.' The next day

we headed to **Bob LeMieux's** in Cumberland Foreside for breakfast—they make a mean (-ingful) popover. Both Bob and Libby are doing well. Then it was on to spending some good time reminiscing with Phil's widow Gail in Chelmsford, Massachusetts. Chris has also expanded the 'cottage' at the farm, where Gail spends idyllic

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Maine summers and winter takes her to Florida—she is on the move and doing well."

1961

Bill Christmas: "**Pete Hanson** and I just arrived back in the US after a two-week road trip to Canada. It was a nostalgic trip for me, because I spent the first six years of life in Canada. Ten years

ago, the Canadian government restored my citizenship so now I am a dual citizen, or as I like to say, 'I am a citizen of North America.' Pete was a good sport about indulging my desire to see all things Canadian. We made a big effort to visit as many brew pubs as possible and enjoyed some excellent pints. Our itinerary included Quebec City,

the Laurentide region north of Montreal, Ottawa, and the Lake Memphremagog area. According to the locals, this was an exceptional year for fall foliage, and we were there at its peak."

Mickey Coughlin: "Enjoyed seeing everyone at the 55th Reunion. Can the 60th be that far away? We had a wonderful summer here in paradise once

again. Not a drop of rain for three months and sunny skies all day with no temps above seventy-five degrees. In August, Sally and I celebrated our 1961 wedding (which took place, fondly, in the Bowdoin Chapel) back where it all started for the newlyweds—the Big Apple."

Dick Cutter: "This year Suzanne and I made two great trips, taking us to Thailand for my son's wedding in April, and more recently a two-week Tauck tour to Italy. I had been in Italy quite a bit when I was on active duty in the Navy and again about eight years ago, but this took us to Rome, Florence, and Venice. I have now been in Thailand four times and have been north to south with my son, who lives in Bangkok. We are thinking now that we should hit some of the National Parks here in the USA. Finally, my latest Bowdoin event was a great lunch at the Portland Country Club where our Class of '61 had an elegant luncheon in the great hall with a large group headed by **Charlie Prinn.**"

Steve Silverman: "Sorry we couldn't make the 55th. Had just returned from a trip to Venice, Croatia, and Montenegro and were still in another time zone. Had a great time. We think buildings in the US are old—we were in buildings in Croatia that were BC. I'm still practicing law, mostly commercial and residential real estate and products liability (working on a failed airbag case; very complicated for us non-physics majors). One of my many hobbies is photography. We have two

"There were roughly 200 in my class—lifelong friendships were formed. Giving back is a way to acknowledge how much Bowdoin meant to all of us."

—Bill Hughes '64

Bill says his Bowdoin education prepared him well for Harvard Law and his later career in real estate. He and his husband, Dave, are based in California. Despite this distance, Bill feels connected to Bowdoin and is particularly proud of the College's achievements concerning diversity and inclusiveness.

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kids: Lisa is in publishing in New York City and about to get married, and Aaron is an IT guy in Florida and coaching my grandson Payton's middle school basketball team. Not sure who my grandson gets his basketball gifts from—certainly not me."

Dave Taylor: "Not much news except for reporting therapeutically effective results for taking 7,000 IU of vitamin D on a daily basis which has helped decrease six years of chronic back pain for me... Missed the Reunion because I returned from a three-week European cruise three days before and did not relish two heavy days of driving to Brunswick. Expecting to have aortic valve replacement surgery in the near future . . . Climbing to the top, approximately 387 steps (the size of Winthrop Hall's), of Mont St. Michel was an event!"

1962 REUNION

Fred Hill “published two new books in July. *Ships, Swindlers, and Scalded Hogs: The Rise and Fall of the Crooker Shipyard in Bath, Maine* (Down East Books), is a thoroughly-researched account of his family’s mid-nineteenth-century shipyard, a book that Dugan Shipway, former president of Bath Iron Works, calls “a compelling saga of the heritage of shipbuilding in Maine. The second is a book of essays on the better days of *The Baltimore Sun*, for which I was a foreign correspondent and editorial writer for twenty years. *The Life of Kings; The Baltimore Sun in the Golden Age of the*

American Newspaper (Rowman & Littlefield) was co-edited with Stephens Broening, also a former editor and foreign correspondent. Judy Woodruff, co-anchor of the *PBS News Hour*, said 'If you have any doubt about the necessity of the American newspaper, you must sit down with *The Life of Kings*.' NPR's David Greene called it 'rich, entertaining reading

for anyone with a stake in the American newspaper—which is all of us.’ My essay covered investigative stories I did in the 1970s that led to convictions of high Maryland officials and indirectly to the resignation of Vice President Spiro T. Agnew. Both books are available in bookstores and online.”

Christian Potholm, Bowdoin's

DeAlva Stanwood Alexander
Professor of Government, recently
published *Understanding War: An
Annotated Bibliography* (Roman
& Littlefield, 2016), volume three
of his war trilogy, which also
includes *Winning at War: 7 Keys
to Military Victory Throughout
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Littlefield, 2015). "*Understanding War* provides a most workable bibliography dealing with the vast literature on war and warfare. As such, it provides insights into over 3000 works on this overwhelmingly extensive material. *Understanding War* is thus the most comprehensive annotated bibliography available today." *From the Publisher.*

Peter Webster: "In January, Frances and **Charlie Prinn '61** hosted four members from Bowdoin basketball teams at their home in Yarmouth, Maine. We took a moment from the discussion of basketball to acknowledge and celebrate Charlie's seventy-seventh birthday. **Hugh O'Neil '19, Maddie Hasson '20, Sydney**

Hancock '17, and Tim Ahn '19 provided a reaffirmation of the outstanding character of the current Bowdoin student-athletes—they were intelligent, courteous, engaged, and with healthy views of self. Well done, Bowdoin."

1965

Phil McDowell: "In September

I traveled to Stockholm to visit my roommate and classmate **Hans Hedde '67**, who spent our junior year at Bowdoin as an exchange student. We roomed together in the Psi U house along with **Pete Engster**. Hans and his wife Marris were gracious hosts. We toured Stockholm and environs, plus the Swedish archipelago, where he has a summer home.

While scanning our yearbook, we discovered a picture of Hans in a passionate embrace on the dance floor. Fortunately, Marris was amused."

1966

Doug Hotchkiss: “The Class of 1966 Reunion was a great success with well over a hundred classmates in attendance. [We] awarded **Skip Applin** a Bowdoin Bear candy bar—the prize for least distance traveled from Topsham, Maine. **Dick Lee** was honored with a tiny Polar Bear for trekking the furthest from Brisbane, Australia.”



1968


Peter Hayes has released his latest book, *Why? Explaining the Holocaust*, an exploration of one of the most tragic events in human history. The work is structured around a series of basic questions, and “tackles each with authoritative ease, making for a book that’s both readable and revealing.” Hayes has been teaching students about the Holocaust throughout his thirty-six years as a history

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Jef Boeke '76, H'98 is many things—husband and father, singer and musician, Mainer and New Yorker, beekeeper and beyond. During his day job, he serves as the director of the Institute for Systems Genetics and a professor of biochemistry and molecular pharmacology at NYU School of Medicine.

We design chromosomes on a computer, program them to perform specific tasks, and then build them from scratch.

Using software, we can design an entire chromosome in minutes. My colleagues and I have built DNA molecules of nearly one million DNA "letters" in length.

We recently built a number of chromosomes in the brewer's yeast. This microorganism is special because it is more closely related to humans than are, say, bacteria, which makes it a great model for understanding what's going on "under the hood."

The custom yeast chromosomes can "teach us new biology" and be put to practical work—turning the yeast into special factories to produce chemical compounds such as pharmaceuticals and pesticides; or complex chemicals useful as medicines, vaccines, and biomaterials; and building custom chromosomes to engineer the genomes of plants and animals, or even human stem cells.

A Watson Fellowship after college enabled me to make a collection of over 3,000 types of Andean tropical plants, now distributed in herbaria across the world—including Bowdoin's small collection! Interest in their pollination led to a passion for beekeeping.

When I came to Bowdoin I was a budding singer and instrumentalist. For the last thirty-five-plus years I've been playing and occasionally performing with the Southern Blots, a bluegrass-Celtic fusion band. We just cut our second CD, titled *Deep Sequences*.

I'm a regular on campus thanks to the fact that my wife, Susanne Utzschneider (Boeke) '77, and I own a house in Harpswell, and our daughter Annabel '12 is a recent graduate.

I just finished *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren. If you're interested in what makes a scientist tick, read it!

Photo: Courtesy of NYU Langone Medical Center

professor at Northeastern University. He has collaborated on numerous Holocaust-related publications and currently chairs the academic committee of the Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum. He was instrumental in creating

the Holocaust Educational Foundation's biannual Lessons and Legacies Conference, a premier forum for the field of Holocaust studies, as well as the Summer Institute on the Holocaust and Jewish Civilization, which has graduated more than five hundred fellows who have gone on to teach at

universities around the world. Though he recently retired from that post, he continues to bring those lessons to a new, wider audience in lectures and events all over the world, as warning that what happened in the past has implications for the future. *From an Evanston, Illinois, Northwestern Magazine feature article, Winter 2016.*

1969

Ralph Pope's book, *Mosses, Liverworts, and Hornworts: A Field Guide to Common Bryophytes of the Northeast*, was released December, 2016, by Cornell University Press. "This photo-based field guide to the more common or distinctive bryophytes of northeastern North America gives beginners the tools they need to identify most specimens without using a compound microscope. Pope's inviting text and helpful photographs cover not only the 'true' mosses but also the peat mosses, liverworts, and hornworts." *From the publisher.*

1978

Barbara Stetson Vanamee: "Well, I never thought becoming a grandmother would be so wonderful! My daughter, Dr. Sophie Todd, has a daughter Lucy (five) and son Benjamin (one). Thank goodness they live in Camden, Maine, so near us. My son Nick was married this summer and is attending law school. Having a doctor and a lawyer in the family sounds so traditional but it is awesome. Finally, my youngest, Emma, is

fourteen and a typical fourteen-year-old! But I keep reminding myself I am older and wiser."

1979

Leslie Anderson: "I am happy to announce the publication of my new book, *Democratization by Institutions: Argentina's Transition Years in Comparative Perspective*, out with the University of Michigan Press. I have [also] been awarded a Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities. My project is entitled 'Democratic Enclaves in Times of Trouble: The Politics of Resistance in Nicaragua.' I am currently a Research Foundation Professor at the University of Florida."

1980

"Sherin and Lodgen LLP recently announced that **Douglas M. Henry** was selected for inclusion in the listing of 2016 Massachusetts Super Lawyers, a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than seventy practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The list was published as a special supplement in *Boston* magazine and in *New England Super Lawyers*." *From a Trevi Communications press release, November 4, 2016.*

Dave Prouty, General Counsel for the Major League Baseball Players Association (MLBPA), helped broker a new collective bargaining agreement between Major League Baseball (MLB)



Seven members of the Class of 1981 crossed the pond to walk the ninety-six-mile West Highland Way in Scotland. Showing Bowdoin pride at the end of the hike in Fort Williams are Dave Barnes '81, Dave Dankens '81, John Hickling '81, Dan Spears '81, Pete Larcom '81, Bill Parkin '81, and Joe Cogguillo '81.



Every September, the Noble family moves their cattle herd from "summer pasture" in the mountains back to the home ranch in Cora, Wyoming, for the winter. Last September, there were five alumni helping make the thirty-five-plus-mile trip on horseback: Ann Chambers Noble '82, Andrea Noble '15, Eric Levenson '15, Matt Collins '15, and Oliver Klingenstein '15. Ann reports that "it was a beautiful day, and all the cows, horses, and Polar Bears made it home safely and happily!"

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“I learned early on as a lawyer that being decent was a great strategy.”

Photo by Brian Wedge '97

The law matters. Legal disputes are all about what happens to people in the real world. While I love the rigor and academic aspects of the law, in the end, it’s about helping people solve their real-world problems.

A good judge is interested, listens, and ultimately resolves disputes. Traditionally this means hearing the parties, understanding the facts, and applying the appropriate legal analysis to decide disputes. As a judge, I also have learned to be mindful of context and—where possible—to facilitate resolution through a mediated model. This can lead to resolutions not possible within the confines of the traditional judicial process.

As a lawyer, I learned early on that being decent was not only the right thing, but also was a great strategy. Treating people with courtesy and respect—even if it is not always reciprocated in the heat of the moment—works. Active listening enabled me to better understand the other side’s interests—and to reach better outcomes for my clients. There’s a mediation exercise that I teach. It is set on a desert island with a fixed stock of oranges. Everyone wants the oranges, and they must negotiate to get them. If the participants move beyond “winning” the most oranges, and instead talk and listen to each other, the exercise reveals that one person wants the peels, and the other wants the fruit to make juice. Their interests don’t actually conflict; they just appeared to conflict. It shows that parties can miss “win-win” solutions when they don’t listen.

When I was a federal prosecutor, a colleague once said: “Every decision we make is consequential for the individuals we touch, and most people don’t have that privilege.” I think about that often, and even more so now as a judge.

I’m a “wall-of-quotes” person. My workspace is surrounded by quotes. Near my desk is the Barry Mills manifesto. It’s wonderful. I don’t always live up to it, but its message of humility, effort, staying connected, humor, and working for the common good captures what I truly want to be in the world.

It may sound odd, but I think of my life as having been shaped by the things I *wasn’t* interested in. I try a lot of things. I read broadly across many topics. I’m interested in almost everything—at least conceptually. By trying different things, I learned what wasn’t interesting (to me) and ultimately found what was.

I work a lot! But when I’m not working, I’m often in Napa, reading voraciously, growing tomatoes, making a little wine, curing olives, preserving lemons—I love do-it-yourself projects.

As a judge, people are rarely in a happy place when coming to see me. I joke that I’m in the “misery business.” I’m a fan of the Peter Weir film *The Year of Living Dangerously*, and I love this quote from the Billy Kwan character: “[d]o whatever you can about the misery that’s in front of you. Add your light to the sum of light.” As a judge and as a person, that’s what I try to do: add my light to the sum of light.



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and the player’s union in late November that will keep MLB on the field for twenty-six consecutive years without a work stoppage since the 1994-95 players’ strike that canceled the 1994 World Series.

1983

Deborah Foote: “I moved to Florida in June, 2016, to be closer to my immediate family. Hated to leave Colorado but have had the chance to spend some time with many fellow classmates including **Jane Kimball Warren, Whitney Sanford, Sue Fischer, Sue**



Todd Marshman '86, Henry Moniz '86, Tom Roos '86, and John Stookey '86 (photobombing over Tom’s shoulder) enjoying a Patriots game at Gillette Stadium, courtesy of Tom’s season tickets.



Captain Greg Smith '87, fleet judge advocate for the US Pacific Fleet stationed at the US Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, captured this photo of the USS Halsey passing through the bridge to Ford Island during events commemorating Pearl Harbor Day in December.

Class News

Schneider, Judy Ocker, Kathy Coffin, and Al Khoury. There is an upside to being back on the East Coast!"

1985

"**Hugh Gorman**, a partner in the Boston law firm Prince Lobel Tye LLP, has been selected by *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* as one of its 2016 Lawyers of The Year. Gorman, a construction and commercial law litigator, was recognized for his work representing Federal Concrete, a woman-owned construction business enterprise, in a lawsuit brought against the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Administration and Finance and the State's Supplier Diversity Office (SDO)." *From a Prince Lobel Tye press release January 13, 2017.*

1991

Matthew Rogers: "I was recognized as a President's Club advisor at Raymond James and Associates, Inc. for 2016. My team provides financial planning, portfolio management, and multi-generational family wealth management."

"**Sarah Jane Shanahan**, attorney at Boston-based Sherin and Lodgen, received the Perlman Service Award from the Fellows of the Litigation Counsel of America (LCA) in recognition of her significant achievements in advocacy, as well as her service to the community and bar. Shanahan is chair of Sherin and Lodgen's litigation department and co-chair of

the business litigation practice group. Her practice focuses on complex business litigation and insurance coverage disputes. The LCA is an invitation-only trial lawyer honorary society, limited to just 3,500 fellows nationwide, established to reflect the new face of the American bar." *From a Serin and Lodgen press release, December 7, 2016.*

1993

Brian Berlandi, partner at Berlandi Nussbaum & Reitzas LLP (BNR) recently extended congratulations to the firm's client, G&G Productions LLC, on the December 23, 2016, release of the motion picture *Silence*. Written by Martin Scorsese and Jay Cocks, and directed by Scorsese, *Silence* is a historical drama film based on the 1966

novel of the same name by Shusaku Endo. The film was shot entirely in Taipei, Taiwan, and stars Andrew Garfield, Adam Driver, Liam Neeson, Tadanobu Asano, and Ciarán Hinds. The film premiered in Vatican City on November 30, 2016. "This is a momentous occasion," said Berlandi, who represented G&G on the licensing of the film rights. "It took a great deal of effort among the parties involved to reach this point, and the result is another incredible movie starring a fantastic cast, which was directed by one of Hollywood's greatest directors." BNR is a general practice law firm based in New York City specializing in corporate, real estate, litigation matters, and media/entertainment. BNR's entertainment practice focuses

on the music, motion picture, television, sports, Internet, digital media, publishing, and theatre industries. *From a Berlandi Nussbaum & Reitzas press release, December 9, 2016.*

1995

Maria Bulzacchelli: "This past summer I moved back to Baltimore to take a faculty position at Johns Hopkins. I am enjoying my new role as director of the undergraduate public health studies program here. I'd love to connect with other Polar Bears in the area!"

"Business attorney **Kevan Lee Deckelmann** has been elected to the board of directors of Bernstein Shur, one of northern New England's largest law firms. Deckelmann, a

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longtime advocate for women leaders, becomes the fourth female attorney on the firm's eight-member board of directors. In addition to her professional qualifications, Deckelmann is an accomplished legal writer, having won the Wernick Prize for Legal Writing and served as the former executive editor of the *Maine Law Review*. She is

also widely known for her role on the Maine Bar Association's committee charged with revising Maine's limited liability statute, and also serves on the board of Women Standing Together, a non profit that promotes entrepreneurship and leadership among women." *From a Bernstein Shur press release, November 21, 2016.*

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1997 REUNION

Brendan Fowler: "I have been named partner at the law firm Perkins Coie, where I focus my practice primarily in the area of telecommunications and technology. My extensive regulatory-related experience includes representing wireless, cable, telecommunications, and information technology clients in administrative proceedings and enforcement actions before the Federal Communications Commission, state regulatory agencies, and in federal court."

1999

Joshua Wernig: "2016 [was] a memorable year! Both Meghan (Holy Cross '02) and I started new jobs, moved, and welcomed our newest little Polar Bear into the family; Greta Lee Wernig, born July 14, 2016, in Boston, Massachusetts."

2001

"Phinney Design Group, a multi-disciplinary architecture, interior design, and construction management firm located in Saratoga Springs, New York, has



Joshua Wernig '99 and his wife, Meghan (Holy Cross '02), welcomed Greta Lee into their family on July 14, 2016.

promoted **James L. Brown** to vice president/creative director. James is a licensed architect with over fourteen years of experience in architectural design, development, and construction services. He excels in bringing a sensible, client-focused approach to design problems. His talents for graceful detailing and drive to create projects of lasting worth have resulted in numerous national design awards and publications." *From a Phinney Design Group press release, October 10, 2016.*

Lucas Burke, and **Jessica Gray Kelley** were recently ranked as rising stars on the list of 2016 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars, a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than seventy practice areas. "The selection process is multi-phased and includes independent research, peer nominations and evaluations that identify a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement." Burke is an attorney with Davis, Malm & D'Agostine PC. Kelley practices business litigation with Sherin and Lodgen LLC. The results were published in November 2016 in *Boston* magazine and in *New England Super Lawyers*. *From a Boston, Massachusetts, Trevi Communications press release, November 4, 2016.*

2002 REUNION

"In November, 2016, Robinson+Cole announced the election of five new partners, effective January 1, 2017, including **Brian M. Flaherty**. Flaherty is a member of the firm's business transactions group and

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is located in their Boston office. His practice involves representing privately- and publicly-held companies in all aspects of corporate and transactional law, including mergers and acquisitions, private equity and venture transactions, debt financings, joint ventures, and general corporate matters." *From a Boston, Massachusetts, Robinson+Cole press release, November, 2016.*

2003

Rick Binelli and his wife, Jennifer, welcomed their second son, Nathan Richard Binelli, on August 24, 2016. "He weighed eight pounds, fourteen ounces and joined his big brother John, who is two years old."

Dominique Alepin Johnson: "I was recently appointed the Assistant Regional Director for the Western Region of the Federal Trade Commission, stationed in Los Angeles. The FTC's office in LA focuses on consumer protection and antitrust matters."

2004

Akira Shishido: "Geoff Cole '08 and I just graduated from post-grad medical training at Walter Reed in Bethesda, Maryland. Geoff is now a Navy cardiologist working at Walter Reed and I'm an Army internal medicine doc deploying with First Special Forces Group for Operation Inherent Resolve. We also both played lacrosse but never overlapped while we were at Bowdoin."

2006

Ford Gurall '04 and **Abigail Daley Gurall** are delighted to

announce the birth of their son, Jack Hawken Gurall, who came into the world on August 30, 2016.

Abbie Mitchell: "On June 18, 2016, Stephen MacKinnon and I were married in the Bowdoin College Chapel. Bowdoin was the perfect setting and the campus looked fabulous!"

2007 REUNION

Jacqueline Linnane: "Josh (DeNutte, Temple University '07) and I have been living in Sydney, Australia, for the past four years, and recently flew back to our home state of New Hampshire in August! We were married at the lovely Governor John Langdon House in Portsmouth. We are looking forward to our trip to Bowdoin for the Class of 2007's ten-year Reunion!"

2009

Kelly Thomas '09: "Devin Walsh '10 and I were married at Marianmade Farm in Wiscasset, Maine, on June 18, 2016, surrounded by loved ones, lupine

fields, and many fellow Polar Bears. Our romance started in Baxter House, took us to California for six years, and recently home to the East Coast for Devin to complete his orthopedic residency in Providence, Rhode Island."

Sam Tung: "This past year I was accepted into the Art Director's Guild after storyboarding on *The Dark Tower* in Cape Town, South Africa. I recently got engaged to Stephanie Steele (Georgetown '06). I'm storyboarding films and commercials out of Los Angeles, though we'll be moving near San Diego as my fiancé is taking a job at the San Diego Zoo. If you're ever in southern California don't be a stranger!"

2010

Jane Koopman: "Several Bowdoin (and BOC!) alums—**Sarah Johnson '13, Dave Wells '11, Kit Hamley '10, Jane Koopman '10, and Pete Wadden '09**—cashed in on a lucky permit for a private trip

down the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon in September, 2016. Thanks to **Mike Woodruff '87** for all of the paddling skills!"

2011

Devlin Cole recently graduated from Case Western Medical School receiving the Neuroscience Award from the Cleveland Clinic. Devlin will be doing a three-year pediatric residency in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Lauren Wilwerding and **Jamie Cohen** welcomed their



Navy cardiologist Geoff Cole '08 and Army internal medicine doctor Akira Shishodo '04 pose after completing their post-graduate medical training at Walter Reed in Maryland.



Mara Caruso Henckler '03 and Aaron Henckler (Colby '03) welcomed new addition Griffin Penn Henckler to the Polar Bear family on October 27, 2016.



Ford Gurall '04 and Abigail Daley Gurall '06 are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Jack Hawken Gurall, who came into the world on August 30, 2016.

Emily Mullins • Serious About Technology and Marketing—and Brunch

Ever since graduating from Bowdoin with a double major in history and political science, Emily Mullins '09 has been fascinated with the fast-paced digital world around her. After working for tech start-ups in Boston and San Francisco, she was recruited by Sadie Wieschhoff '04 to lead digital business development at shoe giant Reebok, where she gets to be "an entrepreneur in a big company."

I wanted to be at the forefront of technology, marketing, and software. I'm able to place into perspective all that I learned in technology and in the start-up world and put it to work on behalf of my role at an established retailer.

One part of my Bowdoin experience, like that of so many of my classmates, was sports and outdoor activities. Working at a sports company like Reebok was a natural fit. My specific work is to find the newest and best digital companies for Reebok to partner with, so that we move the company forward, keeping in mind the history of who we are and where we came from.

My fondest Bowdoin memories are sitting in Thorne after brunch on Sundays. We would just hang around for hours (delaying the inevitable homework) and laugh about the nights and days before. Life was (and is) great being with the people you love!

Outside of my work, I feel most fulfilled when I'm connected to my family and friends. I continue to be inspired every day by the companies they're building (or have built) and the successes they've already had at such young ages. When I scroll through Instagram, there are new companies, achievements, and amazing experiences that pop up every day from Bowdoin grads. From Amanda Allen '09's races, to Bryan Holden '09's seafood company [Luke's Lobsters] and furniture, to Emma Reilly '09's new raincoat company, to my sister Julia Straus's skin care company, the list goes on and on. I'm so proud to call them my classmates and family.

When I'm not working, you'll find me running along the Charles River in Boston. After playing lacrosse in Maine, no weather can keep me off the running paths. I'll bump into friends and colleagues along the way. The best part? After that long run comes the delicious brunch. Charlie's in the South End is my go-to. I guess it's an attempt at replicating my Sunday brunches at Thorne—though I know those are irreplaceable.



Photo by Webb Chappell

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son, Leo Douglas Bryan Cohen, into their family in Brookline, Massachusetts, on November 3, 2016.

2012

Jordan Payne: "Colin Hay '10" and I got married on November 12, 2016, in Portland, Maine, surrounded by great friends, family, and a beautiful sunset. We

met during date week at Bowdoin in 2009 and had our first date at Scarlett B's. Colin proposed on the Eastern Promenade in 2015. Colin and I are both attorneys in Maine. We also co-coach the Bowdoin Mock Trial Team."

2013

"The nation's medical students have elected **David Bernstein**,

a current MD/MBA student at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry and Simon Business School, as the next national chair-elect of the Association of American Medical Colleges' Organization of Student Representatives (AAMC OSR). In his new role, David will help lead his peers and provide the student voice to the AAMC, a prominent national organization dedicated to serving and supporting academic medicine and the health of all Americans. His position is a three-year term in which he will function in a

number of national leadership capacities, including serving on the AAMC OSR administrative board, sitting on the group on student affairs steering committee, guiding national efforts to improve academic medicine, and planning long-term strategies for success within the organization. In addition, he will be a sounding board for all medical students with concerns or queries regarding academic medicine." *From a University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry press release, November 30, 2016.*



Lauren Wilwerding '11 and Jamie Cohen '11 welcomed their son, Leo Douglas Bryan Cohen, into their family on November 3, 2016.



Former BOC-ers Sarah Johnson '13, Dave Wells '11, Kit Hamley '10, Jane Koopman '10, and Pete Wadden '09 on the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon, October 9, 2016.

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Nadja Shaw • Connected to Community



"I recognized that education was, in my mind, a way of breaking systems of oppression."

An assignment with Teach for America at a school in Dallas, Texas, shortly after graduating from Bowdoin deepened Nadja Shaw '12's belief that a good education could reduce social inequalities. Two years later, she returned to New York to help found Achievement First North Brooklyn Prep, an elementary charter school, where she was also a teacher and dean. She's working now with Teach for America, designing leadership development curricula to train New York City teachers, and will graduate in May from Columbia University with a master's degree in sociology and education.

I am very passionate about kids and want to make sure the right adults are in front of them with the right mindsets and dispositions, especially if they're going into low-income communities. Often, new teachers go in with deficit-based understandings of the community, thinking they're saviors. However, I want teachers to be connected to the communities where they are teaching—to be fully engaged and understand the successes and strengths and systems of oppression and empowerment.

I decided to help found a school because I wanted to be part of the decision making and creation of a school culture. I wanted to create a place where kids felt loved and cared for, where they could meet challenges and persevere through those challenges, and feel pride about where they have come from.

My degree from Bowdoin is more than a piece of paper. My mother didn't finish college—she had me when she was a sophomore. I blamed myself for her not finishing, so from kindergarten forward I said, "I am graduating from college for my mom." At my Bowdoin graduation, I hugged Barry Mills on stage. We looked over at my mom together. It was this great moment, when I finally achieved the goal I had been talking about for so many years.

At Bowdoin, I was a sociology major, and my first sociology class was when I gained the language to understand myself. It was the first time I had the vocabulary to define the unfairness I saw when I traveled between boarding school and Harlem. I was interested in understanding the problem of why some people get opportunities and others don't. As a Mellon Mays Fellow, I thought I would go into a PhD program to become a sociologist. But I decided that I wanted firsthand experiences within communities, to understand the problem at more than just an intellectual level. I recognized that education was, in my mind, a way of breaking systems of oppression.

I didn't think I would become an educator, but then I taught and saw the role and the power of teachers. I watched kids grow and thrive and saw them become self-advocates. Once you meet the children and see how inspiring they are and how every single one is a little genius in their own way, it pulls your heartstrings and you're in education forever.

Photo by Karsten Moran '05

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1 Kelly Thomas '09 and Devin Walsh '10 were married at Marianmade Farm in Wiscasset, Maine, on June 18, 2016. Pictured: Jack Dingess '09, Carter Butland '10, Jenna Diggs '10, Chris Ryan '10, Reid Auger '10, Adam Tracy '10, Ben Larkins '09, Emily Swaim Ranaghan '09, Lola Chenyek '09, Kat Flaherty '11, Alison Sarokhan '09, Oliver Kell '10, Kelly and Devin, Karen Reni '09, Doria Cole '09, Kaitlin Fairweather '09, Emily Doyle '09, Christina Denitzio Delaporte '09, Keri Forbringer Hetherman '10, Dan Hetherman '09, Eric Chenelle '10, Jamie Paul Chenelle '10, Joe Pace '10, Jill Henrikson Pace '12, and Larkin Brown '10.

2 Carolyn Hricko '08 and Michael Igoe '07 were married at the Linekin Bay Resort in Boothbay Harbor, Maine, on September 13, 2014. Pictured: Steve Shennan '12, Carolyn and Michael, James

Nylund '06, Katherine Parét '08, Elizabeth Shaw '08, Emily Hricko '06, Victoria Hricko '12, Cait Polistena '07, Diem Ha '08, Toby Crawford '07, Michael Peiser '07, Matt Nickel '07, Mark Viehman '07, Armand Gottlieb '07, John Greene '07, Eric Robinson '07, Rob Burns '07, Jeb Bobseine '07, Dave York '07, and Adam Paltrineri '07.

3 Nina Shrayner '06 and Margaret Griffith '07 were married on October 1, 2016, at the Newagen Seaside Inn in Southport, Maine. Pictured: James Nylund '06, Amy Ear '07, Emily Hricko '06, Rachel Grobstein '06, Kelly Orr '06, Margaret and Nina, Leslie Wittenbraker '06, Aubrey Brick '05, Lindsay Pettingill '02, Emily Sheffield '06, Z-Z Cowen '08, Daphne Leveriza Fay '07, Carrie Miller '08, Naomi Kordak '07, Sara Utzschneider '07, Emily Skinner '08, Margaret

Munford '07, Nicole Melas '07, Brendan Mortimer '06, Rogan McCally '08, Kiernan Willet '07, Laura Sartori '06, and Vanessa Lind '06.

4 Caroline Bader '09 married Nicholas Swerdlow (Bates College '09) in an outdoor ceremony in Beverly, Massachusetts, on May 29, 2016. Pictured: Meredith Borner '09, Kelly Overbye '09, Charles Stern '09, Caroline and Nicholas, Claire Lewkowicz '09, Jessica Paris Fallick '09, and Courtney LaPierre Grater '09.

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5 Luke Mondello '10 and Kate Emerson '10 were married on October 8, 2016, in Buxton, Maine. Pictured: Tucker Colvin '13, Mark Bellis '10, Meggie Macleod '10, George Aumoithe '11, Louis Weeks '11, Brian Wu '11, Gil Birney (crew coach), Edie Hazard Birney '83, Jamey Anderson '10, Cal Pershan '12, Simon Ou '10, Chris Adams-Wall '10, Brooks Winner '10, Sean Morris '10, Tim Fuderich '10, Liz Kirby Fuderich '10, Sarah Ebel '10, Jeff Emerson '70, Stephanie Williams '10, Andrew Otton '11, Becca Schouvieller '10, Kate and Luke, Molly Taft '11, Christine Buckland '12, Hadrian Kinnear '12, Chelsea Noble '12, Al Hyde '10, Caroline Bader '09, Maggie Kate Myall (Bowdoin staff), Zarine Alam '10, Keri Forbringer Hetherman '10, Ellie Stevenson '10, Dan Hetherman '09, and PJ Paige-Jeffers '10. Behind the camera: Hannah Welling (crew coach).

6 Katie Stewart '12 and Peter Braunohler '11 were married in Oxford, Maryland, on May 28, 2016. Pictured: Rose O'Connell '12, Paulina Borrego '12, Celeste Swain '12, Chelsea Albright '12, Danielle Abrams '12, Nicole Coombes '12, Anna Tachau '12, Emily Upton-Davis '12, Jill Berkman '12, Caroline Dewar '12, Hope Gimbel '12, Katie and Peter, Elisa Cecere '12, Taylor Escajeda '12, Libby Spalding '12, Andrew Coleman '11, Julie Andrews Coleman '11, Brian Wu '11, Will Albuquerque '11, Bobby Fisher '11, Mike Mitchell '11, Sam Epstein '11, Kaitlin Raymond '11, Jonny "Cakes" Weighter '11, Tim Anderson '11, Bryce Lednar '11, and Tanu Kumar '12.

7 James Neely '10 and Alexandra Reed '10 were married on July 3, 2016, at St. Mark's Church in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. Pictured: Alex Caughron '09, Kyle Mikami '10, Elaine Tsai '10, Mark Bellis '10, Alexandra and James, Meggie Macleod '10, Zoë Anaman '10, Connie Chi '10, and Ian Yaffe '09.

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8 Benjamin Rachlin '08 married Jaclyn Nguyen at Kualoa Ranch, Hawaii, on October 8, 2016. Michael Tillotson '08 served as best man, and Christopher Jacob '09 as a groomsman. Pictured: Jason Lewis '06, Jessica Horstkotte '08, Jaclyn and Benjamin, Michael, and Christopher.

9 Anne Riley '08 married Benjamin Moffat (Miami University '07) on November 19, 2016, at the Engineers Club in Baltimore, Maryland. Pictured: Bobby Guerette '07, Beth Kowitt '07, Carrie Miller '08, Karsten Moran '05, Rogan McCally '08, Z-Z Cowen '08, Laura Belden '08, Debbie Theodore '08, Benjamin and Anne, Emily Skinner '08, Clara Cantor '08, and Douglas Riley '75.

10 Thomas DiDonato '12 married Vicky Wu (Harvard '09) on October 8, 2016, at the Harvard Club of New York City. Pictured: Tim McGarry '13, Paul Steinberg '12, Erik Olson '12, Steve Bayer '12, David Mandelbaum '12, Sam Martin '12, Richard Nerland '12, Jillian Berkman '12, Augusta Rice '14, Sarah Vallimaescu '12, Jeff Fanning '11, Ursula Munger '15, Jack Burkhardt '11, Dan Weiniger '13, Jordan Lalor '12, Ollie Koo '14, Graham Sisson '12, Al Milley '13, and Ben Tsujiura '12.

11 Chris Wilson '86 and **Kathryn Sargent '84** were married on November 28, 2015, in Portland, Maine, and friends and family celebrated in West Bath on August 13, 2016. Pictured: Tony Stais '87, Chris Avery '85, Web Shaffer '87, Scott Kennedy '87, Katie Philbrick Vorenberg '85, Roger Selverstone '85, David Houston '84, Chris and

Kathryn, Faith Perry '86, George Pess '87, Ann Thorne Bagala '86, Peter Stackpole '67, Lynne Stackpole Tripp '94, Sean Carnathan '86, and Mark Swann '84.

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12 Jacqueline Linnane '07 and Joshua DeNutte (Temple University '07) were married at the Governor John Langdon House in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, on August 20, 2016. Pictured: Mike Terry '07, Adam Chang Jiang '08, Katherine Wen '10, Brandon Bouchard '07, Josh and Jackie, Emily Burton Kasprak '08, Nick Kasprak '08, Hayley King Sangillo '08, and Peter Rocco '07. Not pictured: Kathleen Callaghy '07 and Megan Brunmier Marsh '08.

13 Kate Leonard '07 married Brian Straub (Clarkson University '08) at the Hamilton House in South Berwick, Maine, on September 10, 2016. Pictured: Burgess LePage '07, Jayme Woogerd '07, Sarah Horn '07, Brian and Kate, Susan Morris '07, Sheryl Stevens Pleiss '07, Meaghan Tanguay White '07, Meghan Gillis '07, and Jill Campbell '11.

14 Colin Hay '10 and **Jordan Payne '12** were married on November 12, 2016, at the Ocean Gateway in Portland, Maine. Pictured: DJ Hatch '11, Emily Hricko '06, Amanda Gartside Kim '12, Jordan and Colin, Ally Kuriloff '12, Anna Tachau '12, Lizzy Tarr '12, Damon Hall '09, Ken LeClair '77, Libby Wilcosky Lee '10, Eric Lee '08, Lily Rudd '12, and Laura Kerry '12.

15 Stan Berkow '11 married **Christina Argueta '11** on September 24, 2016, at Fort Williams Park in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, with a reception afterward at Grace in Portland. Pictured: Colin Ogilvie '12, Greg Talpey '14, Tim Anderson '11, Tyler Lonsdale '08, Andrew Fried '08, Courtney Eustace '08, Archie Abrams '09, Patrick Pierce '08, Thompson Ogilvie '10, Matthew Hillard '12, Ali Chase '09, Dana Riker '10, John

Hall '08, Sam Seekins '14, Olivia MacKenzie '13, Charlie Berdahl '11 (who also officiated), Holly Jacobson '11, Michelle Lawson '12, Colman Hatton '10, Andy del Calvo '12, Amy Ahearn '08, Molly Porcher '13, Christina and Stan, and Coach Peter Slovenski. Not pictured: Ken Akiha '08.

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16 Laura Newcomb '11 and **Andy Bell '11** were married on September 17, 2016, in Cranford, New Jersey. Pictured: Cory Elowe '11, Emily Tong '11, Deja Williams '11, Mika Matsuchi '11, Shirley Wu '11, Anna Nicol '11, Grace Hyndman '11, Brian Lohotsky '11, Andy and Laura, Sarah Dale '11, Rohit Sangal '11, Elsie Thomson '11, Ginger Leone '11, Danielle Marias '10, Allison Chan '11, Doug Belden '81, and Betsy Belden '80.

17 Martha Royston '08 married Basel Saad on December 31, 2015, in New Haven, Connecticut. Pictured: Laura Armstrong Swann '08, Emilie McKenna Pandullo '08, Morgan Pile '08, Ingrid Anid '08, Courtney Camps '08, Kerry Twombly Ballinger '08, Martha and Basel, Hanne Wieschhoff '08, Kate Herlihy '08, Ellen Shuman '76, Laura Small '08, Emily

Keneally Cotter '08, Hannah Weil McKinley '08, Thomas McKinley '06, Kate Thomas '08, and Leslie Bridgers '06.

18 Courtney Colantuno '12 married Andrew Criezis (Tufts University '10) on September 10, 2016, in Marblehead, Massachusetts. Pictured: Kara Nilan Raymond '11, Kevin Raymond '11, Annie Huyler '12, Caroline Dewar '12, Amy Hackett '12, Kyle LeBlanc '14, Courtney and Andrew, Nicole Coombes '12, Rose O'Connell '12, Paige DeMalie Rockett '86, and Hilary Rockett '86.

19 Armin Drake '08 and **Virginia Dawson '08** were married on September 17, 2016, at the Onwensia Club in Lake Forest, Illinois. Pictured: Sarah Lewis '08, Kerry Twombly '08, Laura Small '08, Michael Buckley '07,

Courtney Camps '08, Virginia and Armin, Seth Gabbaro '07, Jeff Miller '74, Michael Giordano '08, Alden Drake '15, Peter Drake '76, Andrew Sinnenburg '08, Gordon Convery '08, Joshua Miller '08, and Noah Buntman '08.

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20 Joelinda Coichy '11 married Spencer Kyle Johnson (Houghton College '12) on August 13, 2016, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Savannah, Georgia. Pictured: Julian Leung '11, Christina Petrulli, Spencer and Joelinda, Nicole Davis Haskins, Alex Haskins '11, Bracebridge Young '77, and Landis Becker Young.

21 Thomas Blaber '10 and **Kerry D'Agostino '10** were married at Okemo Mountain in Ludlow, Vermont, on October 1, 2016. Pictured: Nandini Vijayakumar '10, Dylan Crawford '10, Lawrence Wang '10, Thomas and Kerry, Erin D'Agostino '12, Miguel Reyes-Zaragoza '12, Nehal Patel '10, Catherine Chew '10, Helen Pu '10, Sally Hudson '10, and the band members of RACER X (English professor Aaron Kitch, music professor Vineet Shende, Dave Morrill, and Pat Cyr).

22 Abbie Mitchell '10 married Stephen MacKinnon in the Bowdoin Chapel on June 18, 2016. Pictured in front the Bowdoin College Museum of Art: Nate Isaacson '10, Margot Miller '10, Clare Ronan '10, Will Jacob '10, Stephen, Katy Dissinger '11, Abbie, Steph Finn '09, Sarah Marston '10, Elisa Gutierrez '10, and Emma Verrill '10.

23 Lisa May Giles '94 married Todd Alan Hibl (Maine Maritime Academy '94) on June 25, 2016, at the All Saints by the Sea Chapel on Bailey Island, Maine. Pictured: Sheridan Kelley Adams '94, Calee Lucht '94, Lisa, and Aixa Kidd '94. (Music was performed by Putnam Smith '94.)

The following is a list of deaths reported to us since the previous issue. **Full obituaries appear online at obituaries.bowdoin.edu.**

James T. Blodgett '38 <i>September 16, 2016</i>	Robert U. Akeret '50 <i>November 12, 2016</i>	Donald S. Dean '56 <i>December 2, 2016</i>	Michael M. Mahar '95 <i>December 25, 2016</i>
Jacob J. Cinamon '40 <i>November 22, 2016</i>	Philip F. Danforth Jr. '50 <i>October 9, 2016</i>	John T. Libby '56 <i>January 17, 2017</i>	Graduate
André E. Benoit '43 <i>October 3, 2016</i>	John R. Hupper '50 <i>November 24, 2016</i>	William L. Mather '56 <i>January 5, 2017</i>	Richard R. Mast G'68 <i>October 3, 2016</i>
Robert N. Frazer '44 <i>September 16, 2016</i>	William J. Kirwin Jr. '50 <i>August 4, 2016</i>	John S. Shepard III '56 <i>August 18, 2016</i>	Neil J. Johanson G'70 <i>November 4, 2016</i>
Carl Lennart Sandquist '45 <i>January 4, 2017</i>	Richard A. Bamforth '51 <i>January 6, 2017</i>	Pierre J. Bonin '60 <i>August 2016</i>	Sella L. McNally Biggs G'72 <i>November 24, 2016</i>
Beverley L. Campbell '46 <i>December 25, 2016</i>	Leonard B. Gilley '51 <i>December 20, 2016</i>	David H. deBaun '60 <i>March 27, 2016</i>	Theodore E. Kestler G'74 <i>October 12, 2016</i>
Morton F. Page '46 <i>November 17, 2016</i>	Leonard G. Sautler '51 <i>October 6, 2016</i>	Richard H. Downes '60 <i>December 23, 2016</i>	Honorary
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Notwithstanding Adversity

by John R. Cross '76

Until recently I had never heard of Orran Rensselaer Hall of the Medical School Class of 1867. I came across his name in *Obituary Record of the Graduates of Bowdoin College and the Medical School of Maine* (not a bestseller, but an important source of biographical information on alumni). I was drawn to Hall’s story of resilience and perseverance in the face of adversity.

Orran was born in Naples, Maine, in 1838, the oldest of five children. He prepared for college at Bridgton Academy, graduating as class valedictorian. He taught at Bridgton while keeping up with his first-year lessons at Bowdoin. He was chosen as 1863’s class orator, but an attack of iritis (an inflammation of the eye) left him blind in one eye and nearly blind in the other. Hall was forced to leave college in his junior year and abandon his plans to become a lawyer. He taught high school, relying on memory for the lessons. He also wrote poems on pastoral themes, several of which were published.

Hall decided to pursue a career in medicine, and with Horace Torrey [Med. 1832] as his preceptor, he enrolled at the Medical School of Maine. “With the aid of others’ eyes” he was able to earn an MD degree. He established a medical practice in Buckfield in 1867, married in 1868, and soon had a daughter and a son. According to a newspaper article, “In spite of his partial blindness, his practice was large and successful for about fifteen years” in Buckfield, Maine; Weston, Massachusetts; and South Paris, Maine.

In 1880 Dr. Hall was seriously injured in a fall from a carriage and was later stricken with near-fatal pneumonia. His sister-in-law wrote in her diary (in Colby’s Special Collections Department): “March 13 – . . . they have given up all hope. The Doctor has expressed the wish to see me, but I can’t get there in time.” However, Hall’s condition improved, and in 1882 he went to work in the War Department’s pension office in Washington. Two months later, when he realized that he could not do the work, he returned to Maine “completely broken down,” and closed his practice.

In 1887 he underwent medical treatment in Boston, followed by a voyage to the Azores to restore his health. Hall then became a sales representative for a New York pharmaceutical firm, traveling extensively in New England and the Midwest. The fates were especially unkind in 1894, however, as “bits of glass penetrated his good eye” (under unrecorded circumstances) and he experienced lead poisoning.



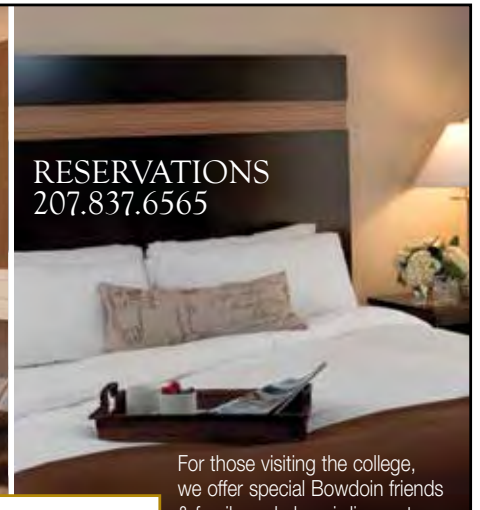
“After two years of intense suffering, he was left totally blind, with health hopelessly impaired.”

Orran Hall did what anyone might do in a similar situation: he bought a farm and began raising thoroughbred poultry. As a friend wrote, “During his remaining years of darkness he found mental recreation in literary work, in lecturing and giving occasional public addresses as his strength permitted...Notwithstanding Dr. Hall’s early partial blindness and subsequent total loss of sight, he has had few superiors in scholarly acquirements and literary versatility . . . ”

In 1902 George Little, Class of 1877, wrote to Buckfield’s town clerk: “A new edition of the *General Catalogue of Bowdoin College* now being printed, and I am desirous to insert the date of death of Dr. Orran R. Hall who was reported, in November 1894, as . . . rapidly failing in health.” The clerk replied “Dr. Orran R. Hall is still living . . . Though not in robust health . . . we expect him to remain on earth some years to come.”

A year and a half later, on November 24, 1903, Orran R. Hall did what every member of the Class of 1863 and the Medical School Class of 1867 eventually did: he died, succumbing to pulmonary bronchitis at age sixty-five. For all his health problems, Hall outlived thirty of his fifty-seven undergraduate classmates and thirty-six of the seventy-three in his medical school cohort. The untold story behind Hall’s untold story is how others enabled him to live within the community—the “others’ eyes” that helped him study; his wife, children, and extended family; and his friends and neighbors. While adversity may be visited on a single individual, that burden is not borne alone. In a sense, whatever happens to any member of the Bowdoin family happens to us all.

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