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FROM THE EDITOR

Bound Together

The day that my son graduated from high school in June was one of the hottest days of the summer. The ceremony was held in the middle of the day, and lines were long at the concession stand, with all the early arrivals getting their stockpiles of water to take back to their seats.

I was one of them, having learned the year before to come early. On my way back to my seat, I crossed paths with the father of one of my son’s classmates. His daughter would be his first to graduate and my son the last, but we had been parents together since kindergarten, and so, as we commiserated over the choked-up feelings we had watching our children ready themselves to leave, I had a sense that we were saying goodbye, too.

While our children travel through their school years and activities with a group of friends, classmates, and teammates, we travel through those same years with a cohort of parents. We have exchanged sympathetic looks over forgotten items delivered to school, cheered together at sports, and first endured and then marveled at the talent at their musical events. Some of the contact has led to friendship, some has just been shared company in various forms of uncomfortable seating and all kinds of weather. But there has been community.

And that made me think about the many forms of community that we experience in our lives, their shapes and layers. When we ask Bowdoin students what is so special about their college, chief among their answers is a feeling of belonging, and a joy in shared experience. In short, community. It is real here, forged carefully by faculty and staff who know it matters, helped along by tradition, history, and access. It lasts well after commencement day, maintained by events that bring alumni back to campus, alumni club functions and volunteer opportunities, publications and electronic communications, even Facebook groups (Bowdoin Food Appreciation Society, anyone?).

Young alumni tell me how surprised they are to find that Bowdoin graduates at even the highest professional levels are willing to talk with them about their job searches, to offer advice and even prospects. I’m never surprised. Because I know that what Bowdoin students feel they are part of is not just a group of specific people whose time at the College coincides with their own; it is a shared experience that is larger than that population and bigger than this place. The theme for The Bowdoin Campaign, the final year of which is underway, is The Place That Makes Us. The Place We Make. It is the people, and yet not just the people we know personally. It is the campus, and yet it is a place in the mind as much as a place in the world. A community that both evolves and endures, with support from all.

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A Busy Bear

Life moves pretty fast for the Bowdoin mascot during Reunion Weekend! Here, hitching a ride with Andrea Navarro ’10, the Polar Bear races on to the next parade, kid carnival, or photo opportunity. Photograph by Bob Handelman.
Adolescent Selves: Same-Sex and Cross-Sex Parent–Teen Relationships on Adolescent Psychological and Cognitive Well-Being

In this quantitative investigation, Shannon Reilly Kenney ’97 examines the vital developmental stage of adolescence, in which teens form self-concepts and build the emotional foundations needed to face the challenges of adolescence, and ultimately adulthood.

African-American Activism before the Civil War: The Freedom Struggle in the Antebellum North

Associate Professor of History Patrick Rael edited this, “the first collection of scholarship on the role of African Americans in the struggle for racial equality in the northern states before the Civil War…Here, in one place for the first time, anchored by a comprehensive, analytical introduction discussing the history of antebellum black activism, the best scholarship on this crucial group of African American activists can finally be studied together.” Routledge, 2008

The Descendants of Henry Sewall (1576-1656) of Manchester and Conventry, England, and Newbury and Rowley Massachusetts

“This authoritative account by Eben W. Graves ’67 covers Henry Sewall’s descendants with the name of Sewall and the marriages and children of Sewall daughters through the sixth generation of the family in North America.” Newbury Street Press, 2007.

A Doorway Through Space

This debut novel by Judy Bourassa Joy ’86 is a science fiction story for older children and young adults. Set in the year 2064, it features 15-year-old Lucy Starrett, whose mother captains a spaceship that disappears on its way to Mars. Lucy sets off with her brother on a rescue mission that takes her through a wormhole and across the galaxy. Lucy encounters telepathic aliens and wrestles with issues of civil liberty, morality, and religion, in this fast-paced adventure. Mayhew Publishing, 2008.

The House on Fortune Street

The sixth novel by acclaimed writer John F. and Dorothy H. Magee Writer-in-Residence, is structured upon a central tragedy told

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FOOTNOTES

Thorpe Moeckel ’93 Making a Map of the River: poems & an essay

In Making a Map of the River (Iris Press, 2008), his second full-length collection of poems (with an essay), Hollins University creative writing professor Thorpe Moeckel ’93 journeys the Chattooga River, on which he spent ten years as a guide. With a poet’s eye for detail and a naturalist’s sensibility, Moeckel winds his verse through the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, a cartography of the river, his own memory, and a flowing metaphor of human and natural relationships.

Bowdoin: How did you become interested in poetry?

Moeckel: I’d been exposed to a poem by Robinson Jeffers called Hart Hawks in a first-year seminar at Bowdoin, Entering Nature, taught by Franklin Burroughs. Then my friend Peter Relic ’93 turned me on to Denis Johnson’s poetry. And, something about those poems in The Incognito Lounge exposed me to another realm of feeling and emotion that was really applicable to how I was feeling and how I was living at the time.

Bowdoin: Did you have a goal for this book?

Moeckel: I wanted a book that would submerge the reader in a landscape and a way of life, feelings of awe, and confusion, and wonder, and reverence. I’d worked, starting at the age of 18, on the Chattooga River. I wanted to revisit those times, and those people, and those places, and to continue taking people there. I was a guide, and I kind of feel like I still am a guide, an outdoor guide, in my poems.

Bowdoin: Readers are often apprehensive about poetry; do you have any advice about how to approach poetry as a reader?

Moeckel: How would you approach a poem if you’re apprehensive? Probably the same way you would approach a new body of water you’ve just discovered. Maybe it’s a really hot day and you’re driving along and you find this creek, and there’s a big hole there below a falls, and it looks really inviting, so you go down there and you check it out. You don’t dive right in, hopefully—or maybe you do, and if you do, hopefully you don’t break your neck—you probably just look around for a while and savor the different things you see. With a poem, start wherever. You don’t have to worry about what it means, just read it. Let it wash over you, let it cool you off, or heat you up, or whatever it does.

Thorpe Moeckel will read on campus at the Schwartz Outdoor Leadership Center, Thursday, September 18, 2008, at 7:30 p.m.
and re-told from the perspectives of its four principal characters, examining the varied suffering, fortune (and misfortune), lies, and secret pleasures embedded in each private relation of the story. Harper Collins, 2008.

How to Unspoil Your Child Fast
Richard Bromfield ’74, a clinical faculty member at Harvard Medical School, the author of many books about children, and “not a big fan of typical parenting ‘how-tos,’” has written a quick read that combines wisdom and humor in an engaging and practical volume. He is sharing profits from the book with the Children’s Defense Fund. Basil Books, 2007.

icebox cakes
Pastry chef Lauren Chattman ’85, author of two previous icebox books (desserts and pies) and three other cookbooks, assembles 50 wide-ranging mouth-watering cake recipes from the simple, tasty Twinkie Tiramisu to the delectably sublime Lemon-Blackberry Cheesecake. The easy-to-follow no-bake recipes will make this collection a year-round favorite. The Harvard Common Press, 2007.

The Liberal Hour: Washington and the Politics of Change in the 1960s
“In the newest volume in the award-winning Penguin History of American Life, GoldfARB Family Distinguished Professor of American Government at Colby College G. Calvin Mackenzie ’67 and Robert Weisbrot argue that the most powerful agents of change in the 1960s were, in fact, those in the traditional seats of power, not the counterculture. A masterly new interpretation of this pivotal decade.” The Penguin Press, 2008.

Our Caribbean: A Gathering of Lesbian and Gay Writing from the Antilles
Thomas Glave ’93 edited this anthology of fiction, nonfiction, memoirs, and poetry from thirty-seven authors addressing gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender experiences throughout the Caribbean — the first of its kind, it includes many selections making their English language debut. Duke University Press, 2008.

Public Opinion: Democratic Ideals, Democratic Practice
“Our national obsession with opinion polls reflects an assumption that what people think and believe matters. But does it?… In a new introductory text for public opinion courses, Zoe Oxley ’90 and Rosalee Clawson clearly and systematically link questions of democratic theory to existing empirical research on public opinion to explore the tension between ideals and practice.” CQ Press, 2008.

She Touched the World: Laura Bridgman, Deaf-Blind Pioneer
Robert Alexander ’66 and his wife, Sally Hobart Alexander, collaborated on this biography of Laura Bridgman, a deaf-blind girl who became famous in the 19th Century when under the treatment of a progressive doctor she learned to communicate, read, write, and to teach. Clarion Books, 2008.

There a Petal Silently Falls: Three Stories by Ch’oe Yun
Bruce Fulton ’70 and Ju-Chan Fulton translated this collection by celebrated Korean author and professor Ch’oe Yun. It “explores both the genesis and the aftershocks of historical outrages such as the Kwangju Massacre of 1980…. Her fiction, which began to appear in the late 1980s, represents a turn toward a more experimental, deconstructionist, and postmodern Korean style of writing, and offers a new focus on the role of gender in the making of Korean history.” Columbia, 2008.

To order any of these titles from the Bowdoin Bookstore, phone 1-800-524-2225, e-mail bookstore@bowdoin.edu, or visit www.bowdoin.edu/bookstore.

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• East of Eden by John Steinbeck
• Dangerous Nation: American Foreign Policy from its Earliest Days to the Dawn of the Twentieth Century by Robert Kagan
• The Great Meadow: Farmers and the Land in Colonial Concord by Brian Donahue
• Read This and Tell Me What it Says: Stories by A. Manette Ansley
• The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven by Sherman Alexie

Scott Meiklejohn, Interim Dean of Admissions
• Snow by Orhan Pamuk
• Unlearning to Fly by Jennifer Brice
• Absurdistan: A Novel by Gary Shteyngart
• Willing by Scott Spencer
• Zappa: A Biography by Barry Miles
• Outside and Bon Appetit magazines
• A map of Scotland

Keisha Payson, Coordinator for a Sustainable Bowdoin
• In Defense of Food: An Eater’s Manifesto by Michael Pollan
• Game of Shadows: Barry Bonds, BALCO, and the Steroids Scandal that Rocked Professional Sports by Mark Fainaru-Wada and Lance Williams
• Speak to the Winds by Ruth Moore
**More Remembrances of Ed Pols**

Dear Editor:
While I enjoyed Franklin Burroughs’s article on Edward Pols in your Winter 2007 issue, it failed to mention one aspect of his career most memorable to me. He was an absolutely superb classroom teacher. Students of my era (1959-63) will remember the amazing clarity of his lectures—how they made you see things that seemed impossible to see when you simply read about them. Nor, I’m sure, can anyone forget how consistently the last sentence of his every lecture was uttered as the alarm clock he placed on his lectern rang to remind him that the class was over. As a teacher myself, I strive above all else to be clear—and his lucidity is what I remember most vividly about Edward Pols. I regret I did not get a chance to know him in his later years.

Sincerely,

John Halperin ’63

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**Eschewing the Bandwagon**

Dear Editor:
Despite my lack of qualification to receive your fine magazine (perhaps there should be a category of alumni-emeriti offspring), I thoroughly enjoy reading each quarterly when it arrives. I was particularly pleased to note in the most recent issue that free-thinking Bowdoin students have eschewed the global warming/climate crisis bandwagon in favor of a proactive effort to counteract the radical handwringers who bemoan our consumptive ways. I refer, of course, to the page six headline “Bowdoin Students make efforts to reduce Energy Conservation.” Let it never be said that independent thought languishes on the Brunswick campus.

On a slightly less frivolous note, Professor Mainville’s letter recalling the NSF and AYI mathematics programs of the early 1960s kindly mentioned both Dan Christie and my father [Dick Chittim] as role models for professors of mathematics. That tribute would have been all the more meaningful had someone corrected the misspelling of Professor Chittim’s surname.

Sincerely,

David B. Chittim

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**No Loans**

Dear Editor:
While I welcome the news that Bowdoin has decided to eliminate student loans for students beginning in 2008-2009, I can only speculate on the motives that encouraged their adoption in the first place. Equally baffling is why it took more than 20 years for educational leadership to consider, as President Barry Mills puts it, the fairness of a system that forced students to consider career choices in relation to their ability to pay back loans.

I now teach art history and humanities classes at Front Range Community College in Fort Collins, Colorado, and reflect daily on the fact that my students are forced in many instances to take out loans they can ill afford to cover tuition and books. There will never be a huge endowment to guarantee their access to a first-class liberal arts education.

I have started a scholarship fund to encourage students to take classes in the arts and humanities areas and welcome any readers who may be interested in helping support this cause to email me at peter.beal@frontrange.edu. Any contributions are welcome.

Thank you,

Peter Beal ’87

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**The Inferno of 1947**

Dear Editor:
Your brief history lesson about “The Inferno of 1947” (p. 13, Winter 2008) reminded me of my own introduction to the mania and fantasies of the so-called McCarthy Era. Senators Nixon, Mundt—and Maine’s Burton & Brewster—shortly after this madness was well under way, were expecting China (where Communists soon took over) to repent.

I have vivid memories of our lively discussions on campus in that fall of 1947, reading wild news reports and speculations about how those forest fires had been set. A group of us joked that the Republican delusionists had blamed every one except the Communists. But we were proved wrong.

The next day’s Portland Press-Herald carried an inflammatory major item sourcing Senator Owen Brewster that it was the “Commies” who had set the forest fires. It would be a real history lesson to run down the origin of that item.

Wolfgang H. Rosenberg ’47

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Dear Editor:
Your account of the forest fires, “the year Maine burned,” stirred my memory of that fall 1947. I would have been twelve years old growing up in Waldoboro, Maine. I remember how hazy it was from the smoke. I also recall another catastrophe in the Bar Harbor area not mentioned in the article, namely the destruction of laboratories where cancer research (involving mice) was being conducted. I don’t know whether or how this loss might have been recouped.

Philip Lee ’56

PS: The Winter issue of Bowdoin magazine was packed with interesting articles!
Dear Editor:

Celebrating my 90th birthday in July. Enclosed, a couple of pictures of interest? A picture of me standing atop Searles Science Bldg. 70 years ago – First Parish steeple in background (See Alumnotes section, page 48). Some memories: “Proc” night! “Procul, OH, Procal Este.” Freshmen were instructed to assemble at Pickard Field to learn the “rules.” (Nothing there then except the bare field) “Wear old clothes!” We huddled in the middle of the field. Out of the dark, the sophomores came charging with buckets of molasses and the “procs,” big sheets of paper on which were printed all the rules we had to learn and follow. Object was to splash us with the sticky molasses and the sophs would stick the procs on our backs! What a delightful brawl! Finally ended when all of us were completely stripped of all clothing and we wandered our way up Coffin Street back to campus, which was well illuminated by the headlights of cards of townspeople, lined up on both sides of the street! Now that Bowdoin has gone co-ed, do they still have a “proc night?”

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Freshman English: Prof. Wilmott B., “To learn to be gentlemen, I’d like all of you to wear coats and ties to my classes. Your appearance will also affect your grades!” Being a poor farm boy, I wore dungarees and a sweatshirt! Balmy day in the fall, first floor classroom, open doors and windows, a couple dogs wandered in and got into a fight right beside his desk, I hopped up, grabbed each dog and chucked them out the open window! This got his attention – also got an A in the course!

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Another delightful brawl (all classes!): one noon-hour on the grassy mall between the A. D. House and the science bldg. Needless to say, a traffic stopper on Maine Street. Very shortly, a letter to all students from Dean Paul Nixon, “I expect students at Bowdoin to be dressed as gentlemen at all times! (freshmen) ‘dinks’ don’t count!”

Brought my college-age grandson with me to my 60th reunion. “Girls” running all over the place, driving golf-carts for the benefit of us older alumni. I said, “Girls!” He said “Girls” – never was there such a discrepancy in the meaning of a word! With Jesse and his cell phone, I had a golf cart at my disposal, whenever!

So thankful that my adopted “mom” sent me “away to school” and not to “reform school” when tuition was $250 per year!

Sincerely,

Jay C. Pratt ’40

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70-Year Catalogue

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Corrections

The subtitle for the “How Green Was Your Dorm?” piece on page two of our Winter 2008 issue should have read “Bowdoin Students Make Efforts to Reduce Energy Consumption.” In that same issue on page four, we misspelled the surname of former mathematics professor Dick Chittim ’41; misspelled the first name of Michel Bamani ’08 in one instance on page nine; and the first name of Brian Moody ’75 in one instance on page 36. Finally, the paper that Bowdoin magazine is printed on is certified by the Forest Stewardship Council, not the Forest Services Council.

Send Us Mail!

Thank you to those of you who took the time to complete our magazine reader survey!

We are very interested in your feedback, thoughts, and ideas about Bowdoin magazine. You can reach us by e-mail at bowdoineditor@bowdoin.edu.

Submission deadline for Class News, Weddings and Mailbox for the Fall issue is Wednesday, October 1, 2008.
Designs by Ruthie Davis ’84 have become must-haves in the fashion world.
New Environmental Studies Director to Focus on Climate

Philip Camill, a leading expert on climate change in boreal and Arctic ecosystems, joined the Bowdoin faculty as the Rusack Associate Professor of Biology and Environmental Studies and Director of the Environmental Studies (ES) Program July 1.

Camill comes to Bowdoin from Carleton College, where he conducted a significant National Science Foundation (NSF) funded research program on the impact of climate warming on terrestrial, wetland, and lake ecosystem dynamics. His research has been featured in both Science and Nature, and he has published 21 formal case studies that help students learn how to integrate science with policy and ethical dimensions.

“It is an exciting opportunity to become part of an environmental studies community that is already so strong,” says Camill. “I believe there are some terrific opportunities to make Bowdoin’s ES program a national model for interdisciplinary education.”

A recent renewal of his NSF Career grant will support new collaborative research on past and present climate change in northern peatland and boreal forests in the Canadian Arctic and will include research opportunities for Bowdoin students.

“He is a big thinker,” Dean for Academic Affairs Cristle Collins Judd said, “and is ready to take on the role of leading a wide-ranging academic program.”

Bowdoin’s ES program was established in 1970 and is among the most popular of the College’s areas of study. One out of every five students takes at least one course from the ES curriculum, which includes courses in the natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, and arts. The program offers extensive community-based research opportunities, with long-term studies of the Androscoggin River and Merrymeeting Bay, among others.

“It’s an intellectually lively place that challenges students to work very deeply,” former ES Director and Senior Lecturer DeWitt John said. John led the program since 2000 and will continue to teach in the department. “Phil is coming to a program with strong foundations and is the perfect person to lead it to the next step. Not only is he a major presence in environmental biology, but he also has a very strong commitment to interdisciplinary environmental studies.”

Camill is the first Rusack Associate Professor of Biology and Environmental Studies, an endowed professorship created through the generosity of Trustee Geoffrey C. Rusack ’78 and his wife, Alison Wrigley Rusack, through a gift to The Bowdoin Campaign.

POLAR BEAR LISTED AS ENDANGERED SPECIES

In May, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service added Bowdoin’s mascot, the polar bear, to the list of threatened species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The decision came after a study by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) showed steep losses in sea ice as a result of global climate change that will put polar bears at risk of becoming endangered in the near future.

The study, which incorporated 10 peer-reviewed climate models, predicts a loss of over 30 percent of September sea ice by the middle of the 21st century, with seven of those models predicting a 97-percent loss by the end of the century. The decline of sea ice over a substantial portion of the polar bear’s range was the primary justification for the ruling under the ESA.

Alaska, the only state in which polar bears are found in the U.S., will experience the greatest impact from the decision; however, Susan Kaplan, director of the Peary-MacMillan Arctic Museum and Arctic Studies Center, expects the measure to also have wide economic consequences for Inuit communities across northern Canada. The listing prohibits the export of Polar Bear skins from Canada into the U.S., which is a blow to Inuit hunting guides who collect much of their income guiding big game hunters from the U.S.
NEW COACHES FOR WOMEN’S BASKETBALL AND SAILING

Adrienne Shibles has been named the sixth head coach in the history of the Bowdoin Women’s Basketball program. Shibles was head coach at Swarthmore College from 1996-2005, where she averaged over 19 wins per year from 2000-2005, qualified for the Centennial Conference Tournament four times, claimed the 2001 conference title, and earned the program’s first-ever NCAA Tournament bid.

“I am thrilled to have the opportunity to work with the amazing student-athletes at Bowdoin College,” Shibles said. “Their passion, strength, and sincerity inspires me, and I’m confident that these women will help to make my transition seamless.”

She succeeds Stefanie Pemper, who accepted the head coaching position at the Naval Academy in May. Bowdoin will return 11 of 12 letter-winners from their 2007-08 squad that went 19-9 and reached the second round of the NCAA Division III Tournament.

“We are ecstatic that Adrienne has agreed to take over the leadership of our Women’s Basketball program,” Bowdoin Athletic Director Jeff Ward said. “She is a great coach and teacher who will maintain and build upon the traditions of our program.”

Shortly after taking the helm, Shibles announced the hiring of Alison Smith ’05 as an assistant coach. One of the finest defensive players in school history, Smith captained the Polar Bears as a senior in 2004-05. She played in every Bowdoin game during her four seasons in Brunswick, finishing with the second-most games played in school history (117). Over the course of her career, the Polar Bears posted an astounding 108-9 (.923) record, won four-straight NESCAC Championships, advanced to the Elite Eight every season and appeared in the 2004 Division III National Championship game.

In July, Bowdoin Athletic Director Jeff Ward also announced the hiring of Frank Pizzo ’06 as the head coach of the Polar Bear sailing program. Pizzo succeeds Sherry Fowler, who stepped down after three seasons. An assistant coach at Bowdoin last spring, Pizzo was the head sailing coach at Columbia University last fall. He was a decorated sailor as an undergraduate at Bowdoin, earning four varsity letters and capturing the team in both his junior and senior years. He was voted the team’s Most Valuable Skipper on three occasions (2004-2006) and propelled the team to new heights in both fleet racing and team racing.

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During the past two summers, Pizzo was the Program Director and Opti Race Coach at Ida Lewis Yacht Club in Newport, Rhode Island. Prior to Ida Lewis, he was the head instructor at Pequot Yacht Club in Connecticut, where he ran one of the premier junior sailing programs in the country. Still an active racer, Pizzo completed his second Newport-to-Bermuda Offshore Race in June.

A MAXIS AD MINIMA

SIDNEY J. WATSON ARENA

18,000 square feet of ice surface
9,000 gallons of ethylene glycol/water mix to run the refrigeration system under the ice
1,900 seats (fixed seats and bleachers)
36 lockers in the men’s and women’s varsity locker rooms
1 college with two 300-win coaches: Sid Watson (326) and Terry Meagher (419)
Look Familiar?

This Italian bench, a 16th-century piece with 19th-century restoration and a gift of Susan Dwight Bliss, was installed in the Museum of Art this summer as part of the “Beauty and Duty” exhibition. If it looks familiar, that’s because it sat for many years, its origins uncertain, in the open area of Hubbard’s second floor. It now sits safe from inquisitive visitors, but we suppose that at least the occasional student remembers sitting on it, waiting for office hours with a professor, and even peeking inside its lidded seat.

INDY-PENDENT ARCHAEOLOGY

Since age six, Curtis Bateman ’05 has paid homage to Indiana Jones every Halloween by donning his own fedora, leather jacket, and whip. But his admiration ultimately led to greater things, like a master’s degree in museum studies from George Washington University and an internship at the Smithsonian’s Natural History Museum, where he spent part of his time investigating the very same artifacts that headline the latest Indy flick: Crystal Skulls. All of the known skulls are forgeries, Bateman said, but having them at the center of the latest film doesn’t take away from the series’ main accomplishment of “doing something for archaeology that no other film had done before—[it] made archaeology cool.” Archaeological ethics and cultural patrimony laws aside, Bateman still finds inspiration in the films from a key Indy exclamation: “It belongs in a museum!” Among his colleagues and professors at George Washington University, Bateman was part of a fan base that had been inspired early on by the classic trilogy, and he thinks the series’ latest installment “will serve as an inspiration for a new generation to step up and confront history’s most challenging questions and mysteries.”
Five Bowdoin faculty members have been promoted to the rank of associate professor with tenure: Dallas G. Denery II, assistant professor of history; Kristen R. Ghodsee, assistant professor of gender and women's studies; Matthew W. Klingle, assistant professor of history and environmental studies; Anne McBride, assistant professor of biology and biochemistry; and Stephen G. Perkinson, assistant professor of art history. Four professors have been named to full chaired professorships: William Barker, professor of mathematics; Rachel Connelly, professor of economics; Nathaniel Wheelwright, professor of biology; and Mary Lou Zeeman, professor of mathematics. Two newly endowed chairs were created to support associate professors in their timely progression to the rank of full professor: Eric Chown, professor of computer science, and Enrique Yepes, professor of Romance languages. Rick Thompson, Associate Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience, was featured in the series “Most Evil” on Investigation Discovery, part of the Discovery Channel network, on February 28. A crew from the series, which focuses on the most evil serial killers based upon a “scale of evil,” was on campus last summer to record a re-creation of an experiment Thompson published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences in 2006 on how vasopressin, a chemical produced in the brain, could affect aggressive behavior. Meredith Segal ’08, national director of Students for Barack Obama, was mentioned in the March 14, 2008, edition of The Wall Street Journal. The article, “Party Animals,” detailed how politically motivated students were skipping spring break in a vacation locale in favor of volunteering with presidential campaigns. Bowdoin’s award-winning Dining Service was featured prominently in the April 9, 2008, edition of The New York Times. Citing more sophisticated palates and the competitive admissions climate, the article, “Latest College Reading Lists: Menus With Pho and Lobster,” points out the lengths to which colleges are going to provide exceptional fare. Barbara Held, Barry N. Wish Professor of Psychology and Social Studies, appeared in a segment that aired Thursday, April 17, 2008, on ABC World News Tonight with Charles Gibson. The news story focused on what has been called the “Complaint-Free Church” in Kansas City, Mo. Held has been widely quoted on what she calls “the tyranny of the positive attitude” and says she was approached by ABC News producers looking to balance the Bowen report. The Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) has awarded Bowdoin a $1.1 million grant in support of the biosciences. Faculty will use this award to enrich classroom, laboratory, and co-curricular biosciences activities and will help reinforce the College’s continuing record of preparing future scientists for graduate and health sciences programs and careers in these fields. Gary M. Pindy, Sr. Professor of Social Sciences Jeanne Yarborough and William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Constitutional and International Law and Government Richard Morgan were invited to attend a select White House lecture and reception in April commemorating the 265th anniversary of Thomas Jefferson’s birth. The event drew roughly 200 scholars, dignitaries, and politicians to the East Room, after which they were received by President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush. Studzinski Recital Hall and Kanbar Auditorium received an Honor Award for Excellence in Architecture for Restoration or Preservation from the Society of College and
University Planning/American Institute of Architects (SCUP/AIA) … Steven Holleran ’08 was awarded a Thomas J. Watson Fellowship to travel to New Zealand, Tonga, and Chile for a documentary film project titled, “Fading Into the Blue: Sustainable Fisheries in the South Pacific.” … Ian Yaffe ’09 was chosen to receive the Maine Campus Compact’s 2008 Student Heart and Soul Award. The award honors students who have demonstrated a commitment to using campus-based resources to address community needs. He was also one of five students from across the country selected to receive the Campus Compact’s 2008 Howard R. Swearer Student Humanitarian Award for showing extraordinary commitment to improving their local and global communities…. For the second year in a row Jason Spector ’09 won the Maine state chess championship, although this time around he must share the title with Steve Dillon, an English professor at Bates College…. Elliott Schwartz, composer and Beckwith Professor of Music Emeritus, was interviewed for a segment that aired on the Maine Public Broadcasting Network program Incredible Maine Saturday, June 14. The show focused on Schwartz and the new music scene at Bowdoin…. The Bowdoin College Museum of Art has received a 2008 Statewide Historic Preservation Honor Award from Maine Preservation and was a recipient of a design award from the Boston Society of Architects 2008 Honor Awards…. Amy Ahearn ’08, Grace Park ’08, and Andrew Steltzer ’08 have been awarded Fulbright Scholarships for study abroad during the 2008-2009 academic year. … Zulmarie Bosques ’11 is one of 32 students from across the country chosen to participate in the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute’s highly competitive Congressional Internship Program. Bosques is spending the summer interning in the Washington, D.C., office of Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J. Assistant Professor of Art Michael J. Kolster has been named the recipient of the 2008 Sydney B. Karofsky Prize for Junior Faculty. In addition to being an inspiring teacher, Kolster is an innovative photographer who has exhibited widely, including solo exhibitions in San Francisco, Boston and Portland.

A Rose, Good Craic!

She was lovely and fair as the rose of the summer,
Yet ’twas not her beauty alone that won me.
Oh no, ’twas the truth in her eyes ever dawning
That made me love Mary, the Rose of Tralee.

Ana Conboy ’04, who is studying in Paris for a master’s degree in French language and civilization, represented France in the 2008 Regional Finals for the Rose of Tralee International Festival in Portlaoise, Ireland.

How did an American graduate student come to represent France in an Irish competition? Ana, an accomplished singer who sings with Sorbonne Scholars’ and the Irish Cultural Centre choirs in Paris, was introduced to the festival last year. “I was part of a benefit concert at an Irish pub here in Paris for the daughter of a woman I sing with. She was chosen as last year’s France Rose,” Ana explains.

“Throughout [her] whole preparation process, I learned more about the festival and thought it might be fun to try out the following year.”

The popular 49-year-old festival is not a mere beauty pageant but follows the spirit of the famous Irish love song, “The Rose of Tralee.” Contestants are judged on their ambition, intellect, and personality, with the winning Rose selected to represent Ireland internationally.

For the regional finals, Ana traveled to Portaloise, just outside of Dublin, where she was interviewed by a panel of judges and sang the French song “J’attends un naïve” before an audience of 600. In between judging, Ana and the other contestants stayed at a four-star hotel and were treated to fancy meals and spa visits. They toured Portaloise and rode like celebrities in a vintage car parade.

“I can’t say I wasn’t a little disappointed,” Ana says about not moving on in the competition, “even though I went in not really caring about the outcome.

“But, all in all, it was great fun (great ‘craic’ for the Irish), and I got to meet some extremely nice [people]…I keep thinking about how I could get a full time job that would somehow resemble that weekend!”
Ruthie Davis ’84 on Her Toes in High-Heel Fashion

Steel and titanium. Engineered support structures. All the makings of a skyscraper. Or any one of the towering creations of haute footwear from designer Ruthie Davis ’84.

Four-and-a-half-inch stiletto heels fortified with natural materials combine with Lucite and leather to form the shoes of the DAVIS by Ruthie Davis collection. Davis’s shoes have become must-haves among such A-list celebrities as singer Alicia Keys, who wore pairs throughout the video for her Grammy-winning song “No One,” during performances at the Super Bowl XLII Pregame Concert, and on Live with Regis and Kelly.

Davis’s path toward glamorous footwear for women took her through high-profile stints at Reebok, UGG, and Tommy Hilfiger, but in 2006 she decided to strike out on her own. “People thought I was crazy to go from a big cushy corporate job to starting my own brand,” says Davis. “It is very risky and takes huge energy, drive, and effort. There are up days and down days, and the key is to try to stay balanced and not to take either the highs or the lows too personally.”

Davis, who was an English major, says her time at the College has come into play a lot in her career. “I was a multi-tasker who studied hard, played varsity sports, was a member of a fraternity (DKE), and wrote for the Bowdoin Orient in addition to other activities,” she says. “As an entrepreneur, you have to juggle many things and wear many hats.”

Reflecting on the success that is still emerging, Davis says she’s grateful for the well-roundedness Bowdoin fostered within her, and says it has helped her through the highs and lows that come with following a dream.

“I think what presents the greatest challenge is to stay optimistic and continue to believe anything is possible even if what you are doing seems like a long shot.”

For more of Ruthie’s work, visit www.ruthiedavis.com

FOGSEEKER

A pioneering cloud physicist and atmospheric scientist, Robert Cunningham, whose nickname was Fogseeker, spent 70 summers researching fog and weather on Kent Island. Over the decades, Cunningham worked closely with Bowdoin students on the island to collect weather observations. “He provided not only instruction; Bob was really there for students,” recalled Nat Wheelwright, Professor of Biology and former Director of the Kent Island Scientific Station. Bill Gross ’37 introduced Cunningham to the Island in 1937. Kent island then became an important part of Cunningham’s life and career, and he contributed immeasurably to the success of the scientific station there. He died on April 15, 2008, at age 89.
FOUR FACULTY MEMBERS RETIRE

Four Bowdoin faculty members were elected to emeritus status during the May meeting of the Board of Trustees. C. Michael Jones was elected Research Professor in Economics, Emeritus; Kidder Smith was elected Professor of History and Asian Studies, Emeritus; William L. Steinhart was elected Linnean Professor of Biology, Emeritus; and David Page was elected Charles Weston Pickard Chair of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Emeritus.

Michael Jones is retiring after a 21-year career spanning all levels of service to the College. An expert on international finance and trade, he has written on topics such as international policy coordination, speculative bubbles in currency markets, and the creation of preferential trading agreements. Jones is known as a rigorous and dynamic teacher who inspired many students to further their studies or careers in the fields of economics and finance. In 2004, he left his teaching position to join the Development staff as a Capital Gifts Officer, where he was instrumental in articulating to alumni and donors the academic needs of the college.

David Page joined the faculty with Bowdoin in his blood: His great-great grandfather, Kingman Fogg Page, was a member of Bowdoin’s class of 1853. Page taught at Bates College for two years before joining Bowdoin’s faculty in 1974 as one of the original hires for the biochemistry program. A leading contributor to the field of marine environmental pollution studies, Page developed a novel method of gas chromatography that has been used by environmentalists and industry experts to fingerprint petroleum samples from mystery oil spills.

Kidder Smith was among the founding faculty members of Bowdoin’s Asian Studies program when he joined the College in 1981. Over the subsequent 25 years, he helped build an Asian Studies program that is among the most distinguished in liberal-arts colleges today. His research interests lie in early China, the time of Confucius, Sun Tzu, and the First Emperor’s unification of the empire, roughly 500 to 200 B.C. His courses, which include “Seeker’s Lives,” “Chinese Thought in the Time of Confucius,” and “Modern China,” are highly popular among students, who often cite them as “life changing.” Following his retirement from Bowdoin, Smith plans to go to Ann Arbor, Mich., to work with Traktung Rinpoche, a teacher of Tibetan Buddhism.

William L. Steinhart joined the Bowdoin faculty in 1975. He is a molecular biologist with a distinguished teaching and research career in the fields of human genetics, virology, and molecular biology and has been highly active in promoting undergraduate science at Bowdoin and nationally. He was co-founder of the biology section of the Council on Undergraduate Research and helped launched research in genomics and virology at Bowdoin. Steinhart frequently includes undergraduates in his research and has inspired countless Bowdoin students to go into the field of genetics.

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THE NEW PEUCINIAN SOCIETY

Founded in 1805, the original version of the Peucinian Society, a literary and debating organization, counted Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1825), Franklin Pierce (1824), and Joshua Chamberlain (1852) among its members. (Nathaniel Hawthorne, 1825, belonged to the rival Athenaeon Society.) Today, the society has been revived by three rising juniors—Ross Jacobs, Julian Chryssavgis, and Christine Carletta—who met and started debating in their first-year seminar.

“There is an enormous amount of potential in this organization,” says Professor of Government Paul Franco, one of the group’s faculty advisors. “It provides this amazing outside-the-classroom forum for students to discuss the very important issues without depending on professors to aim them in the right direction. I find it fantastic that they have that self-responsibility toward an intellectual goal.”

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The Comeback Kid
BY PETER SLOVENSKI

WHILE THE REST OF HER CLASSMATES WERE GRADUATING ON THE QUAD IN FRONT OF THE BOWDOIN COLLEGE MUSEUM OF ART, LAURA ONDERKO WAS AT THE NCAA DIVISION III TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN, COMPETING IN THE 5000-METER RUN. SHE WAS THE ONLY ATHLETE IN BOWDOIN’S CLASS OF 2008 STILL IN COMPETITION.

We would not have predicted that Laura would be there. She was a good high school athlete, but her high school career did not presage just how good she would become in college. But recruiters can’t see inside the heart of an athlete. Laura ran number 5 for the cross-country team as a freshman, number 3 as a sophomore, and then number 1 as a junior and senior. In 2007, she won the Maine state cross-country championship. She made the All-NESCAC academic team, and the All-NESCAC sportsmanship team, and the AA-New England team in cross-country and track eight times. She qualified for the NCAA championship four times.

At the height of her college career, Laura had to limp off the course. Good distance runners are often training at the maximum level their bodies can take. Somewhere in the later stages of her senior cross-country season, Laura’s heel had gone over the edge.

Laura had to stop running and switch to a winter training regimen of biking and swimming. She tested her heel with a short comeback in January and February, but the heel was still painful. It was February of her senior year, and she could not run at all in a sport where 40 miles per week is the usual minimum.

Some runners would have stopped. Most runners would have been discouraged. Laura never quit. By the beginning of March she was running one mile every other day. By the end of April she placed in the NESCAC championship in the 5000. In May she finished 7th in the 1500 and third in the 5000 in the New England III championship. She placed second and set a personal best in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference 1500 championship.

On May 10 she gave a presentation about her biochemistry honors project, then jumped in a car that Coach Ruddy had waiting and drove to the University of New Hampshire for the All-New England championship. She arrived at the track at 4:15 p.m. and was on the starting line for the 5000 meter race an hour later. She surpassed her own personal best by 20 seconds, qualified for nationals, placed 7th in a field of division one runners, and broke the Bowdoin record with a time of 17:17.

Later, Laura said, “I’m a little surprised I ran well today. I got car sick on the way to the meet.”

“You’ve got to sit in the front and roll the window down if you get car sick,” I suggested.

“Well,” she said, shrugging her shoulders and smiling, “getting sick seemed to work pretty well.”

Laura has a gift for making things work. She couldn’t run a step in February, yet by May she had surpassed two personal bests, broken a school record, and placed 16th in the NCAA division III 5000-meter run.

Laura’s race on commencement day was one of the last races of the meet. Back in Maine, all the Bowdoin diplomas had been handed out, the chairs on the quad were gone, and the commencement lunch tents were empty. When the meet was over, Laura put on a cap and gown for a graduation photo on the award stand in Wisconsin. As she climbed onto the stage, the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh surprised her by climbing up too, presenting Laura with a replica of a University of Wisconsin diploma for a double major in history and biochemistry. It was a unique ending to the college career of a unique student-athlete.
Get ready for the upcoming centennial of Peary’s trip to the Pole by seeing how many of these Arctic clues you know.

**ACROSS**

1. After-bath powder
2. Low register
3. Parody
4. Hodgepodge
5. Small amount
6. firma
7. He pioneered the use of radios and airplanes in the Arctic
8. Mideast V.I.P.
9. Two-piece swimsuit
10. Vibrating effect
11. Contemporary name for the Polar Eskimos
12. Embankment
13. Name: Fr.
14. Fragrant compounds
15. Roman love god
16. Russian mountain range
17. One of HOMES
18. Yemen’s capital
19. Embroidery
20. Teamwork
21. The majority of Anthony’s time was spent in and around underprivileged townships near Bloemfontein with a team of two other volunteers, both delivering GRS’s 10-week long curriculum and organizing one-day community events that occasionally included visits from professional South African soccer players. “You can see that [the participants] are learning because they are taught by people they respect and because they have fun while doing it,” he said. “And we teach them to help others. We hope that even children we don’t teach will get contact with the lessons of the program.”

22. Russian city on the Oka
23. Gambling game
24. Foot units
25. Regrets
26. Church feature
27. Fort Knox bar
28. Tate
29. Revise
30. Juliet’s love
31. Nosy one
32. pro
33. Russia and Ann
34. Public offerings
35. Precisely
36. Ill will
37. Knotty fabric design
38. Russian mountain range
39. Russian mountain range
40. Russian mountain range
41. Pro
42. Thomas Aquinas
43. Russian mountain range
44. Russian mountain range
45. Russian mountain range
46. Russian mountain range
47. Russian mountain range
48. Russian mountain range
49. Russian mountain range
50. Russian mountain range
51. Russian mountain range
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58. Russian mountain range

**DOWN**

1. Archaeological find
2. Jai
3. Beat thoroughly
4. En route
5. Dyspeptic
6. Popular ISP
8. Claus
9. War horses
10. High energy food for Arctic explorers
11. Popular sandwich cookie
12. Russian city on the Oka
13. Gambling game
14. Fort Knox bar
15. Tate
16. Juliet’s love
17. Nosy one
18. pro
19. Russia and Ann
20. Public offerings
21. Precisely
22. Ill will
23. Knotty fabric design
24. Russian mountain range
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Clean Surfing

Send a surfer to Australia for a semester and you’d expect him to come back with a great tan and tales of ten-foot waves. But Sean Sullivan ’08 took away much more than that.

The art history major capped his off-campus study experience with a unique independent study project on the negative environmental impact of modern surfboard construction. When it was published on the homepage of Australia’s biggest surf organization, Coastalwatch, it shot Sean to the forefront of an international debate and earned him a return invitation to Australia in March to take the podium as keynote speaker of the 2008 Noosa Festival of Surfing. CEOs of the world’s biggest surf companies—Billabong, Quiksilver, and Rip Curl, which have joint control of nearly 50 percent of the $10 billion surf industry—and the largest gathering of surfing world champions ever were listening to Sean.

“How am I, this 20-something-year-old, supposed to tell these industry legends who have been shaping surfboards since before I was born, how to do their business?” he said. “I had to find a delicate balance between not pointing a finger at anyone and challenging them.”

According to Chris Tola, national chairman of the non-profit ecological group Australian Surfrider Foundation, Sean’s message did not go down so smoothly for some industry representatives.

“It was great—there were a few shapers and industry reps who were visibly uncomfortable,” Tola said. Yet, the number that approached Sean after the presentation to hear more heartened Tola. “The majority were seen to be heading in the right direction,” he said.

Meanwhile, Sean began dreaming of an ambitious global sustainability challenge to promote the development of a marketable, sustainable surfboard. Between graduation and beginning work in product development with L.L. Bean, the contest necessarily became a side-project. However, Sean’s idea will roll out soon under the banner of Eco-Board Challenge, which will offer the winner a large cash prize, pre-ordered surfboards, and international publicity with the aim of establishing a new, profitable, and competitive industry of sustainable surfboard construction. He’s currently “consulting a small circle of influential shapers, scientists, and industry folks to tightly define the challenge guidelines,” he explains.

“This feedback period will continue for the next few months before we establish the final rules and regulations and the contest gets under way.”

Sean didn’t plan on creating such a splash when he headed out for his junior semester abroad.

“I just wanted the opportunity to study something new,” he said, when he chose the School for International Training’s (SIT) Sustainability in the Environment program in New South Wales, Australia. “Surfing has the image of a very pure sport,” Sean wrote in his report.

“Although a surfer may leave no trace on the face of a crashing wave, the environmental impacts of surfboard construction are leaving a lasting impression on the natural environment. The largely unspoken truth is that the construction of the modern surfboard involves the use of harmful petrochemicals and processes that result in dangerous by-products harmful to both the surfboard builder and the environment.”

The earliest surfboards were constructed from solid wood and were tremendously heavy, but for the past 50 years, boards have been made of much lighter but less durable materials: the core is polyurethane foam covered in fiberglass cloth followed by repeated layers of liquid polyester resin, which are both petroleum-based and potentially harmful to the shaper’s health. The process itself releases ozone-depleting carbon dioxide and carcinogenic, volatile, organic compounds, which are released into the air and can contaminate groundwater. Inroads have been made recently, with the development of bio-foam and other less toxic materials, and some shapers are even returning to wood, but the vast majority of surfboards are still far from “green.”

Sean acknowledges that you can’t change a whole industry overnight, but he is excited about the potential for change.

“After a year of studying the issues of surfboard construction and my speech in Australia in March,” Sean said, “it’s great to have the opportunity to put this knowledge into action and make some positive change in the sport I’m so passionate about.”
POLAR BEARS AGAINST CANCER

Bowdoin’s College Houses don’t just spend their funds on social events. Recent alumni of Baxter House have dedicated much of their time, effort, and money to cancer research, and an outgrowth of that effort is the group Polar Bears Against Cancer (PBAC). “One of the main functions of a social house is to get involved in the Bowdoin and Brunswick community,” said Emily Keneally ’08, one of the group’s co-founders and leaders. “Since several of us had been directly affected by cancer, including one of us who lost a parent, we decided to dedicate part of our efforts to the cause of cancer research.”

Emily and her housemates subsequently organized Bowdoin’s first-ever Relay for Life event as part of the American Cancer Society’s nationwide fundraising efforts, and the annual event has raised over $140,000 since 2006. The students’ second idea was to sell custom-designed ties, featuring the Bowdoin polar bear, through Vineyard Vines, a Martha’s Vineyard-based clothing brand.

Working with a Vineyard Vines staffer, Keneally designed a “simple and whimsical” tie, featuring polar bears and pine trees and four different colors: light blue, dark blue, green, and raspberry. Each tie has a custom label reading “Polar Bears Against Cancer.”

PBAC quickly found a sizable and enthusiastic contingent of interested customers, ranging from students to President Barry Mills. “Karen Mills bought a tie in every color for President Mills,” said Keneally. “On graduation day this year, I saw the tie being worn by students, parents, and alumni.”

PBAC donates proceeds to the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City, a medical center with important ties to Baxter because the mother of one of its residents and PBAC co-founder, Laura Armstrong ’08, had visited the center after a diagnosis of breast cancer in 2005. Armstrong graduated as her mother went into her third year of remission. “Sloan–Kettering Memorial is largely responsible for her healthy recovery and positive persistence throughout her treatment,” Armstrong said. “The compassion and relentless support that my mom received during her treatment at Sloan–Kettering is priceless and we chose to donate the proceeds to this cancer institute to continue its tradition of excellence for other families who are suffering similar battles with cancer.”

DON’T FORGET THE PARSLEY

Just before the annual scholarship lunch last May, friends and family of the late Larry Pinette, Bowdoin’s former director of dining, met to enjoy the newly refurbished Pinette Dining Room in Thorne Hall. Professor of Art Mark Wethli, Museum of Art Preparator José Ribas, and others on campus had collaborated to renew and refresh the room’s decor, and a framed photo of Pinette was added to the wall. In honor of the event, the local Chi PSI fraternity house corporation contributed $10,000 to the Larry C. Pinette Scholarship Fund. In a reference that would be understood by anyone who ate regularly at Bowdoin during Pinette’s tenure, the reception tables were decorated with vases of parsley.
Herne’s Hero

For Shannon McNevan ’05, the dream of playing for a professional sports team turned into a reality that also included owning one — at age 25. In the West German city of Herne, Shannon has delivered a local professional hockey team from bankruptcy and returned the squad to its former prowess. Not that his icy path hasn’t been a bit thin in spots.

“This year has literally just been a string of miracles like I have never experienced in my life,” he wrote by e-mail. It all started when a German hockey coach seeking an import player contacted Shannon, who was freshly out of Bowdoin, and more freshly out of training for a recording artist management job in Nashville. “It was a division below where I was hoping to play over there, but I decided to take them up on the offer,” said Shannon, who played minor hockey and tier II Junior A in his Canadian hometown of Peterborough before joining the Polar Bears in 2001. “I thought that I’d just go over for three months, see some of Europe, and satisfy my life goal of playing pro hockey, but I certainly didn’t anticipate returning [to the team] after that first season.”

Over his first few months on the team, the Herne EisSport-Verein club, Shannon saw his passion for the sport – as well as his skill level – flourish. The team was doing well, too, posting a 44-0 record and taking the league championship. Shannon describes his first year in Germany as one of the best of his life. “I had so much alone time that I was forced to really do some introspection and try to really figure out what I believed in and why,” he said. “It was amazing how far I found myself from where I had intended to be spiritually and morally.”

But last spring, the team’s owner suddenly disappeared — along with over 90,000 euros and a trail of unpaid bills and players, including Shannon. An attempt to retrieve his salary with the help of a local lawyer would turn into an attempt to salvage the entire team.

League officials granted Shannon and his lawyer (and eventual business partner), Michael Roos, a two-week deadline to secure the funds and people necessary to sustain the nearly bankrupt squad. “The best business plan I could come up with and all the passion I could muster mixed with a whole lot of time on my knees praying was the recipe right from the start for the two weeks I had before the deadline,” Shannon said. “I believed with my whole heart that this is what I was supposed to do, and once you have that assurance and release in your spirit it is much easier to do whatever is necessary to get things done.”

Shannon approached a variety of people from across the Atlantic – from family friends to NHL stars – and contributors came in forms ranging from small, personal donations to a helpful $50,000 loan. Shannon then made a series of shrewd business decisions and aggressively tackled financial risks, chopping the team’s payroll to the second lowest in the league (it previously had been the league’s highest), thus sending off the team’s core of experienced professionals, but also making room for a crop of eager recruits, one of whom would be Shannon’s former Bowdoin teammate Tim McVaugh ’07.

“It was an amazing experience,” Tim said. “It was honestly a lot harder to leave Germany than I thought it would be when I flew over there in August.” Terry Meagher, the head coach of Bowdoin’s men’s ice hockey squad, said that inviting Tim was Shannon’s best business decision of the year, and Shannon hopes to “always leave the door open” in the future for fellow Polar Bears. “I am not surprised with the business success Shannon has enjoyed so quickly,” said Meagher, who credits Shannon with significant team leadership, people skills, and risk management. “Match an entrepreneurial drive with Shannon’s skills and love of the sport and you have the blueprint for that success.”

Confusion and deception surrounding the team’s decline preceded Shannon’s efforts, and not all sponsors were convinced the new ownership could deliver. “The sponsors were incredibly sour, and had no reason to trust any new administration, let alone [one] run by a 25-year-old Canadian that couldn’t speak German fluently and had no previous experience at the helm of a professional hockey team,” Shannon said. But even when nearly 85 percent of the team’s sponsors pulled out, Shannon pressed forward. “To say we were cutting it close would be a drastic understatement,” Shannon said.

Now, Shannon is recognized in Herne not just as a rookie from across the ocean but a local sports celebrity. The WAZ, the province’s largest newspaper, named Shannon one of Herne’s three “Citizens of the Year” for 2007. And, on the ice, Shannon and his squad won the league’s most recent championship, facing in the finals a team with a budget more than triple Herne’s. This drives his team forward to a higher-level league called the Oberliga, marking the first time in over a decade that Herne has had a team in that league. Not bad, considering that just a year ago Herne was close to seeing its hockey legacy melt away.
Required Reading

We asked a few faculty members:

If you were teaching a course to our new U.S. President, what are a few things that would be on the reading list?

MADELEINE MSALL
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY

“Our leaders need continual required reading relevant to scientific, environmental, and technical challenges worldwide. Unfortunately, much of the writing about these issues is dry, or polemical, or both. If it were up to me, I’d get the next president a subscription to National Geographic, which presents current science attractively, and with appropriate social context. I hope, with interest piqued by good general science reporting, the president would then have more commitment to follow up with reports from the National Academy of Sciences and the many other science advisory committees of the National Science Foundation, the Department of Energy, and the National Institute of Health.

ALLEN SPRINGER
PROFESSOR OF GOVERNMENT

Henry Kissinger, Diplomacy
Barbara Tuchman, The Guns of August
Michael Walzer, Just and Unjust Wars

JENNIFER SCANLON
PROFESSOR OF GENDER AND WOMEN’S STUDIES

“Books in three categories: those that both explore pressing social issues and offer new ways to think about solving them, those that explore the history of U.S. politics and political decision making, and those that explore what it means to be a nation at war.”

Jonathan Kozol, Savage Inequalities
Joan Williams, Unbending Gender: Why Family and Work Conflict and What To Do About It
Rick Perlstein, Nixonland
Alexander Keyssar, The Right to Vote: The Contested History of Democracy in the United States
David Ryan, Vietnam in Iraq: Lessons, Legacies and Ghosts
Brandon Friedman, The War I Always Wanted: The Illusion of Glory and the Reality of War

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“I’d want the president to have books that pull him or her back to the small scale, remind him/her of the obligations and choices individuals make that matter to them—and I’d want them to be stories. Two that fit are Praying for Sheetrock by Melissa Fay Greene and Gilead by Marilynne Robinson.”

SHENDE’S “THREE LONGFELLOW POEMS”

Whether composing for orchestra, chorus, or chamber ensemble, Assistant Professor of Music Vineet Shende’s works are characterized by colorful orchestrations and dynamic changes in mood. He often mingles classical and world traditions, creating works that span musical genres and trace a kind of lyrical narrative.

In April, the Portland Symphony Orchestra premiered Shende’s latest and quite possibly his most complex work entitled “Three Longfellow Poems.” Shende turned to Bowdoin’s famous son for the textual framework of the cycle, finding in Longfellow’s works, “Daybreak,” “The Warning,” and “The Occultation of Orion,” an arc whose theme is hope born, hope lost, and hope restored.

“I think people tend to see Longfellow as a quaint nineteenth-century poet, and I wanted to convey the power and relevance of his poetry,” Shende said. “I find in [the poems] reflections of my feelings about the state of the world, politics, and culture.”

Shende often finds inspiration in poetry and dreams that give his works extra-musical meanings, “though hopefully,” Shende said, “listeners don’t really need to know what they are to enjoy the music.”

For more, and to listen to a clip of Shende’s composition, visit Bowdoin magazine online: www.bowdoin.edu/bowdoinmagazine
Zinio!

It's very important to us that we stay connected with even our most far-flung alumni, students, and parents, so we have always mailed Bowdoin magazine to our foreign addresses. Alumni overseas have complained to us over the years about both the length of time that the magazine takes to arrive and its condition when it gets there, but we have never felt that we had a satisfactory alternative. A few months ago, however, we learned of Zinio, a company started by a Bowdoin graduate, Rich Maggiotto ’96.

Zinio produces online magazines that rival a print experience, and we are excited to implement this new way to deliver the magazine not only to our foreign audience but to others as well — allowing us to meet sustainability objectives of the College and of our readers and to deliver the magazine more effectively to readers who move frequently, such as young alumni and those with seasonal addresses.

“WITH ZINIO, A VISITOR SELECTS A COUNTRY OR LANGUAGE THEN HAS INSTANT ACCESS TO THOUSANDS OF TITLES IN THEIR NATIVE LANGUAGE AND CURRENCY ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD — IT’S THE FIRST VIRTUAL GLOBAL NEWSSTAND OPEN 24/7!”

B: How will it work with Bowdoin magazine?
M: A reader who signs up for the digital edition will automatically receive the exact replica of the print version on their screen—from there, they can flip through virtual pages, easily link to sites, submit class notes, and generally engage with a rich media digital experience.

B: What excites you the most about this technology?
M: The technology’s global reach. More than half of visitors to Zinio actually select a title published outside their country of origin. We often forget that America’s biggest export is entertainment and information.

I also love the fact that readers can immediately access digital publications, rather than waiting weeks or months for delivery. It always troubled me that you could buy a car or a house faster that receiving the first issue of your magazine subscription.

With Zinio, a visitor selects a country or language then has instant access to thousands of titles in their native language and currency anywhere in the world — it’s the first virtual global newsstand, open 24/7!

B: When and how did you first see the potential for a company like Zinio?
M: I worked for America Online (AOL) in the nineties and witnessed the transformational power of the Internet. At the time, I had been reading a ton of magazines like Wired, Fast Company, Technology Review on my business travels. I was intrigued and dug into understanding the paper publishing process — the more I did, the more it seemed to me that it represented an inefficient and ecological nightmare ripe for change. Frankly, I couldn’t help but feel a little guilty. Did you know that only 30 percent of magazines selling on a print newsstand actually sell? This means that 70 percent are sent back and discarded. Last year, in the U.S. alone, 12 billion magazines were printed, causing the emission of 13 billion pounds of greenhouse gases. As an entrepreneur, I got over this guilt because a costly and inefficient manufacturing and distribution model meant a massive opportunity!
BIRNEY NAMED COACH OF THE YEAR

The Dad Vail Regatta in Philadelphia honored Bowdoin’s rowing coach Gil Birney as the Collegiate Coach of the Year at the event in May. The award is presented annually to a collegiate rowing coach who has had outstanding success and has also contributed to the Dad Vail Regatta, the sport’s de facto national championship.

Birney has been the rowing coach at Bowdoin since the fall of 1995. In the past dozen years, his infectious energy and leadership have propelled the Polar Bear crew teams to unprecedented successes. A rower from 1968-72 at Williams College, where he was a history major, he was captain of the squad as a senior and remained at Williams after graduation to coach the novices in 1973. His teaching duties carried him from the Brooks School in North Andover, Massachusetts, to St. Paul’s School in Concord, New Hampshire, where he taught history and religion and coached the girls rowing team and Nordic ski squad.

Since arriving at Bowdoin, his ability to lead a club-status team to the highest level of collegiate competition has been astounding. At Bowdoin, he has had many noteworthy successes, including medals for men and women at Boston’s famed Head of The Charles regatta, and at the Dad Vail, where in 2003 the Polar Bears had four crews on the medal stand, including two gold-medallists, and set a course record in the Men’s Pair. The most impressive finishes of all came that summer on the Thames in London for the prestigious Henley Royal Regatta. In an international field, the Bowdoin women raced to the semifinal and the men to the quarterfinal, where they lost to powerhouse Cambridge by a boat length.

Birney is married to a Bowdoin graduate, the former Edie Hazard ’83, and the pair runs a small flower farm on the banks of the Royal River in North Yarmouth, Maine.

These technologies will continue to evolve and consumer habits will continue to change. There is no doubt that a convergence of forces is at work. Batteries now last longer and are getting lighter. Screens are becoming flexible. Wireless is becoming ubiquitous.

For the full interview with Rich Maggiotto, visit www.bowdoin.edu/bowdoinmagazine.
ome of my colleagues may wonder if I’m a real economist,” laughs David Vail, Adams-Catlin Professor of Economics, as he fishes one of his many papers on rural economic development out of the economics department storage room on the first floor of Hubbard Hall.

The study he retrieves as evidence that he does occasionally deal in the data and numbers “real” economists so love is “The Family Farm in the Web of Community,” a spiral-bound 1985 study prepared for the Maine Humanities Council. The detailed analysis of the economic forces at work on and against family farms in Gorham, Houlton, Turner, and Union is one in a long line of articles, editorials, public policy studies, government reports, monographs, and book chapters that David Vail has written in service of sustainable development in Maine’s agricultural, forestry, and tourism sectors.

Since joining the Bowdoin College faculty in 1970, Vail has served as a consultant to Maine government on everything from minimum wage laws to milk prices. His six-page curriculum vitae reads as much like that of a career public servant as that of a distinguished academic. In truth, Vail is both.

“I can’t think of a Maine academic in either a public or private setting who has contributed more to Maine’s public life than David,” says Christopher St. John, executive director of the non-profit Maine Center for Economic Policy, a think-tank David Vail helped to found.

“One of the things I feel really good about in my career,” says Vail as he prepares for the next phase of his career, “is that, while others may have done more in terms of papers and in terms of books, I have been at least as engaged in public policy as anyone else.”

Tall, bearded, bespectacled, tan, and physically fit
(except for a bum shoulder, the result of years of competitive swimming and chopping firewood), Vail sits in his neatly cluttered Hubbard Hall office dressed casually in sport shirt, hiking shorts, and sandals, and contemplates retirement.

Though he looks far too young at 65 to be entering the ranks of the emeriti, Vail is about to embark on a phased retirement. He will teach the fall 2008 semester, take a well-earned sabbatical during the spring 2009 semester, relinquish tenure on June 30, 2009, and then teach one course a year for the next two years.

“Forty years of teaching is a long time,” Vail observes. “Forty years of anything is a long time.”

But don’t expect Vail to take up golf in his newfound leisure. He will use his sabbatical to continue his study of eco-tourism in Sweden and, upon return, throw himself full time into the Maine public policy issues and initiatives that have defined him as an academic.

**OUT OF AFRICA**

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1943, David Jeremiah Vail grew up in suburban Shaker Heights, where he met his future wife June in the sixth grade.

“I think of my life involving a lot of chance,” he says.

While earning an undergraduate degree in international relations at Princeton (AB, 1965), for instance, Vail chanced to sit beside Adam Yarmolinsky, architect of John Kennedy’s New Frontier and Lyndon Johnson’s War on Poverty, at a Woodrow Wilson School dinner. When Vail told Yarmolinsky that he was trying decide whether to pursue an advanced degree in international relations or economics, Yarmolinsky replied, “Oh, get yourself a discipline,” meaning economics.

David Vail thus studied economics at Yale (PhD, 1971), where he found “graduate economics is applied mathematics.” Vail started a thesis on land reform in southern Italy, but inspired by the rural economic development work of Amartya Sen, the Nobel Prize-winning Indian philosopher and economist, he decided to turn his attention to the Third World.

From 1968 to 1970, Vail was a Rockefeller Foundation Research Fellow at Makerere University in Uganda, where he authored the agriculture chapter of Uganda’s five-year plan.

“The best use my work on the five-year plan got was as toilet paper,” says Vail, who left Uganda just as the murderous dictator Ida Amin came to power.

Uganda’s loss was Bowdoin’s gain. A day after Vail returned from Africa, he flew to Maine to interview for a one-year, half-time position at Bowdoin. He arrived in Brunswick in 1970 at a time of great social and political unrest, the campus nearly empty of students in the wake of the Kent State shootings and student strikes. Had Bowdoin not gone coed, Vail says he doubts that he and his wife June, who created Bowdoin’s dance program, would have stayed very long. Four years after he accepted that one-year appointment, he was granted tenure.

In the 1970s, Vail was still an Africa specialist, spending parts of 1972 and 1973 in Tanzania and 1978-80 in southern Sudan. But plans to spend more time in Africa fell through when Vail was asked to make a two-year commitment at the Kenya Ministry of Agriculture.

Searching for a new professional identity that would enable him to stay at Bowdoin and do his research in Maine, Vail began to focus his studies on the agricultural and forestry economies of rural Maine. Vail’s transition from Africa hand to Maine pundit was similar to that of his close friend and faculty colleague, DeAlva Stanwood Alexander Professor of Government Christian Potholm. (See sidebar: Bowdoin’s Maine Pundits.)

“I was working on the same issue I had been working on in Africa,” notes Vail, “except in Maine.”

**THINK GLOBALLY, ACT LOCALLY**

Among Vail’s first major Maine policy projects was consulting on the 1978 reorganization of the Maine Department of Agriculture. Subsequently, he became, among other things, the founding director of the Maine Consortium for Food Self-Reliance, consultant on milk price regulation, gubernatorial appointee to the Maine Food and Farmland Study Commission, founding member of the Sustainable Maine Steering Committee, economic policy advisor to U.S. Rep. Thomas Andrews ’76, a member of the Maine House Speaker’s Commission on Tax Reform under Speaker Michael Saxl ’89, and a member of the Maine Governor’s Steering Committee on Natural Resources-based Industries.
“Maine is a small state, and the policy process is so open here,” says Vail of the many services he has provided to the state.

Vail’s 1984 report on “The Economic Impact of Maine’s Minimum Wage Law” is generally credited with persuading then-Governor Joseph Brennan not to veto an increase in Maine’s minimum wage that was higher than the federal minimum. His former student Russell Libby ’78 co-authored that study.

Libby, now executive director of the Maine Organic Farmers & Gardeners Association, says Vail’s research for the Maine Consortium for Food Self-Reliance between 1976 and 1981 has essentially been his MOFGA playbook ever since.

“I go to meetings and say, ‘Look, we’ve had the road map for 30 years!’” Libby exclaims.

“David was a really good teacher who pushed students to get outside the campus,” says Libby, noting that to this day, Vail volunteers as a parking lot attendant at MOFGA’s annual Common Ground Fair. “He stimulated a whole

BOWDOIN’S MAINE PUNDITS
David Vail and Chris Potholm – Africa hands who became experts in Maine affairs

David Vail and Christian Potholm both arrived to teach at Bowdoin in the fall of 1970. Vail was an expert on economic development in Africa; Potholm an expert in African politics. Thirty-eight years later, Vail, the Adams-Catlin Professor of Economics, and Potholm, the DeAlva Stanwood Alexander Professor of Government, are both well-known and well-respected figures in the public life of Maine; Vail as a researcher and advisor on economic development, Potholm as a leading political pollster and strategist.

David Vail drifted away from African studies because it was too difficult to do field research while teaching full time a continent away. Chris Potholm stopped teaching and writing about African politics because “Africa became too depressing to deal with.”

“Africa in the 1960s was a very positive, very optimistic place,” Potholm explains. “With de-colonization, people were voting for the first time. There was a lot of hope in Africa. But by 15 years ago I had seen so many of the bright hopes of the people dashed.”

Where he had once dined with prime ministers, Potholm found he was increasingly dealing with dictators who didn’t want anything written about their governments. Thus, he turned his attention to Maine politics.

Though Potholm is generally regarded on campus as a conservative and in Maine as a Republican pollster and strategist, he is not as conservative as some might think.

“I’ve worked for more Republicans than Democrats,” says Potholm, who cut his campaign teeth working on his Class of ’62 Bowdoin classmate William Cohen’s 1972 election to the U.S. House of Representatives, “but I was also a strategist for [Independent Maine Governor] Angus King and I helped Gov. Baldacci [a Democrat] with his re-election campaign. By most Republican litmus tests, I’m a liberal Republican, but that makes me a conservative at Bowdoin.”

“As each of us has mellowed over the years,” says David Vail, a self-described progressive, “it seems to me that Chris has moved from the right and I from the left toward the political center. For myself, compared to 30 years ago, I now care less about righteousness and more about results.”

“I think I share with David,” says Chris Potholm, “a notion that the partisanship of the Far Right and the Far Left doesn’t get us closer to solutions to the problems facing Maine and the world.”

Though they may have started their academic careers poles (or polls) apart politically, David Vail and Chris Potholm have long been close friends and colleagues. They often swim together at lunchtime and regularly consult one another on Maine affairs. There was thought to profile the two old Africa hands who became Bowdoin’s Maine pundits together, but Chris Potholm politely demurred.

“Just want to make sure,” he explained, “the article distinguishes between a professor who is retiring and one who has no intention of doing so.”
group of people to tread down the same path he’s been on.”

Indeed, earlier this year, David Vail attended a meeting of the Northern Forest Alliance and found two of his former students there — Kathleen Bell ’90 and Tom Beckley ’85.

Kathleen Bell, now an associate professor of economics at the University of Maine, says she continues to follow Vail’s work on rural economic development, natural resources, and environmental issues.

“The State of Maine is very fortunate to have a researcher who is both interested in these issues and willing to put in the time and energy to pursue them,” says Bell. “His dedication and enthusiasm are remarkable.”

Tom Beckley, now a professor on the faculty of Forestry and Environmental Management at the University of New Brunswick, considers Vail a mentor in the art of combining academics and public policy research.

“David’s humble nature and calm, quiet demeanor are central to the respect he commands in both the academic and policy communities,” says Beckley. “David speaks deliberately, even softly, but people lean in to make sure they don’t miss anything he has to say. There is always substance there.”

Former State Economist Laurie Lachance ’83, now president of the Maine Development Foundation, also considers Vail her mentor and role model.

“Throughout my career as a professional economist,” Lachance says, “I have looked to him for guidance as to how I should approach my work and tried to follow his approach to serving the economy of Maine.”

THE FUTURE OF RURAL MAINE IS TOURISM

Sitting on the patio of the home a few blocks from campus that he shares with June, Vail surveys an orderly organic garden full of lettuce, cucumbers, pole beans, tomatoes, carrots, chard, cauliflower, broccoli, leeks, onions, garlic, peppers, eggplants, and squash. One might think he’d be content, following a career in academia and public policy, to simply tend his garden, work in the woodlot of his Harpswell summer home, and, when his shoulder heals, get back in the pool as a competitive masters swimmer. But Vail says he is retiring in order to devote more time to Maine economic development projects.

In recent years, Vail has turned his attention from farming and forestry to tourism. “Agriculture and forestry are no longer able to sustain communities as in the past and they’re certainly not able to sustain jobs,” he explains. “Tourism has the potential to be a lead sector in revitalizing rural areas. We need to connect nature-based tourism with cultural and heritage tourism to create a really attractive destination.”

As a founding member of the Maine Center for Economic Policy, Vail has researched, written, and edited a series of influential tourism studies, among them Spreading Prosperity to the “Other Maines,” Health Care and Tourism: A Lead Sector Strategy for Rural Maine, and Tourism and Livable Wages in Maine?

Charles Colgan—who, as former state economist, professor of public policy and management at the University of Southern Maine’s Muskie School, and chair of the State of Maine Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission, is the one Maine academician whose public policy activism rivals David Vail’s—credits Vail with leading the way toward a more resilient and sustainable Maine tourist economy.

“He really is, among all the academic community, the one doing the most research on tourism in Maine,” says Colgan. “He’s pushed a lot of ideas out there not just as research but to change things. He’s been working on how to increase the skills and training of people in the tourism industry in order to increase their incomes.”

Among the Vail initiatives that Colgan believes will come to fruition in the next years is a proposal to create standards and instructional programs for certified tourism professionals and connect two-year culinary arts degrees at community colleges to bachelor programs in business administration in order to strengthen chefs’ management skills.

“The idea of certification is starting to catch on in Maine,” says Vail, who has long looked to Sweden as a model for Maine farm, forest, and now tourist economies. He will use his upcoming sabbatical, in fact, to return to Sweden to continue his collaboration with the Swedish Ecotourism Association (SEA).

“Sweden has very progressive environmental policies,” Vail says. “The citizens take the environment very seriously. Partner organizations in the SEA have two million members out of a nine million population.”

Vail’s focus has been to promote world-class tourism in Maine’s “rim counties” — rural Oxford, Franklin, Somerset, Piscataquis, Aroostook, and Washington. As such, he has
come to support the controversial proposal by Plum Creek Timber to build a major resort on Moosehead Lake’s Lily Bay.

In a slide lecture entitled “The Battle for Moosehead Lake,” Vail argues that while seasonal second homes do not contribute a great deal to local economies after the construction phase, destination resorts do. He believes that the 400,000-plus acres that Plum Creek has agreed to designate permanent conservation lands would be the “pendant” on an “Emerald Necklace” of protected wildlands in northern Maine.

A former board member of the Natural Resources Council of Maine (NRCM), Vail has parted company with NRCM and Maine Audubon Society in their opposition to the Plum Creek proposal.

“Maine Audubon and NRCM ought to declare victory,” says Vail, agreeing that the initial Plum Creek proposal was badly flawed before the environmental groups won concessions to protect key remote ponds and mountains. “They’ve won.”

SUSTAINABILITY AND THE COMMON GOOD

Over the years at Bowdoin, Vail says he has evolved from a developmental economist into an environmental economist and then into an ecological economist, the difference between the latter two designations being a matter of focus. Environmental economists tend to have a narrow focus on such things as individual market failures and cost-benefit analysis of environmental policies. Ecological economists are more concerned with “how economic systems interact with eco-systems, particularly on a macro-scale and over long time periods.” The ultimate goal is to “unhook development (qualitative improvement) from growth (quantitative expansion)” in order to create sustainable economies, ones that can support communities without destroying environments.

That’s what David Vail has been preaching and teaching for 30 years, says Michael Rozyne ’78, co-founder of the fair trade company Equal Exchange and founder of Red Tomato, a Massachusetts-based non-profit that markets fresh produce from family farms.

“Today, the business world is all abuzz with discussions about green and sustainable business practices,” says Rozyne. “Let the record show that back in the Stone Age—you know, the 1970s—classes run by David Vail were all abuzz with discussion about how the modern economy was not sustainable and what alternatives might look like.”

S. Catherine Longley ’76, Bowdoin’s treasurer and senior vice president for finance and administration, says Vail has brought the same reasoned approach to sustainability to the Bowdoin campus that he has brought to economic development in Maine.

“David has been very engaged with the administration on environmental issues,” says Longley. “He’s worked on everything from green space, recreation areas, and the development of the environmental studies major to the President’s Climate Commitment Advisory Committee. He’s helped us analyze the payback on a lot of different technologies. He’s been a great sounding board not only as an academician but also as a thoughtful environmentalist.”

As David Vail practices it, economics is not merely the science of textbook theory, but the lively art of balancing competing social values. It is an approach that he has found intellectually rewarding, though perhaps not as lucrative as economic forecasting or investment management.

When Vail completed a survey for his 25th reunion at Princeton, for instance, he discovered that he wasn’t keeping up with his fellow Tigers.

“I was in the bottom 15 percent of my graduating class in earnings,” he says, quickly adding, “Bowdoin salaries have gotten quite a bit better since then.”

Vail could have made more money consulting on the side for financial institutions and corporations, but he’s happy with choice he made back in grad school to devote himself to helping others better their lots in life. “I find pro bono public policy work more fun,” says Vail. “With the lifestyle we’ve adopted, I’ve never felt an urgent need for extra money.”

Which, ultimately, may be why some question whether David Vail is a “real” economist, and it also may be why he has thrived at a college where the common good is a core value.
a break for service

taking part in one of six trips in bowdoin’s 2008 alternative spring break program gives students lessons in urban education.

by beth kowitt ’07 photographs by karsten moran ’05
In Ms. Mintz’s after-school class at Promise Academy I in Central Harlem, a group of kindergarteners sat clustered together on a green carpet, listening as a classmate read aloud from *Does a Kangaroo Have a Mother Too?* Without missing a beat, they answered questions about why they read: to educate and inform, they said. When Ms. Mintz asked what they look for when starting a book, the students raised their hands and answered with mood, setting, and theme.

But even though they were perfectly well behaved, the five- and six-year-olds in Room 312 were a bit distracted, glancing over at the two guests in their midst. Sitting on their outskirts were Nick Selden ’09 and Elyse Terry ’11, who had taken on the role of students. They perched on chairs meant for children half their height and asked questions along with the rest of the class. They had visited the classroom to volunteer during a week of their spring break, but they still were there to learn.

Nick and Elyse were two of the 14 members of a Bowdoin Alternative Spring Break (ASB) trip that traveled to Harlem and the Bronx in New York City, where they spent a week of their vacation getting a
taste of urban education. They split their time volunteering at Harlem Children’s Zone (HCZ), a community-based agency run by Bowdoin graduate Geoffrey Canada ’74, and at an elementary school in the Bronx.

“It’s a service-learning trip, and it’s definitely heavy on the learning,” said Katy Buckland ’08, one of the trip’s co-leaders and organizers. “It has the potential to really open people’s eyes about an issue.”

The trip was just one of six that Bowdoin’s Community Service Resource Center (CSRC) sent out over the break, and it represents a growing interest in community service on campus. The 2008 program had twice as many applicants than the number of available spots, a far cry from its start in 2002, when the center had to recruit participants for its trip to Peru.

The library for the Promise Academy Charter School at HCZ headquarters stood stacked with boxes of books that the Bowdoin crew had driven down from Maine in their two vans. The students, all dressed in blue HCZ t-shirts, stood around the library’s round tables, sorting the books by age group. They were tired from their early wakeup and a full morning of working with elementary school children in the Bronx, but the group members still delighted in sifting through titles that ranged from Shiloh to The Nasty Stinky Sneakers.

“I have such memory trips looking through these boxes,” said Aisha Woodward ’08, the group’s co-leader.

The sorting took place over the course of several afternoons that week, but this was only the end stage in what had been a project months in the making. It started almost a year before when Katy and Aisha decided they wanted to lead a version of the New York City ASB trip they had gone on as sophomores. That trip had also focused on urban education. But this time they decided to connect with HCZ, which provides, along with its charter school, education, social service, and community-building programs to residents of almost 100 blocks in Central Harlem. HCZ’s Bowdoin connections run deep: in addition to Canada, the agency also has five other graduates on staff.

To make the trip work, the group had to develop a tangible project that they could accomplish over the week.

“We want to make sure we’re meeting the needs of the organizations and not imposing on them,” said Sarah Seames, Bowdoin’s coordinator of community service programs.

Aisha and Katy got in touch with Kate Shoemaker ’95, the director of policy and special projects at HCZ, and together they brainstormed the idea of collecting books to add to HCZ’s library facilities. Through a book drive and fundraising that included selling pizza in dorms once a week, the students collected and bought about 800 books for the agency. In order to have most of the money they raised go toward purchasing books instead of reducing the cost of the trip, each student had to pay for their own trip, but received a small stipend from Bowdoin’s Student Activities Funding Committee, and students with financial need had the opportunity to receive a scholarship.

Along with the fundraising and book drive, the group orchestrated all the logistics of the trip under the guidance of the CSRC, which had to approve the proposal. In recent years, students have proposed 11 or 12 trips, with six of those selected. After their proposal was chosen, Katy and Aisha joined other trip leaders at a weekly seminar run by the CSRC, where they discussed everything from logistics to big-picture questions about what service means. Seames, who conducts the seminar, said she also focuses on what makes a balanced group, as the leaders are the ones who select their trip’s participants.

Aisha and Katy wanted a diverse group that could bring together multiple perspectives. But they also wanted students whose application ranked the trip as a top choice over some of the other projects volunteering in locations such as Guatemala and Peru.

“When people think about service break trips they think about exotic locations,” Aisha said, “but there’s a lot you can do right here.”
Most of the New York participants said they wanted to go because of the trip’s focus on education. Katy Buckland has signed on with Teach for America, a national program that trains recent college graduates as teachers and places them in urban and rural public schools for two years, for example. From Milton, Mass., Katy said her interest in urban education was solidified by her trip to New York as a sophomore and was part of her decision to apply for Teach for America.

“Doing that for a week turned it into a long-term interest in the issue,” she explained. “It opened my eyes to things I thought I already knew about.”

Niko Pilibosyan ’10, who is from Bulgaria, applied because he wanted to see the challenges that some students face when they try to get into a place like Bowdoin. Josh Magno ’11, from Chicago, said he wanted to do something meaningful over break and see if teaching and working with kids is really one of his passions.

And then there were some like Katie Wells ’08, who now see the program as a must-do before they graduate. Katie, who is from North Carolina and made her first trip to New York with ASB, decided not to do crew this year so she could free up her spring break.

“It’s something I didn’t want to graduate without doing,” she said as she sat sorting books.

CSRC director Susie Dorn explained that students’ eagerness to sign up for ASB partly stems from more and more students coming to Bowdoin already having participated in a service trip through an organization such as their high school or religious group. She noted that this reflects the trend of an increased interest in service across the U.S., but that Bowdoin particularly attracts students who are interested in giving back.

“At Bowdoin,” she said, “the draw of the common good has always been at the forefront.”

A bus and subway ride away from their hostel on the Upper West Side, the ASB group filed through the doors of P.S. 152-Evergreen School in the Bronx for another day of volunteering. After meeting up with the classes that they’d worked with throughout the week, the Bowdoin students helped guide the elementary school children up stairwells and through the halls to their rooms.

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“I didn’t know I would be so emotional by the end of one week,” she said.

At P.S. 152, the ASB group’s encounter with education departed from their experience at HCZ. They not only worked more closely with students but also saw another model for addressing issues that can come with educating in urban environments, such as poverty, broken homes, and sometimes violence.

“Taking a class is a lot different from experiencing it,” said Nick.

He and his fellow group members saw teachers working within the public school system to address the difficulties their students face on a regular basis. The staff...
has established a school where attendance rates are more than 90 percent, which is higher than that of comparable schools. The New York City Department of Education has lauded its new principal and called the school “well developed.” But the teachers at P.S. 152 only have the hours of the school day to spend with their students. At HCZ, the group saw an alternative model that works with its students beyond the confines of the classroom and has more resources.

Being in New York for only a week made some members of the Bowdoin group question what they would be able to truly contribute to the students’ lives, especially at P.S. 152 where they gave strictly their time. In contrast, the books they collected for HCZ gave them something more concrete they could leave behind.

“Sometimes when you don’t have a tangible thing it’s hard to see the impact,” Katy Buckland explained. But she also views herself as an example of how powerful just a few days can be.

“Our impact is limited with a week, but we shouldn’t underestimate the impact it will have on us,” Katy said. “We’re getting just as much out of it as we’re giving, if not more.”

One of the major contributions they made at both HCZ and P.S. 152 came through setting a positive example of college students.

“You can see how much they look up to you,” Lynzie McGregor said. “You don’t have to say much. It’s just the fact that you’re in college.”

At the time of the students’ visit, 238 HCZ graduates were attending college, including one at Bowdoin. When HCZ students are in college, the program continues to assist them when they need additional support, which may include obtaining tutors, helping them get home on breaks, providing emergency funds for tuition and placing them in internships.

“College is our goal for 100 percent of our students,” Shoemaker told the group. “We make sure education does not end with high school.”

HCZ tries to get its students to visit college campuses as early as possible to show them what they’re working toward. The Bowdoin group served a similar purpose, meeting with a group of HCZ high school students to field questions about what life is like after high school graduation. Shoemaker said their presence did not go unnoticed.

“The role modeling that you’re doing is great,” she told them.

The ASB participants were not the only ones acting as role models over the week. Shoemaker said the HCZ staff set an example of how it’s possible to transition an interest in helping people into a career. Several of the staff members say they have taken their cue from past generations of Bowdoin graduates, especially Canada, in working at HCZ.

“It started with Geoff and his leadership, and he’s led other alumni such as myself to want to further that vision,” said Shoemaker, who has been at HCZ for nine years. She saw one of the trip’s benefits as giving the Bowdoin group a chance to see “different types of things they can do to better the common good.”

While the CSRC can’t connect every ASB group with alumni, Dorn said that one of the advantages of working with a project that involves Bowdoin graduates is the common background.

“They understand where the students are coming from,” she said.

The group also had some background knowledge of HCZ before arriving in New York. Canada gave the 2007 Baccalaureate keynote address, which the students said had inspired them. At HCZ, the group members had the chance to hear from Canada again when he welcomed them at the beginning of the week.

Shoemaker and the other alumni on staff also gave the group a special presentation explaining how their Bowdoin educations had translated into their work at the agency and the concept behind HCZ. George Khaldun ’73, HCZ’s chief operating officer, and G. Rasuli Lewis ’73, director of the Practitioners Institute, spoke about...
how they eventually ended up working with Canada. More recent graduates Jared Ware ’05, operations manager of HCZ’s charter schools, and Justin Strasburger ’07, college coordinator, also explained how they got involved with the agency.

At the meeting, the HCZ group also outlined the zone model, which tries to get involved in children’s lives as early as possible. It surrounds them with a support system of trained staff, who know the struggle these kids face in Central Harlem and who are equipped to help them out of poverty.

The agency starts young for that reason, running its parenting workshop series, Baby College, on Saturdays and keeping kids as close to HCZ as possible through programs such as Beacons, which turns school buildings into year-round community centers with programming ranging from life and career skills to the arts. HCZ also tries to encourage entire families to get involved, running its Family Support Center and offering classes for adults. Central to its model is providing programming for children throughout their lives.

“There’s no other organization out there that supports people at every age of their development at this scale,” Shoemaker said.

After their week in New York, the participants stayed connected to one another and their shared experience. They created a presentation for “Perspectives,” a photo installation with written reflections from each ASB trip. They also got together on their own time, meeting for dinners and going out for ice cream. Several said they wished they had been able to stay a second week, and those who weren’t graduating want to apply for ASB next year.

For the students on the 2008 trip, they continued to think about how their experience will impact their lives on campus and beyond. Dorn said once they get back to Bowdoin, students often consider ways they can link their trip experiences to their academic studies and interests. When the Joseph McKeen Center for the Common Good opens in the fall of 2008, students will have even more resources at their disposal for making that connection. The McKeen Center’s mission focuses on bringing together community service and community-based teaching and research, and it will help and encourage students to explore how they can take what they’ve learned and apply it to their community and curriculum, said Dorn, who will become its director.

Modeling this new approach, the CSRC’s Seames and Craig McEwen, the Daniel B. Fayerweather Professor of Political Economy and Sociology and the soon-to-be senior faculty fellow at the Center, together led a debriefing session for participants when they returned to campus. Dorn said these types of events are held in order to help students who may struggle with that they’ve experienced.

“When your comfort zone is stretched that way, it makes you grapple with issues you might otherwise only read about,” she said. “Our job, when students return, is to help them connect that struggle with coursework and longer-term plans.”

Along with the just-graduated seniors who have decided to work in education, the trip has also made some of the underclassmen think more broadly.

“It gave me an idea of something I’d like to do,” Josh Magno said. “It gives you an experience that you can build your life out of.”

Likewise, Lynzie McGregor said she felt reenergized returning to Bowdoin. The trip stayed with her even as she got back into the swing of college life.

“I miss the kids,” she said. “I think about them everyday.”

Beth Kovitt ’07 graduated from Columbia Journalism School in May and is currently interning at Fortune Magazine.
EVEN KERMIT WOULD ADMIT THAT IT IS GETTING EASIER TO BE GREEN, WITH NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND PRODUCTS BECOMING MORE AVAILABLE AND AFFORDABLE. NOT SURPRISINGLY FOR A PLACE RECENTLY NAMED AN “ENVIRONMENTALLY-RESPONSIBLE” COLLEGE, BOWDOIN HAS ITS SHARE OF ALUMNI WHO ILLUSTRATE THIS DEEP GREEN TREND.
Bowdoin is deservedly lauded for its environmentally-friendly initiatives, such as its commitment to renewable energy, sustainable building designs, and recycling, which have been written about extensively. Perhaps the most important aspect of Bowdoin’s eco-friendliness is the College’s environmental education, both in and out of the classroom, which sends graduates into the real world ready to tackle environmental issues both professionally and personally.

But you know all that. What you may not be aware of is how deep and wide the green alumni trend has grown—how eco-friendliness is an integral part of an ever-increasing number of professions and disciplines. Both on campus and off, there’s evidence of the growing “green-collar job” phenomenon—environmental jobs are everywhere, in every sector, and environmentalism permeates every aspect of our lives, in and out of the office.

Here are a few of the many faces of Bowdoin’s ever-growing group of green-collar alumni.

ON CAMPUS
Tellingly, Del Wilson ’92 doesn’t immediately count himself as a green alumnus. After all, Bowdoin’s director of finance and campus services was hired to handle a different type of green—money—as the person responsible for Bowdoin’s energy procurement. However, as the eco-culture on campus evolved, so did Wilson’s job, which now requires a sharp eye for environmentalism and energy-efficiency.

In handling Bowdoin’s $5.8 million annual energy budget, Wilson sees “an opportunity to have a
substantial reduction in the College’s emissions.”

Changes in utility procurement (the purchase of renewable energy credits from Maine-based wind- and hydro-power companies) and fuel composition (the move from oil to natural gas) on campus have been successful from both a financial and environmental perspective, he says. And much of Wilson’s education in these areas comes, at least initially, from Bowdoin students.

The same goes for college president Barry Mills ’72, who credits Bowdoin students with heightening his environmental awareness. When it comes to implementing eco-friendly projects and programs, Mills says he is “both the person who leads and persuades... and also the person who is constantly being persuaded.”

“People talk about students today being less engaged,” he says. “And I think they’re missing the issue that students are really activists about—and that is the environment.” That groundswell of student activism and passion has led to various on-campus initiatives, including a green-construction boom, the creation of a student-run organic garden, the bulk purchase of wind- and hydro-generated power, and a 40-percent campus-wide reduction in greenhouse-gas emissions.

As an educational institution, Bowdoin has something of a responsibility to test the green waters, says Catherine (Palevsky) Longley ’76, the College’s senior vice president for finance and administration & treasurer. As a holder of purse strings, Longley has been instrumental in many Sustainable Bowdoin initiatives, including the lengthy energy audit that led to many changes on campus.

“In higher education...we’re kind of a living learning environment,” she says. “In academia, generally, we’ve got to lead the way, model the behavior.”

Consider the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, of which Mills is a signatory and which Longley chairs. In part, it reads:

“We believe colleges and universities must exercise leadership in their communities and throughout society by modeling ways to minimize global warming emissions, and by providing the knowledge and the educated graduates to achieve climate neutrality. Campuses that address the climate challenge by reducing global warming emissions and by integrating sustainability into their curriculum will better serve their students and meet their social mandate to help create a thriving, ethical and civil society.”

BECOMING A CHANGE AGENT

“I view myself as a change agent,” says Roger Saillant ’65, and as a self-dubbed “practitioner of sustainability,” he executes those changes in both his personal and professional lives. “You’re the same person in your life as your work,” he says. “You’ve got to learn how to integrate those things.”

It seems that Saillant has learned those lessons. The former president and CEO of Plug Power, a company that encourages the use of energy-efficient fuel cells, is as proud of his current professional work on the board of the CLOUD Institute for Sustainability Education, as he is of the fact that his nine-year-old grandson is a vegetarian. He moves seamlessly from discussing his influential work on fuel cells to talking about the fiction book he’s writing—an environmental thriller. And then, just for good measure, he explains how he’s encouraging his daughter, a law student, to go into environmental law. It’s easy to see that the ideas of sustainability that he hopes to ingrain in young children through his work with the
CLOUD Institute are already firmly implanted in his own brain.

That sense of integration has been largely missing in the business world but, throughout his career, Saillant has worked to change that. In part, that work has come in the form of pushing the US government to give more support to fuel cell technology employing hydrogen to produce energy, with only water as a waste product. But he also lectures and consults, with the goal of creating what he calls a “holistic” business philosophy: one that embraces the idea that “business and society are embedded in nature, not the other way around.”

**LIVING GREEN IN A HOUSE OF STRAW**

They’ve heard the huff-and-puff-and-blow-their-house-down joke before, so save it. Margaret ’91 and Nord ’87 Samuelson might live in a straw-bale house, but they’re not little pigs. In fact, when it comes to energy and natural resource consumption, the Samuelsons and their four children are on a hardcore diet.

From the outside, their 2,400-square-foot dwelling in Freeport, Maine, looks fairly standard. But a closer look reveals a funhouse of green innovation. There are features that stand out more than others – the 12-foot-tall stone wall that traps heat for the house, for instance, or the wood stove they cook on much of the year. Other aspects of the Samuelson’s green home don’t jump out at first glance – their solar water heater, and the 18-inch-thick wall insulation – but do just as much to lower their oil and gas use (not to mention their utility bills).

The couple, who met in New York City, not at Bowdoin, wasn’t always so eco-conscious. “We’re reformed suburbanites,” Margaret admits. Their sensibilities evolved gradually, and they made increasingly deliberate choices about how to live. Over time, interest in food choices led to the planting of a backyard organic garden; their focus on raising a healthy family spurred them to move within walking distance of their children’s school and to develop a close-knit, cooperative community with their neighbors (why purchase more than one lawnmower if you can share one with those who live nearby?).

“This house was a test for Margaret and me,” Nord says. So far, they’re making good grades.

**DRIVING GREEN**

Tom Elson ’06 was always into nature. As a kid, he went to summer camp in Wisconsin, and later led wilderness trips through northern Minnesota and southern Ontario. But it wasn’t until he received a Psi Upsilon internship at the Natural Resources Council of Maine during his sophomore summer that he made the connection between his personal love for the outdoors and his potential career path.

“It was at NRCM when I started to realize I was interested in turning my environmental interests into a career,” he says. “As my first experience in the environmental working world, it showed me one potential path I could take.”

During his remaining time at Bowdoin, he took Conrad Schneider’s Environmental Law course, which only helped solidify his professional goals. Then came “the dreaded job search,” which landed Elson back in his hometown of Chicago, working as a policy intern for the Environmental Law and Policy Center. There, he met political and environmental luminaries such as Al Gore and David Axelrod, a top advisor to Barack Obama who told Elson and others that environmental issues were rising in America’s political consciousness.

“That was really encouraging, not only for the environment, but for my job prospects,” Elson recalls.

Indeed, Elson soon found himself moving to New York City, where he works today as a policy analyst for the Environmental Defense Fund. Now, he’s running
with the big dogs, grappling with issues such as urban air pollution, traffic congestion, and the intricate workings of the New York State Assembly. “The philosophy here is: we’re willing to sit down at the table with our adversaries and hash out a compromise,” he says of the EDF’s efforts.

Although he and his colleagues ultimately failed at pushing through a sweeping scheme that would have implemented fees for vehicles traveling in and out of Manhattan’s central business district (the first proposal of its kind in the nation), “we probably won more than we thought,” Elson concedes. “We got air quality on the radar. Some sort of congestion-mitigation pricing is inevitable.”

NEEDS-BASED PHILANTHROPY

Elliott Wright ’04 used to make his philanthropic pitch by appealing to people’s values. These days, he talks about their needs. “We need preservation to happen for very specific and measurable reasons, like clean water, or carbon sequestration,” he says — in other words, preservation isn’t just for do-gooders anymore, it’s for pragmatists too. He uses this model daily in his work as a development officer for the California-based Sempervirens Fund, a non-profit organization that has worked to protect and preserve the Redwood Forests since 1900.

“How [do] you compel people to think beyond enchantment?” Wright asks, distilling his major hurdle, and pointing out the many needs that the redwoods fill, such our need for breathable air and open spaces in which children (and adults) can play and learn. “What’s the essential thing that this forest is providing? Compelling people to give on the level of essential is the new challenge for environmental organizations today.”

Wright, who cites Bowdoin’s hands-on learning opportunities as instrumental to his professional growth, has navigated non-profit funding streams since 2003, when he worked with Joel Cartwright ’06. Cartwright started the Bowdoin Organic Garden, which provides sustainably-farmed food to the Bowdoin community. To launch that project, he and Cartwright had to write up a grant proposal, then work with Bowdoin administrators, other students, and campus dining services to get the garden off the ground. “Joel gave me a working, functional knowledge of how things move,” Wright says. “Joel’s positive energy inspired everyone to get involved. He was a teacher and a friend who gave 100% of his encouragement, positivity, and heart to projects that meant something.”

After Bowdoin, Wright took Cartwright’s lessons to Peru, Kenya, India, Asia, and on the home front, Colorado, where he was involved in community-building projects and organizations that gave him a better idea of how non-profits work. Last year, he picked up Sempervirens, where he continues to learn about the responsibilities non-profits have to their donors — and that donors have to lead the way. “Philanthropy really is the frontline of change in any social system,” Wright says. “It shows the needs and priorities of a society, and gives us a path to follow.”

GREENING THE SLOPES

Auden Schendler ’92 is no wallflower. He’s a strong-willed, passionate, aggressive fighter for the environment, and he has used his high-level corporate position to influence other sectors such as policy, law, and media.

He takes little credit for any of this; when asked what he counts as his biggest achievement as executive director of sustainability for the Aspen Skiing Company, he cites

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Auden Schendler ’92. Photo by Chris Lane
someone else’s work: “A new engineer at the Little Nell, a hotel we own…has cut energy use radically and saved tens of thousand of dollars by doing things like turning the heat down in the pool so it’s not the town’s biggest hot tub; covering it at night; and turning off lights and heaters in other areas.”

“At best, if I was involved at all in this work, it was in trying to create a culture of efficiency,” he says.

Indeed, although Schendler approaches sustainability from a corporate position, he looks at environmental issues with a holistic perspective that reaches beyond Aspen. He cites the fact that Aspen filed an amicus brief on *Massachusetts v. Environmental Protection Agency*, the 2007 Supreme Court case that required the EPA to regulate CO2 and other greenhouse gases as pollutants.

“Business has to use its enormous political clout to let our leaders know the corporate world cares deeply about climate change, and wants to see meaningful legislation now,” Schendler says. “That’s precisely where we need to be. Everything else is nice, but it’s not to scale.”

Schendler focuses a lot on scale, because he worries that many people don’t concentrate on it enough.

“The misconceptions—that little things matter, that an individual life led in a green way is going to solve this problem—comes from the scale of the challenge, and our inability to understand it,” he says. “We can’t fathom what it means to cut CO2 emissions by 90 percent by century’s end. It’s basically hitting the ‘reset’ button on society as we know it. So we focus on the recycling, on our car. These individual actions are important and we should take them, but for many people, it ends there. And we need to attack it at scale. The way to do that is to use our institutions and our voices as individuals to drive change at the policy level, regionally and nationally.”

**BUILDING UPON VICTORIES**

In November 2007, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit ruled that the Bush Administration’s fuel-economy standards for SUVs and light trucks were insufficiently stringent, and sent them back to the Department of Transportation for revision. It was a victory for environmentalists, who claimed that the standards didn’t properly address the fact that vehicle emissions contribute to climate change—and Noah Long ’03, in his capacity as a Stanford University law student, helped achieve that victory.

“It was really, really exciting,” the 27-year-old says, acknowledging that while the case will probably be appealed to the Supreme Court, stricter standards will likely result anyway.

When Keisha Payson was appointed the first Coordinator for a Sustainable Bowdoin in 2004, Long was one of the first people to knock on her door. Long cites his work with Payson and the Sustainable Bowdoin program as formative in his environmental education (that combined with his environmental studies co-major and experiences with the Outing Club). As he helped implement projects like installing motion sensors on soda machines, switching over to natural gas, or encouraging composting around campus, Long got his “first taste of knowing…and seeing what could be done.”

If Long’s convictions in the power of the law are credible, it’s a taste that will likely become familiar. The New Mexico native believes that as with civil rights advances of the past, many of the most effective environmental protections and policies will come from legal decisions.

“I don’t think I have any alternative other than to use my legal education as rapidly as possible on some of these issues,” says Long, who co-majored in environmental studies at Bowdoin. “All the progressive legal organizations are trying to model after that same pattern—find the right cases, and be really careful, and build one victory on top of another until you have an avalanche of change.”

When he goes to work in September for the National Resources Defense Council, he’s aiming to achieve such an avalanche in California, where the state government recently passed a law to regulate carbon dioxide emissions. Long points out that helping California create and implement these policies will later afford “the federal government a much easier job.”

**OFF THE GRID**

The Woodruff farm in Brunswick is a veritable country zoo—it harbors cows, pigs, chickens, ducks, a turtle, frogs, deer, two dogs, a cat, snakes, toads, a weasel, and...
mice, as Seamus Woodruff, one of the youngest of the clan, excitedly tallies. Seamus’s bubbling enthusiasm is one of the reasons that Mike Woodruff ’87 and his wife Lucretia chose the lifestyle they did: “It’s such a healthy lifestyle for them to grow up learning about,” Lucretia says. “These kinds of skills make sense,” Mike adds, of his children’s knowledge of and connection with their natural environment. The Woodruffs live on 10 acres in Brunswick, in a recently constructed home that is totally “off the grid”—i.e., not powered by conventional electricity, but by solar panels and a 48-volt bank of batteries in their basement. They grow much of their own food, and they provide some produce, meat, and eggs to neighbors as well. Mike directs the Bowdoin Outing Club, a post he and Lucretia shared as co-directors before beginning their family. It seems appropriate the directors of the program so many of Bowdoin’s alumni cite as an influence live a green lifestyle themselves. But the Woodruffs don’t see it as such a departure from mainstream life. “It’s not that different,” Mike (who often shares tips with college roommate Nord Samuelson) says. “It’s simple stuff that works. I think what we’re doing is what more and more people should be doing. I hope that’s where we’re headed.” If Outing Club alumni are any indication, the Woodruffs are blazing a good trail.

10,000 CARS LIGHTER
This may not provide much comfort, but there might be one small benefit to recent spikes in gas prices—Andy Meyer ’85 might have an even easier time making his business pitch.

After 14 years working for IDEXX Laboratories, a Southern Maine-based company that develops technological products and services for veterinarians and pets, Meyer began working last year for Safe Handling, also headquartered in Maine, a freight transportation company that deals largely with large shipments of liquid chemicals, baking flour, plastic pellets, and fuel within Maine and the Northeast.

“I wanted to make an impact on the world by driving energy efficiency and/or renewables, and this job lets me do both,” he says of his career switch.

He identifies four ways in which Safe Handling works to achieve its goals: by replacing long-haul trucking with trains, which are 73 percent more efficient; by transporting chemicals over long distances in their dry form (adding water at their destination), in order to lower freight volume and emissions; by using an efficient local truck fleet to make local deliveries; and by using biodiesel fuel in that fleet. The company also operates the largest ethanol and biofuel terminal in the region.

“In total, we reduce our customers’ transportation costs by up to 50 percent, and transportation emissions by up to 90 percent,” Meyer says. “That’s good news for everyone.”

Not to mention the eco-benefits: “By replacing long-haul trucking with rail transportation, Safe Handling reduces transportation emissions by about 50,000 tons per year, which is the equivalent of taking nearly 10,000 cars off the road,” Meyer says, “and we eliminate the need for nearly 12 [million] truck miles of traffic. I’m delighted to be a part of that.”
Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification for new construction LEED is an official standard established in 2000 by the U.S. Green Building Council. LEED assigns “credits” to a project based on how well the project's features serve goals such as water efficiency and indoor environmental quality. In the spring of 2006, two recently constructed residence halls on campus, Osher and West, were certified at LEED’s silver level, representing sustainability innovations above those expected for an environmentally-friendly building. Bowdoin also registered the new Watson Arena as a LEED project, most notably for its heavy use of recycled material and implementation of the most energy-efficient refrigeration system available and will seek certification for the new Fitness, Health, and Wellness Center as well.

Reduction in CO₂ emissions After a peak of CO₂ output on campus in 2002, Bowdoin has invested in more energy-efficient projects, leading to a remarkable 40% reduction in campus CO₂ emissions. Bowdoin accepted the Maine Governor’s Carbon Challenge in 2006 to reduce emissions 11% below the 2002 levels, a challenge met by the summer of 2007. To accomplish this, Bowdoin switched to more energy-friendly fuels, converted heating plant boilers to dual fuel systems in order to use natural gas, reduced campus heating set point from 72 degrees to 68 degrees, and increased the campus cooling set point from 72 to 75 degrees.

A green senior gift At the 2008 Commencement ceremony, graduating class president Andrew Fried ’08 presented Bowdoin a gift on behalf of his class – a set of solar hot water panels that will heat water for a campus building. “The Bowdoin sun has been shining for over 200 years, and the solar panels will harness some of its power for future generations of Bowdoin students,” Fried said as he presented the gift. The panels will help Bowdoin further cut back on energy emissions and will add another facet to the campus’s use of renewable energy sources – they are Bowdoin’s first solar hot water panels.

An engaging campus effort Many Bowdoin students promote green initiatives through campus organizations, most notably Sustainable Bowdoin, led by Keisha Payson. “EcoReps” in each dorm inspire fellow students to make environmentally-friendly decisions, such as cutting back on length of showers and encouraging students to turn off unused lights, and promote and facilitate recycling efforts. Each year, Sustainable Bowdoin sponsors an energy reduction contest in which dorms compete to reduce their energy use the most over a month-long period. Such initiatives promote a more environmentally-conscious mindset among students.

Driving less, saving more Two Zipcars are now available for Bowdoin students, faculty, staff, and local residents. Zipcar is a car-sharing service that allows users to cut back on fuel consumption and other financial and environmental detriments associated with owning a car.

Bowdoin’s well-known dining services get in on the effort, too In the fall of 2006 the Bowdoin heating plant began burning once-wasted fryer oil from the dining halls. With this move, the oil gets streamed into the boiler along with #2 oil when #2 is being burned. The Dining Service also helps manage Bowdoin’s Organic Garden, often featuring vegetables from the garden in the dining halls’ dishes and salad bars. Nearly a quarter of the total dining purchases were local and organic in ’07–’08.
“One, two, three, lift!”

Emily Andrade ’10 shoots into the air, supported by four teammates, and strikes the classic cheerleader pose: both arms extended above her head and a confident smile on her face. Nearby, three girls practice dance moves. After a few run-throughs they move on to “toe-touches,” a move that involves touching your toes... in mid-air. “At morning practice we do forty to wake up,” one girl says. The Bowdoin Cheerleading Squad doesn’t shy away from a challenge, and their decision to embark on a two-day hike through the Maine woods is further proof of their willingness to try new things— even ones that are a little scary.

The idea for the trip originated when captains Yuna Oh ’10 and Emily approached Director of Multicultural Affairs Will Smith ’00 to discuss the possibility of a team bonding trip. Smith consulted
Outing Club Director Mike Woodruff, who developed an itinerary with the help of Women’s Soccer Coach Maren Rojas and Outing Club leader Meaghan Maguire ’08. Emily gave her squad the news: they would be spending a weekend off campus with no television, no computers, and quite possibly no cell phone signal. For most of the squad’s nine members, this would be the farthest north they had ever traveled, and for some that was a less than thrilling concept.

**DAY 1**

On the day of departure the team gathers in the Schwartz Outdoor Leadership Center, showered and ready for a weekend in the woods. Backpacks are stuffed to the brim, and spirits are high. Very high. Cramming ten bodies and packs into one van doesn’t lower morale — or the volume — and the girls joke and sing like old friends on their way to an all-expenses-paid cruise to the Bahamas. The only silence occurs ten miles south of Kingsfield, when Rachael Fleming ’09 announces that they have just lost cell phone service.

Two hours later, the group arrives at the Poplar Stream Trailhead. As the van navigates the narrow access road, which in April is flanked by at least three feet of snow, reality begins to sink in. For many, the prospect of a hike through the winter wilderness is both unfamiliar and daunting. “I’ve never seen this many trees in my life,” says Latoyia Hall ’10, who grew up in Philadelphia.

Almost all of the current team members are from urban areas outside of New England and most have never been on this type of excursion before. According to Emily, who grew up in Los Angeles, that is exactly why she wanted to do it. “This is a good opportunity to do something new,” she says. Her teammate Ale Diaz ’10, who lives in Austin, Texas, agrees. “This kind of stuff doesn’t exist where we’re from,” she says.

The team straps on snowshoes for a three-mile hike to the Poplar Stream Falls Hut, part of the eco-friendly network of walkways and lodging built by Maine Huts and Trails. The paths are wide and well-groomed, but snowmobiles present a hazard, and the group quickly starts calling out warnings when the vehicles come whizzing into view. A few girls fall behind as the first major hill looms ahead, but after a little encouragement (and a few light-hearted threats concerning hungry wild animals), everyone reaches the top, and a well-deserved lunch break of cheese, pepperoni, bagels, and peanut butter is enjoyed miles away from Bowdoin’s fine dining halls.

Refreshed and determined, the team resumes their hike on a passage too small for motorized traffic. The hills become more significant, and thicker trees blot out the sun. Two hours and five snowball fights later, their destination comes into view. The last girl makes it up the incline, and the first challenge of the day is complete. “Latoyia, stand over there for a victory shot!” yells Rachael. The sense of accomplishment is palpable.

The Poplar Stream Falls Hut is made up of several small bunkhouses surrounding a larger lodge with an airy dining room, full kitchen, and library. Bathrooms with running hot water are attached to the main lodge, and there is a heating room for wet clothes. As far as camping goes, this isn’t exactly roughing it, and although the team is largely unfamiliar with the sport, they appreciate the luxuries provided. “You have no idea how good this is in terms of camping,” Rachael says to the team as they settle into their bunks. It takes a little convincing for Latoyia, who contemplates her top berth skeptically. “Get up there so I can take a picture!” Rachael says. “If I get up there I’m not going to get down,” Latoyia fires back, but gives it a try anyway. Her success is met with cheers all around.

After everyone is settled, Meaghan and Coach Maren offer to lead the troupe in a few goal-setting activities. The idea is met with the same enthusiasm that has marked the entire journey, and the team draws up a rough schedule for the rest of the evening: team-building exercises, dinner, and practice. If time permits, they also want to build a snowman.

An hour later, seated on couches in the library, Coach Maren asks each member of the squad to write individual and team goals on an index card, and share them with the group. Maren urges them to make goals that are attainable but not too easy. “You want something challenging but realistic” she says.

Yuni says she wants to improve her stamina by following a
work-out plan, an ambition echoed in some form by nearly every team member. Most girls mention specific stunts or dances they want the troupe to learn, and many say they want to command more respect from the Bowdoin community. “We should make more of an effort to let people know we’re here,” says Jurdane Hall ’11. The squad explains the difficulties they have had in securing time to perform during halftime at basketball games. Often, they are lined up and ready, but kids run out on the court to take shots, or a fundraiser announces the winners of a raffle. They say no one steps in to introduce them or ensure that they get a chance to perform, and it is apparent by the end of the session that the group is frustrated with the lack of appreciation and respect shown by their fellow classmates. “Some people don’t think cheerleading has a place at Bowdoin,” says Rachael, “but we’re trying to re-define cheerleading and what it means. We want it to be more concrete than people dancing in spandex.”

Coach Maren encourages the team to come up with action plans that will help improve their image as an athletic organization to be taken seriously. “Don’t just talk about it – make it happen,” she tells them. Everyone agrees that in order to promote themselves as a legitimate club, they need to beef up their performances and show people they are serious about cheerleading. The consensus is to have four performable stunts ready for next fall’s football season and to recruit five solid new members for next year’s squad. Ideas are floated for preseason practices and a performance at Experience Weekend, which many of the girls attended in high school. They agree that greeting incoming students will not only help gain new membership, it’s what cheerleading is all about. “Cheerleading is supposed to be more than on the football field or on the basketball court,” one girl says. “We are supposed to embody school spirit.”

By the end of the two-hour block, everyone is excited to get things started. Coach Maren suggests that they make a list of their goals upon returning to campus to carry over the enthusiasm and remind them every day of what they’re working for. “It’s a huge commitment,” she says, “but I think you guys have a good outline here.”

Team bonding is next on the list, and instead of index cards, the cheerers are given bright blue wigs, fake tattoos, and oversized “diamond” necklaces. Not something most hikers carry in their packs, but the supplies are put to good use. The squad is split into two teams, and each performs a skit. Thirty minutes later, both teams put on hilarious skits inspired by the VH1 reality television show, Flavor of Love. Both skits are laden with slightly crude humor and inside jokes that have everyone screaming with laughter. From outside the cabin, one might wonder what could possibly be so funny about a few pieces of costume jewelry and 99 cent toys. Those involved probably couldn’t explain it, but in their laughter was a closeness formed by hours spent practicing, studying, and supporting each other. No winner was ever announced, but nobody seemed to mind.

Dinner time arrives, and everyone is hungry from a day outdoors. Hut Manager Melissa Shea and Chef Jack Shields serve up hearty portions of chicken pie, green beans, and carrot cake. Dinner conversation is lively, and the ceiling of the lodge reverberates with laughter once again. “I’m so glad we’re doing this,” says Rachael of the trip, “even though my paper is going to suffer severely, I would do it again in a second.”

Once the dishes have been cleared and tables and chairs pushed aside, practice commences. It’s obvious that the team’s comfort with one another is an integral part of their sport, which relies on trust and teamwork as well as physical strength. The “flyer,” who quite literally flies into the air during a stunt, must count on her teammates to hold her steadily, and catch her if she falls. Emily, the team’s flyer and one of the more experienced cheerleaders, says she doesn’t think twice when putting her safety in the hands of her lifters. “I don’t pay attention, I’m just concentrating on what I’m doing,” she says. What she’s doing is pretty scary to someone not familiar with cheering practices, where teams must work out the kinks and inevitably make a few mistakes. “This is the most dangerous sport—it’s crazy,” says Latoyia, who is learning to count the beat as she lifts Emily. Rachael agrees, “You have no idea how many times we’ve been hit in the head or kicked in the face.”

The physical aspect of cheerleading is often overlooked by those who consider the sport to be little more than pom-poms and huge smiles. Bring it On, the 2000 movie that follows one cheerleading squad’s journey to Nationals, gives a
somewhat realistic portrayal of how much work and physical fitness go into preparing a single dance or stunt, but it also reinforces plenty of stereotypes that real cheerleaders don’t appreciate. “I don’t think spirit fingers even exist,” Ale says, referring to the hand formations the team is taught in the movie. The girls recognize that misperceptions surrounding their sport will not be easily overcome, especially since, as one points out, “There are cheerleading squads out there who compete nationally and still aren’t respected.” The only thing they can do is prove their dedication to the team and to Bowdoin. “If [other teams] see that we’re there for them, maybe they’ll be there for us,” they say.

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DAY 2

The next morning, over a breakfast of blueberry pancakes, bacon, and eggs, Coach Maren asks the team what they expected Maine to be like before coming to Bowdoin. Most admitted picturing an endless stretch of remote wilderness, with the occasional town placed miles from the nearest shopping center. For others, Maine was inextricably linked to cold weather. Two words to describe the state? “Eternally white,” says Yuna. Rachael appreciates the safety and security of Maine, while Latoyia says she sometimes misses the constant hustle of the city. But everyone agrees that the Maine they imagined was not exactly what they found upon their arrival in Brunswick. “There are tons of misconceptions,” Rachael says, unintentionally echoing the team’s conversation from the night before.

A slightly different squad returned to the Trailhead on Sunday. They were still scared of bears and “homeless serial killers who hide out in the woods,” but it was more of a playful fear. The hills were less formidable, and the team walked purposefully in snowshoes that had seemed to hinder them the day before.

According to Woodruff, the goal of this type of trip is to allow to concentrate on issues outside of the academic and social structures that exists on campus. “At Bowdoin, they have ninety different things pulling them in opposite directions,” he says. “These trips test the ability of a group to let go of their daily life and reflect on things.” Exposing the team to a foreign environment places everyone on a level playing field, Woodruff says, and encourages “positive peer pressure” as team members encourage and motivate each other to succeed.

Latoyia, a self-proclaimed city girl, could not agree more. When faced with unfamiliar surroundings “you can’t help but depend on the people around you to keep your spirits high and your mind focused on the problem at hand,” she says. “We were a close squad before the trip, but afterward it felt like we were a family.” Her initial reaction to the trip, which she described as “complete and utter fear,” gave way to immense satisfaction at having succeeded at something so far removed from her normal realm of activity. Although she says that the wilderness is still not her cup of tea, Latoyia says the overall experience will remain “one of my most treasured memories.”

Alix Roy ’07, a former intern at Bowdoin magazine, lives in Massachusetts, where she is a reporter for the Peabody Weekly News.
Jay Pratt '40 atop the north roof of Searles Science Building in 1938. First Parish Church can be seen in the background. Jay said that he “teetered his way across” the peak from the bell tower. He can’t recall why he made the climb 70 years ago, or who took the photograph, only that he stayed up there for some time, and that “Dean Nixon never heard about it!”
As compiled from media around the world.

John Rich ’39, who spent nearly 30 years as a war correspondent for NBC News, made a discovery that landed him back on television—this time as the focus of a segment that aired Friday, July 25, on The NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams. The “Making a Difference” segment featured Rich and some of the hundreds of color photographs he had taken while on the ground covering the Korean War in 1950. The color photographs, recovered from an old tea chest, show Marines, pilots, generals, children, and refugees in a rare vision of a war that is most often seen through black and white photos. Rich, interviewed at his home in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, reported on every major armed conflict from Korea to the Congo for nearly 30 years—first on the radio and later on television—but the Korean War was the only conflict during which he took any photographs.

Putnam Flint ’42 had, for decades, kept his memories of fighting in World War II to himself. Until, in 2004, English barrister and travel writer John Gimlette convinced Flint to recount his story by retracing his platoon’s battle road through France and Germany. This journey is the centerpiece of Gimlette’s latest book, Panther Soup: Travels through Europe in War and Peace. “I think it was good for me,” Flint said in a Boston Globe feature story. “I probably should have done it many years earlier. It was nice to see everything beautifully rebuilt, and the healthy people. There was some closure.”

Boston College psychology professor Dr. Joseph Tecce ’55 was featured in a Wellesley Townsmen article for his 35-year fascination and 25-year study of the relationship between successful presidential campaigns and blink-rates. Over the past 25 years, Tecce said, the fastest blinking candidates lost the election, except for 2000 when George W. Bush, the fastest blinker, lost the popular vote but won the electoral vote. Tecce refrains from making any definite predictions until the one-on-one debates between the nominees begin, but his evaluation in the February article placed Senator Barack Obama ahead of Senator John McCain in terms of blink-rate acceptability.

Charles Leighton ’57 has raised over $25 million as executive director of the U.S. Sailing Association in Portsmouth, R.I., to support this summer’s U.S. Olympic sailing team in China. “I have the most wonderful job in the world,” Leighton told The Boston Globe. “I’m being paid to do my hobby, and it’s fun to give back.”

Roger Hinchliffe ’66 sang both the Swedish and American national anthems when the national hockey teams from both countries faced off at the Portland (Maine) Civic Center on April 27. In November 2007, John Parker ’66 set out from the Falkland Islands to explore the South Georgia Island aboard the Spirit of Sydney, a 60-foot exploration vessel. The tale of Parker’s full 24-day journey was published in the May/June Issue of Ocean Navigator and can be read online at www.oceannavigator-digital.com.

Boston University Law Professor Mark Pettit ’68 was featured in NPR’s “Morning Edition” for his creative approach to teaching contractual law: singing legal spoofs of Top 40 hits from Michael Jackson’s Beat it (Pettit sings “Breach it”) to Britney Spears (”I’m not that innocent”). Pettit said he came to his singing reluctantly, being “pretty much an introvert,” but it quickly became a staple of his courses. The songs began as a way to break the tension during lectures and encourage students to take more risks themselves; however, Pettit did not go so far as to perform on the air for NPR, nor does he plan to.

CIO of the Carnegie Corporation Ellen Shuman ’76 was featured in a March 22 New York Times article on the growing number of women in high ranks of the business world. At first glance, growth in the highest levels of the business world—in positions like chief executive and chief operating officer—tends to be...
As compiled from Class News and media around the world.

Senator George J. Mitchell ’54 was listed 38th on Time magazine’s annual ranking of the world’s most influential people. The article lauded Mitchell’s 14-year tenure as a U.S. Senator from Maine; his time as Senate majority leader; his three-year negotiation of the historical Good Friday Agreement, bringing peace to Northern Ireland in 1998; and his leadership in the high-profile investigation of steroid use in Major League Baseball.

Camille Sarrouf ’55 was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys on May 15. He is currently a senior partner in the Boston law firm of Sarrouf, Corso. He has been the treasurer, vice president, and president of the Massachusetts Bar Association; an advocate of the American Board of Trial Advocates, a fellow in the International Academy of Trial Attorneys, and a past state chairman and a regent of the American College of Trial Attorneys. In 2001, Sarrouf was awarded the prestigious Ellis Island Medal of Honor, given to individuals for their dedication, preservation and enhancement of American values and extraordinary service to their heritage and to humanity, by the non-profit organization NECO.

Jack Grinold ’57 was presented the MasterSports Media/Sports Information Director Award at the MasterSports Football Coaches Clinic in March.

Paul J. O’Neill, Jr. ’57 was elected Chair of the General Practice Section of the 74,000-member New York State Bar Association in May. He manages his own practice at the Law Office of Paul J. O’Neill, Jr.

Ted Parsons ’58 was honored by Tufts University as the 2008 recipient of the Mark Asner, M. S. Award for Excellence in Teaching Physical Diagnosis.

Maine Governor John Baldacci renominated Justice Robert W. Clifford ’59, of Lewiston, to the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. Justice Clifford was first appointed by Governor Joseph Brennan to the Maine Superior Court in 1979 and to the Maine Supreme Judicial Court seven years later, where he has served for 21 years.

From March 6-8 in Amherst, New York, some of the world’s biggest names in condensed matter physics gathered to celebrate the significant scientific contributions of Bruce McCombe ’60, State University of New York at Buffalo Distinguished Professor in the Department of Physics and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and to celebrate his birthday. “Bruce has been a pioneer in the physics of two-dimensional electron systems, a field that emerged in the 1960s that had enormous impact on electronics and photonics, and also led to very fundamental discoveries,” said Nobel laureate Horst Störmer, a close friend of McCombe’s.

David Humphrey ’61 was one of 25 employees and retirees awarded the 2007 Community Volunteer Award by the 3M Company in January. Humphrey retired eight years ago and has since been a year-round volunteer at the Portland (Maine) Soup Kitchen. He also volunteers as a mentor with his church and another organization that aims to help children with life-challenging illnesses.

The PBS television program From the Top at Carnegie Hall, produced by From the Top co-CEO Gerald Slavet ’61, was nominated for three Emmys in its first season. Season two launched on May 11.

Thomas Eccleston ’62 was inducted into the Burrillville High School Athletic Hall of Fame at the organization’s seventh annual banquet on May 21. He was a three-sport star at Burrillville and played hockey at Bowdoin, continuing on to a long coaching career at the secondary and collegiate levels.

Peter Webster ’62 was honored at a Board of Trustees’ dinner in May, for his nearly four decades of service as the College’s lead counsel, from October of 1969 through October of 2007. In addition, Webster had the honor of being the first in the history
of the College to receive the title of College Counsel Emeritus.

Bill Farley ’64 was honored with the 2008 Freedom Award on July 2 at the 2008 Freedom Festival Awards Gala at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. The award is given for representing some or all of the festival’s four traditional values of family, freedom, God, and country.

Sherman Rounsville ’64 was inducted into the Fairhaven High School Hall of Fame during a ceremony in June. Rounsville was a star in track and field and earned eight varsity letters in four sports at Fairhaven. His father, Sherman, was also inducted in 2007.

Michael Wood ’64 was given KCUR Kansas City’s Volunteer of the Year for 2007 for his service spanning more than 20 years. Wood began as a host of the program “HealthWatch,” where he discussed a wide range of health care topics, in the early 1980s.

Justice Michael Anello ’65 was nominated by President George W. Bush for a seat on the Federal bench. Anello was appointed to the state bench in 1998 by Gov. Pete Wilson. He is one of a half dozen judges on the bench with expertise in the California Environmental Quality Act and serves on the court’s Executive Committee.

Kenneth Nelson ’65 and his wife Mary P. Nelson of Falmouth received a Distinguished Service Award for their years of commitment to the University of Southern Maine. Kenneth’s company, Nelson and Small, Inc., created the Nelson and Small Prize in Electrical Engineering, a grant to provide stipends to USM faculty for special efforts in electrical engineering. They also helped establish the Maine Foundation for Technology Education, which has raised more than $1.5 million in cash and equipment to support technology education in the University of Maine System since 1987. Mary is a graduate of Smith College, with a master’s from the USM Muskie School of Public Service.

President George W. Bush sent his intention to nominate David D. Pearce ’72 to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria on June 24. David, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, most recently served as Senior Advisor to Ambassador Ryan Crocker in Baghdad. Prior to this, he served as Minister Counselor for Political Affairs at the United States Embassy in Rome. Earlier in his career, he served as Consul General and Chief of Mission in Jerusalem.

Laura Harrington ’76 won the Kleban Award for most promising librettist in American musical theater, given by the Kleban Foundation. The prize was established in 1988 under the will of Edward L. Kleban, who is best known as the Tony and Pulitzer Prize winner for the musical A Chorus Line. The annual award is the major prize devoted to American musical lyricists and librettists.

Samuel Howe ’77, executive vice president and chief marketing officer of Time Warner Cable, was awarded the 2008 Vanguard Award for Marketing for his innovation and leadership in the field. The Vanguard Award is given by the National Cable & Telecommunications Association at the NCTA’s Annual Convention and International Exposition.

Dr. Claire Lyons ’77 was appointed in May to the position of Curator in the Department of Antiquities at the J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles, Calif. Lyons has been with the museum since 1985. She is also a Research Associate of the Cotsen Institute of Archaeology at UCLA and a Lecturer in the Art History Department at the University of Southern California. A former vice president of the Archaeological Institute of America, she serves on the editorial boards of the International Journal of Cultural Property, the American Journal of Archaeology, and the Journal of the History of Collections.

John H. Rich III ’78 joined the federal bench on April 28 as a U.S. magistrate judge. The oath of office ceremony was held at the Federal courthouse in Portland, Maine.
Nationally recognized expert on political economy and East Asian politics **Mereith Jung-En Woo ’80** was named dean of the University of Virginia on April 25. Woo, 49, is currently a political science professor and associate dean for social sciences in the College of Literature, Science and the Arts at the University of Michigan. She will begin her new post at UVA on June 1. She is the author and editor of several books, and the executive producer of a documentary film about Stalin’s ethnic cleansing of Koreans, which won the Best Documentary award from the National Film Board of Canada.

**John F. Fish ’82** was awarded the 2008 Wheeler Life Achievement Award on March 7 for his work with students at the Wheeler School in Providence, R.I., which focuses on educating students with language-based learning differences. Fish, who himself has dyslexia, is the CEO of Suffolk Construction, which celebrated its 25th anniversary this year.

Netflix CEO **Reed Hastings ’83** received the 2008 Visionary Award from SDForum, a Silicon Valley non-profit focused on educating about developing technologies, at a ceremony on June 25. The award is given each year to industry visionaries and entrepreneurs whose work has brought about market- and life-changing innovations. Hastings’ company pioneered mail-order movie rentals in 1999, he holds a number of patents, and he was appointed to Microsoft’s board of directors in March 2007.

**Kyle Tong ’83** was named 2008 International Educator of the Year at a ceremony on February 19, after a decade of coordinating the East Asian Studies program at Columbus Academy in Columbus, Ohio. The Columbus Council on World Affairs presented Tong with the honor at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. Tong and his wife Deborah have two children, **Conor**, 21, and **Emily**, 18, who are both attending Bowdoin.

University of New England Professor and Biological Sciences Department Chair **Christine Brown ’84** was awarded a Fulbright Research Scholarship for the fall 2008 and spring 2009 semesters. The scholarship will allow Brown to research at the Institute of Aquatic BioSciences in the Norwegian College of Fishery Science at the University of Tromso in Norway. There, she will be analyzing the ability of Arctic char—the northern-most freshwater fish species—to regulate body salt and fluid levels as they migrate annually from fresh to ocean water.

**David O’Meara ’85** embarked this summer on a feat of endurance and speed: 20 one-mile races in 20 weeks in 20 different cities, all under five minutes, at 45 years old. O’Meara’s goal is to celebrate 45 years of life, fitness, and health, and to inspire other older runners to run faster and
perform better. O’Meara, who started shaving his head with a Head Blade when he started losing his hair a few years ago, is sponsored by the company—founded by Todd Greene ’89—for this remarkable challenge. And, O’Meara is not just racing, he is winning, taking first place in four of his first five events. Follow his progress at www.onemilerunner.com.

Steve Clegg ’90 received the 2008 National Youth Sports Award from the Positive Coaching Alliance for his work as coach of the varsity cross country and varsity track teams at Lake Forest High School in Lake Forest, Illinois. The awards ceremony, sponsored by Deloitte, was held at Stanford University’s Maples Pavilion, where NFL Hall of Fame quarterback Steve Young and Olympic Basketball Gold Medalist, NCAA Champion, and Naismith Award Winner Jennifer Azzi delivered speeches.

Zach Messitte ’90 was appointed to a tenured faculty position at the University of Oklahoma (OU) in July. Messitte, a political scientist, will serve as vice provost for international programs and will hold the William J. Crowe endowed chair in geopolitics. He joins OU from St. Mary’s College in Maryland, where he was director of the college’s Center for the Study of Democracy. Before his time at St. Mary’s, Messitte was a spokesman for the U.S. Senate Intelligence Committee and the United Nations in both New York City and Vienna.

Kevin Wesley ’90 has been appointed to the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) Commission on Alumni Relations. The 19-member international commission advises on professional practices within alumni relations. Wesley is the Executive Director of Alumni Relations at the University of Rochester, he served as Director of alumni relations at Bowdoin from 1998 to 2005.

Jamie Hunt ’94, who is currently serving as an A-10C instructor pilot at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona, was selected in May to attend the prestigious, six-month U.S. Air Force Fighter Weapons School.

Michael Flaherty ’96 was presented with Reuters’ Reporter of the Year Award for 2007 in February. Flaherty began his career in 2001, writing for the Fairfield Daily Republic in Calif. He moved to New York and joined Reuters in Dec. 2003. His award-winning 2007 coverage followed the private equity boom and bust in a series of major scoops and analyses. He also founded a blog titled DealZone on the Reuters Website that follows deals and deal-makers on Wall Street. He is now working for Reuters Wire Service in Hong Kong, China, where he recently moved with his wife Ellen and daughters Fiona and Teagan.

Peter O. Hahn ’02 received the George Washington University’s Amsterdam Graduate Teaching Assistant Award on April 11. Peter wrote: “I humbly submit this award in recognition of the outstanding contribution Bowdoin, and her fantastic faculty, have made to my science education and to my appreciation for the science (and the art) of good education.”

Michael Fensterstock ’04 and Zachary Linhart ’07 won the Maine State Doubles Squash Tournament at Bowdoin in May. They defeated coach Tomas Fortson and senior squash captain Jake Sack ’08 in a five game semifinal, going on to beat the father-son team of Andy and Chris Nehrbas in the final.

Lora Trenkle ’04 was chosen as a member of the D3hoops.com All-Decade Second Team in April. The roster was compiled by the website staff from past All-American teams to represent the best women’s college hoops players of the past decade. Trenkle helped the Bowdoin women’s basketball team to the Sweet 16 in 2001, the Elite 8 in 2002 and 2003, and to the Final Four in 2004. She was also named Rookie of the Year in 2001 and Player of the Year in 2002 and 2004. “Lora was a spectacular shooter and seemingly always in ‘the zone.’ I don’t recall her ever missing a big shot,” former Bowdoin coach Stefanie Pemper said. “[She] didn’t have a weakness to her game.”
Dave Wilkinson ’67
Director and Cameraman, Incredible Maine

Dave Wilkinson ’67 is a man with infinite interests and the guts to pursue every one of them. Dave has dabbled in music, photography, print-making, even software development, and found success in nearly every genre. In fact, before he arrived at Bowdoin, Dave had already recorded an album with his band, Hangin’ Five, “probably the most immortal thing I’ve ever done in my life,” he says. He was sixteen at the time.

After arriving at Bowdoin “a callow, uninformed youth right out of prep school,” Dave took a basic studio art class with Professor Tom Cornell, and “got obsessed, as I often do in my life.” His passion for art continued to develop, and he left Bowdoin for Ohio University, where he studied with legendary photographer Minor White. Although he never received a Bowdoin degree, Dave credits the art department for getting him started on the right foot. “They handed me the keys to the kingdom,” he says.

The next few decades of David’s career saw him moving to Santa Fe on the advice of a psychic. He met his third wife, a Hollywood movie producer, there, and the two relocated to Washington, D.C., where Dave did some odd jobs while his music and photography careers were on hold. Eventually, they returned to Maine, where they met LC Van Savage and got involved with Incredible Maine, a public television show featuring “exceptional” people, places, and events in Maine. When his wife approached him with the idea, Dave was skeptical. “I’d never had a video camera in my hands in my life.” But the enterprise turned out to be a “beautiful adventure,” yielding three Telly awards in its first season, including one for camera work. In addition to directing and filming, Dave also provides the background music, which is taken from hours of improvisational recording with a friend. “[The show] has been a great marriage of the music, which was already there, with the cinematography,” he says. Incredible Maine recently made the move from cable access to public television (the first program in the nation ever to do so), and has become a hit with Mainers. But producing a public television series with a crew of two is more than a full time job. “It’s all I have time for,” says Dave.

For more about Incredible Maine, visit www.incrediblemaine.com.

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Renowned internet and privacy lawyer and Chair of the International Network Against Cyber-Hate, Christopher Wolf ’76 was interviewed by Jeffrey Brown on The News Hour with Jim Lehrer on May 16 to discuss cyber law in the case of a Missouri woman who was indicted on charges connected to the suicide of a 13-year-old MySpace user. Wolf is a partner with the law firm Proskauer Rose in Washington, D.C.

Investment banker Tracy R. Wolstencroft ’80 was appointed to the National Geographic Society board of trustees on February 29. This group of trustees is made up of 19 other leaders in the fields of science, education, law, business, finance, government, and public
service. Wolstencroft, who has been a member of the National Geographic Society’s Council of Advisors since 2004, is a partner at Goldman Sachs, where he has worked since 1994.

Detroit Tigers Head Trainer Kevin Rand ’81 was profiled in an article in the Detroit Free Press in May, after his staff was named Staff of the Year by the Professional Baseball Athletic Trainers’ Society in 2006, and after his induction into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame in 2007.

Netflix, the company that pioneered mail-order movie rentals, is now offering its subscribers the option to receive those movies directly to their televisions using a small set-top box produced by Roku, out of Saratoga, Calif. CEO Reed Hastings ’83 said he is confident that there is a market for the set-top box based on the company’s experience with its existing service. “Subscribers already use Netflix on the PC now, and this gives us a way to get to their television,” he said.

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John Foss ’69
Captain and owner of the schooner American Eagle

Thirty-three years ago, while working summers in a boat yard, John Foss ’69 watched the tourist boats sail off on day trips and thought “who the heck would want to work on one of those things?” John would go on to become captain of just such a vessel, the 92-foot schooner American Eagle, which sails hundreds of visitors up and down the Maine coast every summer.

Trips vary from three-day cruises to an eleven-day excursion to Canada’s Bay of Fundy. The schooner sleeps 26, and the crew serves hearty Down East style meals in the galley every night. John says the trips have no set itinerary, and passengers are encouraged to relax and take in the sights. “They can see the Maine coast from the right side, not on Route 1 in a traffic jam.”

A lifelong sailing enthusiast, John was a member of the sailing team while at Bowdoin and participated in the Semester at Sea program. Originally from Ohio, he took advantage of Bowdoin’s proximity to the coast and sailed on a trip with the schooner Adventure during Senior Week. He returned for graduation and realized that while his classmates were focused on jobs in the city, his interests were lodged firmly at sea. Rather than attempt to mold himself into a young professional, John joined the Coast Guard and served as an officer for three years.

In 1976, indulging his passion for maritime history, John purchased and rebuilt a 103-year-old freighter; then the oldest working sailing vessel in the country. Many similar projects followed, and when he isn’t sailing tourists to deserted islands off the coast, John works on various restorations, most recently a tugboat.

When he sees friends whose lifestyles force them to make an effort to get out on the water, John appreciates his decision to “take the road less traveled.” As co-owner of the North End Shipyard in Rockland, Maine, where the American Eagle is berthed, John admits that work and pleasure are nearly inseparable. “My ‘burden’ is that I’ve been forced to sail the Maine coasts 120 times a year for 33 years and get paid for it.”

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For more information, visit: www.schooneramericaneagle.com.

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issue of the *Strategy and Business Journal*. The article, “Upturn Thinking in a Downturn Year,” advises businesses on how to prepare for economic downturn.

Photographer and photojournalist Charlie Mahoney ’90’s project *Living in the Shadows*, a series on the life of sub-Saharan immigrants in Spain, was featured on the front-page of the BBC World Website in May. *Living in the Shadows* and Mahoney’s other projects can be viewed at his Website, www.charliemahoney.net.

Eliot Van Buskirk ’95, who covers digital media for Wired.com, was featured on NPR’s March 13, broadcast of “Fresh Air,” where he discussed the digital landscape of music and the resulting changes within the music industry.

The San Francisco-based digital publication company Zinio, led by CEO Rich Maggiotto ’96, is quickly becoming the world’s most popular online newsstand. The company, which was founded in 2000, has now created electronic versions of over 1,000 magazines. For publishers and readers, Zinio appears to have anticipated the changing market astutely. According to a USA Today report, paid circulation of magazines dropped 1.7% in the second half of 2007, and the number of Internet users at home and at work has increased by over 100 million since late 2006. See page 94 in this issue for more information or go to www.zinio.com.

According to a Washington Post report, Washington, D.C., attorney and former Bush Administration employee Denise Gitsham ’99 surprised her fellow associates at the D.C. mega-firm K&L Gates when she took most
of January and February off to study for the bar exam. And to be one of 25 contestants on ABC’s “The Bachelor.” Denise, who arrived in D.C. through the Bush 2000 campaign, worked in the White House correspondence office and the Justice Department before enrolling in Georgetown Law. Apparently, filming didn’t interrupt her studying as she passed the bar in February.

Louisville native Rohit Nahata ’99 returned to his hometown after completing a film program at California State in Los Angeles to direct and film his $100,000, self-written family drama, My True Self. The movie tells the story of 25-year-old medical student Ben Fields who works to help others after he is diagnosed with cancer. The movie premiered on April 18 at the Muhammad Ali Center in Louisville and was screened again for the general public on April 25: www.mytrueselfmovie.com.

Ice hockey player and lawyer Robert Starke ’00 was on home ice when his team rode to victory after sweeping Division II of the Men’s World Ice Hockey Championship, going 5-0. But that was the easy part. The real challenge was learning the national anthem. In 2004, Starke moved to Newcastle, New South while working as a traffic magistrate in 2000. “I thought about it,” she says, “and thought, ‘well maybe I’ll throw my hat in the ring.’” She was officially invested into office as County Court Judge on February 9, 2001, and presided over Miami (Florida) Dade County Courthouse for eight years.

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“I’ve always been a public servant,” says Karen Mills Francis ’82, better known as Judge Karen. “I’ve always cared about the underrepresented.” As a public defender for four years, Karen had more than a few bones to pick with her fellow men and women of the law. “I wasn’t happy with a lot of what I saw in the judicial system,” she admits. The defining moment came when Karen saw eight juvenile offenders placed in jail during a lengthy lead up to their trials. Karen took over the cases and filed demands for speedy trials. She then represented each of them in court and stayed with them until they were released. In the end, she adopted one of the boys who had no family to go home to.

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Asaf Farashuddin ‘89
Vice President, Visteon Corporation

Asaf Farashuddin’s job as vice president of one of the country’s largest automotive component manufacturers may sound complex, but it revolves around a simple equation: revenue - cost = profit. “At the end of the day, it’s not rocket science,” he admits. “It’s the same concept as running a bagel shop.” But, instead of cream cheese, Asaf deals with instrument panels, air conditioning systems, and “almost everything you see inside your car besides the seats.” Visteon manufactures car parts used by Ford, Nissan, and Hyundai, among others, and although he admits to knowing nothing about injection molding, Asaf does know a thing or two about business strategy.

After graduating from Bowdoin with a degree in economics and government, Asaf attended business school at Stanford. Three years later, Lucent Technologies hired Asaf for a corporate strategies position, where he oversaw all mergers and acquisitions from Asia and traveled to Hong Kong. After a stint as the executive director of Cummins Inc., Asaf signed on at Visteon, where he was assigned the task of reducing overhead by $200 million—a daunting assignment, but one well suited to Asaf’s strategic planning skills and genuine interest in the success of American manufacturing companies. “I enjoy doing the turnaround challenge,” he says. “America still needs to have successful, profitable manufacturing companies.”

Originally from Bangladesh, Asaf went to high school in India before moving to Boston. Being well traveled, he said, is a key to success in the business world, which is becoming increasingly globalized. He also credits Bowdoin for giving him the leadership skills necessary to succeed in a fast-paced industry. “A liberal arts education is a great background; because it teaches you to think and adapt,” he said, adding that the famed “Bowdoin connection” helped him land his first job at Charles River Associates. “Bowdoin opened the door for me,” he says. “I really love what I do.”

Wales, Australia, where he joined the roster of the Newcastle North Stars and met his wife, Nicole. Since, he has led the Stars to back-to-back league titles in 2005 and 2006, completed a law degree he started in his native Canada, and has now seen the Australian national team to international victory. Starke played for one year for the St. Louis Blues after graduating from Bowdoin in 2000 and then moved on to play in Europe.

Four hundred and sixty-five athletes competed in Tri-Maine’s PolarBear Triathlon and Duathlon at Bowdoin in May. Will Thomas ’03, Tri-Maine’s founder and Executive Director, congratulated racers at the finish line, including Quentin Reeve ’07, who won the duathlon portion of the event with a time of 1:04:21. For more information, visit www.tri-maine.com.

Emily Johnson ’06, Sean Turley ’05, Matt Lajoie ’05, and Adrienne Heflich ’05, who make up the band Lightning strike Lightning, were lauded in the year-in-review issue of the British magazine The Wire for their seven-inch vinyl album on Matt’s Portland-spun label, L’Animaux Tryst. Commenting on the record, Byron Coley of The Wire wrote, “Lightning strike Lightning are a wonderful post-tongue aggregation of folks who are

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The Wire magazine (UK) on music by Lightning strike Lightning
committed to knocking the stuffing out of categorical walls, but using a primitivist kind of beauty so that songs and texture keep a certain amount of natural shapes. Sweet howling hell, sure; but thoroughly delicately lovely as well.” Matt’s solo record was also praised in the article for sounding like “a kind of moany, gushy gas attack that feels as though it’s rushing from the rent bladder of a yak.”

In mid-April, Jared Lemieux ’06 signed a contract with the Ottawa Rapidz in the Canadian American Association of Professional Baseball. Since joining the squad in May, Lemieux has already set two franchise records: he hit the team’s first grand slam in June, then hit the second on July 4. Since his start in Ottawa, he has been named “fan favourite of the week” twice and, as of July 15, had a fielding percentage of .989.

The popular D.C. newspaper and blog Politico profiled a new social networking site aimed at young, Capitol Hill staffers, co-founded by Ted Lyons ’06, a special assistant to the State Department. The site, www.mypoliticalworld.com, allows users to find jobs on Capitol Hill, debate political topics, and build a network of associates. Lyons hopes that it will push political dialogue to cross party lines and be more constructive for the new generation of Hill staffers.

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Jennifer Black ’92
Chief of Training, Defense Threat Reduction Agency - European Operations

When she was 17, Jennifer Black ’92 traveled to Russia for the first time and discovered in that “fascinating and alien place,” no one understood her language. So, she made a simple decision: “I thought, ‘maybe I’ll just learn to talk to these people and then come back,’” she says with a laugh. And that’s exactly what she did, double majoring in Russian and government and legal studies at Bowdoin and spending a semester of her junior year abroad; a move she says helped her to “get over the initial hump” of living in a foreign place.

After graduation, Jennifer took a position at the United States Embassy in Moscow, where she processed immigrant visas for three years and used her language skills on a daily basis. In 1998, she began working for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency’s (DTRA) location in Votkinsk, a city in central Russia. As a member of the DTRA team, which works under the U.S. Department of Defense, Jennifer monitored the comings and goings of weapons and dangerous materials from Votkinsk’s missile assembly facility to ensure that all activity within the base was in compliance with Russia’s treaties with the U.S. She describes the job as “very limiting and very restrictive…like being in a mid-level security prison.”

Contact with the outside world was extremely limited, and employees used escorts when traveling into the city center. Jennifer admits that the job “sounds terrible when you tell other people,” but says the atmosphere became increasingly collegial over time. “I never had a sense that it was adversarial,” she says of her interactions with the Russian employees at the factory.

It was never her intention to work in arms control, Jennifer says, but she credits her generation’s exposure to the Cold War for instilling a sense of responsibility to prevent nuclear threats from re-occurring. Her job allows her to “be a part of the mechanism to making sure [the Cold War] never returns,” she says, while working to increase the transparency of military operations.

These days, Jennifer is stationed in Darmstadt, Germany, working with conventional arms control inspection teams run by the DTRA. After four years, she estimates this is the longest she’s ever been in one place, a statement few of her colleagues can make.

“I abandoned plan-making for a while, and I’ve ended up in some of the most fascinating places I ever could have imagined.”
1 Rachel Cram ’02 and Kyle Halliday (UVA ’01) were married in July 2007 on Squam Lake in New Hampshire. Reverend Gil Birney, Bowdoin crew coach, performed the ceremony. Bowdoinites pictured are (back row, l to r): Edie Birney ’83, Gil Birney, Shellie Gauthier ’02, and Katherine Armstrong ’08. (Front row, l to r): Margaret Magee ’02, Bree Candland ’01, Kim Pacelli ’98, Rachel and Kyle, Jette Duba ’02, Lisl Hacker ’00, Jeff Begin ’73, and Elizabeth Begin ’74.

2 Hilde Petersen ’00 and Stewart Steffey ’01 were married on June 30, 2007, at the Sundance Resort in Sundance, Utah. Bowdoinites in attendance were (top, l to r): Antonio Guerrero ’01, Mekhala Koshy ’01, Dave Fentin ’01, Kiyah Duffey ’01, Adam Schwartz ’01, Tyler Steffey ’04, Stewart and Hilde, Elizabeth Steffey ’01, Tricia Bohannon Clifford ’00, Emily Boss ’02, Elisabeth Voigt ’00, and Kayna Croker-Liburd ’00. (Bottom, l to r): Thomas George Ryan ’01, Jason Kim ’01, Jed Wartman ’01, and Tim Baird ’99.

3 Van Tran ’02 and Julian Xiong (Gustavus College ’07) were married at the Capital Seafood Restaurant in Monterey Park, Calif., on Saturday, October 27, 2007. In photo (l to r): Matt Reeder ’02, Julian and Van, and Ay Prachumwat ’02.


6 Colin Lamb ’04 and Amanda Rowe ’04 were married in Kennebunkport, Maine, on June 30, 2007. Bowdoinites in attendance were (l to r): Michael Princi ’69, Howard Marshall ’69, Colin and Amanda, John Mackenzie ’69, Kenneth Rowe ’69 (father of the bride), Jordan Harrison ’04, Conor O’Keefe ’04, Tim Mathien ’04, Nate Smith ’04, Ali Hinman Smith ’03, Tung Trinh ’04, Nick Scott ’04, Erin Philipson ’04, Ivan Lucuk ’04, Sarika Chopra ’04, Laura Heinrich ’04, and Gillian Stevens ’04.


9 Martha Waltz ’95 and Richard DiDomenico were married in North Conway, N.H., on May 19, 2007. Bowdoin friends in attendance included (l to r): Colleen Ryan Shaw ’97, Todd Shaw ’95, Deirdre Fohlgin Gilbert ’95, Josh Kempner (Visiting Professor ’04-’06), Stephanie Theard ’95, Andrew Gilbert ’95, Martha and Richard, Neal Golden ’95, Mark Waltz ’89, Miles Waltz ’57, and Richie Diamond ’95.

10 Quinn Kitchen ’03 and Michael Miller (University of Northern Iowa ’05) were married at the Cannon River Winery in Cannon Falls, Minn., on Oct. 5, 2007. Pictured (l to r): Quinn, Michael, and Beth Muir ’03.
11 Kimberly French ’99 and David Floyd Warn (Bates ’97) were married on May 27, 2006, in Noank, Conn.

12 Julie Dawson ’03 and Brian Williams ’00 were married on Sept. 29, 2007, in Northeast Harbor, Maine, on the shore at the Asticou Inn. Bowdoinites in attendance were (kneeling, l to r): Patrick Hughes ’05, Jack Woodcock ’02, Charles Gray ’00, Tom Scifres ’03, Steve Edwards ’00, Michael West ’00, John Walker ’00, Clara Lee ’03, and Peter Taylor ’00. (Center) Julie and Brian. (Back row, l to r): Susan Price Stephenson ’02, William Higgins ’63, Amanda Newton ’00, Heather MacNeil ’04, Stuart MacNeil ’08, Elizabeth MacNeil ’00, Anne Barmettler ’03, Emilie Schlegel ’03, Allison Waddell ’03, Jan Larson ’03, Bowen Martin (partially blocked), Cornelia Holden Hicks ’94, Emily Hinman Walker ’99 (partially blocked), Leah Christensen Ottow ’03, Di O’Donnell ’03, Michael Schuller ’98, Andrew Dunn ’03, Liesl Finn ’03, Ryan Walsh-Martel ’03, Sarah Coleman ’03, Elizabeth Wendell ’03, Kathryn Sodaitis Famelly ’00, Benjamin Parsons ’00, Joseph Famely ’00, Ted Snyder ’00, Michael ’87 and Lucretia Woodruff (with baby Maeve).


14 Leigh Hoenig ’00 and Lewis Alberti (North Adams State ’99) were married on July 20, 2007, on the beach in Ocean Park, Maine. Bowdoinites helping to celebrate were (l to r): Scott Hoenig ’98, Jennifer Knaut Hoenig ’99, Sarah Jenness ’02, Sarah Hoenig ’02, Leigh and Lewis, Don Hoenig ’73, Sarah Roop DeBenedictis ’00, Priscilla Broomell ’00, and Emilie Grenier Varle ’00. (Not pictured: Stu Work ’73.)

15 Kristen Ekman ’95 and Nathan Wiggers (Miami University ’96) were married on Dec. 8, 2007, in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Pictured (l to r): Nathan, Kristen, and Sarah Soule ’95.
Stefan Gutow ’96 and Mindy Rebecca Feinberg (UW ’94) were married on June 2, 2007, at the American Visionary Arts Museum in Baltimore, Md. Bowdoinites in attendance were (l to r): Jeff Smith ’96, Daniel Spillane ’96, Mindy and Stefan, Gerry DiGiusto ’96, James Garner ’96, and Peter Johnston ’94.

Sarah Titus ’97 and Andy Weiner ’97 were married on October 20, 2007, at the College of Physicians, in Philadelphia, Penn. Bowdoin friends joining them for the wedding weekend were (front row, l to r): Cali Tran ’97, Dan Cooney ’87, Bob Titus ’92, Ellen Chan ’97, Mindy Murch Gomes Casseres ’97, Julie Johnson McVeigh ’97, Andy and Sarah, Diana Malcolm ’97, Carrie Endries ’97, and Frannie Hochberg-Giuffrida ’97. (Second row, l to r): Gab Caroti ’97, Jennifer Rupnik ’97, Nell Butchenhart Sears ’97, David Titus ’61, and Matt Weiner ’92. (Third row, l to r): Ben Wolin ’97, Jamie McCabe ’97, Ben Beach ’97, Scott Friedman ’97, Ted Sears ’97, and John Soule ’97.

Charles H. Gray ’00 and Lauren Lindsay Cirillo were married on June 30, 2007, at White Clay Creek Presbyterian Church in Newark, Del. Bowdoin grads in attendance were (l to r): Brian Williams ’00, Julie Dawson Williams ’03, Charlie Gray Jr ’66, Katherine Miller Needelman ’00, Matthew Needelman ’99, Charles and Lauren, Eric Ebeling ’98, Josh Wormig ’99, Timothy Dwyer ’00, and Scott Fujimoto ’00. (Not pictured: Michel Ridgeway ’67.)

20 Andrew Mountcastle '01 and Alice Kopij '01 were married on June 23, 2007, in Norwich, Conn. Joining them for the celebration were (l to r): Brian Marcaurelle '01, Karyn Bishop '01, Meghan Rasmussen '01, David Mountcastle '99, Andrew and Alice, Peter Holman '01, Sameera Kassam '01, Shaun Golding '01, and Sarah Mountcastle '05.

21 Maria Katina (Katie) Lampadarios '00 and Radi Mitov (American University '98, George Washington University '02) were married on May 26, 2007, in Baltimore, Md. Bowdoin friends in attendance were (l to r): Jared Liu '99, Kristin Awumbi Liu '00, Radi and Katie, Brian Daigle '00, Jennifer Kirby '00, and Carolyn Sages O’Boyle '00.

22 Charles Johnson '07 and Daniel Robinson '07 were married on June 14, 2008, in Cambridge, Mass. Bowdoin friends in attendance were (l to r): Kelly Orr '06, Julia Loomin '07, Kate Epstein '10, Emily Coffin '08, Whitney Hogan '07, Daniel and Charles, Katie Swan '06, Michael Nugent '07, Rachel Vanderkuik '07.

23 Alice Isabella Ciobanu '08 and Christian Paul Sullivan '07 were married on May 31, 2008, in Gloucester, Mass. Bowdoin friends in attendance were (top row, l to r): Lucas Guarino '07, Ben Ledue '07, Theodore Gilbert '07, Christopher Bixby '07, Andrea Lopez '07, Daryl McLean '07, Joel Samen '07, Russell Stevens '07, Ryan Fletcher '07, Jason Riley '06, Jamie Gerson '07, Greg Righter '07, and Joe Cruise '07. (Second row, l to r): Brendan Murphy '07, Suresh Jones '07, Alicia Velez '08, Anna Shapell '06, Corinna Lopez '08, Caitlin Bevan '08, Alice and Christian, Kara Perriello '06, and Andrew Plowman '07.
24 Hilary Abrams ’04 and William Kallop (UVA ’04) were married on April 19, 2008, at Mountain Lake in Lake Wales, Fla. Bowdoinites in attendance were (back row, l to r): Kara Oppenheim ’04, Simon Gerson ’02, Samantha Hall ’04, Benjamin Peterson ’04, and Hillary Fitzpatrick ’04. (Front row, l to r): Eileen Schneider ’04, Kristin Pollock ’04, John Claghorn ’04, Nora Dowley ’04, William and Hilary, Rebecca Tanenbaum ’04, Ryan Naples ’04, and Peter Eichleay ’04.

25 Kelly Ricciardi ’01 and Will Colvin ’00 were married on March 1, 2008, at the Inn at the Round Barn Farm in Waitsfield, VT. Bowdoin friends in attendance were (back row, l to r): Edie Birney ’83, Erin Jaworski ’01, Tim Capozzi ’00, Kelly, Ryan Ricciardi ’00, Jackie Templeton LoVerme ’03, Christophe Aba ’00, Kathryn Zuroski ’01, Josh Friedland-Little ’00, Sara Skokan Arnold ’01, and Josh Helfat ’00. (Front row, l to r): Gil Birney (Bowdoin rowing coach), Dave Thomas ’00, Peter Holman ’01, Will, Thomas Ricciardi ’04, Will LoVerme ’02, and Sam Arnold ’01.

26 Jack Stoddard ’01 and Kate Hollenbaugh (Colorado College and Harvard University School of Design) were married on June 30, 2008, in Columbus, Ohio. Bowdoin friends in attendance were (back row, l to r): Peter Curran ’01, Sarah Curran ’01, Nate Dill ’01, Josiah Dill (son), Janice Dill ’01, Jeff Neill ’01, Rachel Tannebring ’03, Richard Bolduc ’01, Eric Bornhofft ’01, Adam Cowing ’01, Eric Henry ’00, Will Brown ’02, Nate Vinton ’01, Phil Leigh ’01, Jamie Shea ’00, Brian Newkirk ’01, and Alissa Rooney ’02. (Front row, l to r): Jeff Lang ’64, Fred Stoddard ’64, Jack and Kate, Annie Tsang ’01 and Nate Anderson ’01.

27 Courtney Trotta ’04 and Steven Ruggles (Valparaiso ’05) were married on May 10, 2008, in North Falmouth, Mass. Bowdoin friends celebrating the occasion with them were (back row, l to r): Stefanie Pemper (former Bowdoin women’s basketball coach), Jen Caton, Jim Caton (Bowdoin Sports Information Director), Kevin Doyle ’04, Deacon Mike Iwanowicz ’60, Ashleigh Watson ’06, Erin Hanley ’04, and Corinne Pellegrini ’03. (Front row, l to r): Kristina Fugate ’04, Courtney and Steven, and Tasha Bahal ’04.
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28 John Ghanotakis ’94 was married to Saki Kobayashi at the Hellenic College’s Holy Cross chapel in Brookline, Mass., on Saturday, Dec. 1, 2007. Bowdoin alumni with family and friends in attendance were (l to r): Shannon Rapo, Mark Rapo ’94, John, Anthony Seretakis ’95, Saki, Dimitri Seretakis ’94, John Skidgel ’94 (holding his daughter Ava) and his daughter Beatriz (in front), Allison Skidgel, Fred Cobey ’94 (back), Leigh Fowler Sloss ’97 (holding daughter Susanna), and Nico Sloss ’95 (holding daughter Ella).

29 Lisa Smith ’01 and Aaron Gilbreath (University of Texas at Austin ’99) were married in Georgetown, Maine, on July 14, 2007. Bowdoin friends in attendance were (back row, l to r): Kevin Oh ’01, Meghan Cosgrove ’01, and Ben LeHay ’08.

30 Andrew D. Howells ’00 and Lisette C. Alvarez (Washington University ’96, Tulane Law ’99) were married on Feb. 24, 2007, at the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, Florida. In attendance were (from l to r): Francesca Maddaluno ’00, Christopher Howells (best man, Bates ’03), Andrew and Lisette, Ben Gales ’00, Jeff Molles ’00, and Sam Plotkin ’00.
Jeanette Winchell, widow of Marion Short wrote that she “climbed Mt. Washington [last] fall with the help of the Cog Railway.”

Tillie Head, widow of Put Head, reported on May 28: “Put loved his College! And, he was proud to be president of his fraternity, A.T.O.”

Thomas R. P. Gibb, Jr. wrote in January: “I’m getting old and can advise people younger than 60 to prepare themselves for old age; it’s no fun! Bowdoin did a lot for me. I nearly flunked out of Belmont High School, but made Phi Beta at Bowdoin! Went on to become an assistant professor at MIT and then a full professor at Tufts. My second wife, Reen, was just elected to Massachusetts Hall of Fame. She’s a great teacher.”

Daniel W. Boxwell writes: “Looking forward to my 70th Reunion. My wife Jessie passed away November 8, 2007. We had spent 64 wonderful years together.” The Class extends its sympathy to Daniel and his family.

John C. Emery wrote on May 13: “Sorry not to make Reunion — am now living in Naples, Fla., 10 months and playing 18 holes of golf twice a week — the other two months at Drakes Island, Wells, Maine. Life is good.”

Harriet Gardent, widow of Paul Gardent, writes: “I’m fine and enjoying my winters in Punta Gorda and summers in Lincoln, Mass.”

Robert D. Barton sadly writes about the passing of his wife, Nancy. “Nancy Hemenway (Whitten) Barton passed away peacefully in her sleep on February 23, 2008, after a 15-year decline from Alzheimer’s. Her extraordinary life was full of love and creativity, including 65 years of marriage to Robert Barton, a U.S. diplomat and childhood friend; hundreds of works of art and poetry; and one-woman shows at major museums around the world, using the name Nancy Hemenway.”

Robert and Nancy set up the Nancy Hemenway & Robert Barton Scholarship Fund at Bowdoin a few years ago, and Nancy “had a beautiful one-artist show in the Walker Art Museum back in 1977 called ‘Textures of Our Earth.’” The Hawthorne-Longfellow Library’s collection includes Abundance: The Poetry of Nancy Hemenway. “She was my constant date at Bowdoin house parties from 1937 to 1941,” Robert writes. “And helped me keep in touch with my fraternity (ADPhi) and other Bowdoin friends from then until she was overtaken by Alzheimer’s.” The Class extends its sympathy to Robert and his family.

Ev Hanke, Cornelia Johnson and Norman Seagrave have two things in common: they’re all champion swimmers and all homeowners at Thornton Oaks.

Cornelia is a Senior Olympics medalist and logs 20 laps twice a week, while Norm and Ev are practicing for their next 200 meter relay. Their four-man team holds the FINA (Federation Internationale de Natation) world record—rock stars of the 90+ group. Norm has been swimming competitively since his days as a Bowdoin College undergraduate; Ev started competing in his eighties. All three practice in the nearbyBowdoin pool.

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George L. Mason wrote in January: “now living in a ‘senior apartment complex’ since February 2006. Close to family and visit often. Miss California climate and lifestyle.”

John L. Baxter, Jr. wrote on May 8: “Have moved to sister’s from Black Butte Ranch – health excellent. Active in golf, horse, ski, and doing photo books of my travels – 48 countries to date. Ranch style house on five wooded acres, private street, four minutes from downtown – love it. Drop by if you’re around.”

John E. Dale, Jr. reported in January: “After 57 years in the same house in Clinton, I have moved as of November 26 to a new senior community complex, just a few miles down the road, known as Preswick Glen. Just getting settled. If anyone is passing through, drop in and say hello.”

Robert R. Nelson wrote in early January: “About a year ago, after 37 years in Worcester, Mass. and 25 years in Quechee, Vt., Hazel and I moved to Stowe, Vt. That is as far north as we intend to go. We are about five minutes from our son Bob, our daughter-in-law, Kathy, and our grandson Brian. Our granddaughter Lindsey may be the smartest of us all; she lives in Fla. At 87, we both have put our golf clubs away. Still keeping them, just in case. We are still active. I have taken a couple of poetry classes and have joined a group of would-be poets. We share our efforts and encourage each other. There is no laureate of any place in sight, but I’m having fun.”

Jack Hoopes wrote in May: “Peter Rinaldo ’40’s wife, Dorothy, called me to say that Pete died last Thursday night in his home at Kendal-at-Ithaca. It was a long debilitating illness. There will be a service on June 1. Pete was a loyal contributor to Bowdoin. I have made reservations to go to Alaska on May 30, so, in spite of my urging to the group, I will not be at the 65th.”

Howard E. Jones writes: “I have moved from Maine to Whiting, N.J., to be nearer my sons, who all live in the N. J. and Philadelphia areas. They seem to ignore the glory and beauty of the state of Maine. So this summer (2008) I plan to return to Maine to stay except for brief winter trips to the south.”


Edward T. Richardson, Jr. reported in January: “I’ve enjoyed my 86th year by writing some contributions for the South Portland Historical Society.”

Wilfred T. Small wrote in early January: “Still have the pleasure of living nearby with my friend and classmate, Brad Briggs; he is still a better golfer.”

Donald A. Stearns reported in January: “I am very fortunate. I live in a beautiful co-op that has a beautiful...”
Robert E. Colton wrote on April 9: “The journal RES Publica Litterarum published my article ‘Henry Vaughan’s Translation of Ovid, Tristia V.3’ in its volume for the year 2006.”

A. Bruce MacGregor wrote in late March: “No news from me ever, so here’s some. I’ve been a country lawyer, still practicing in Haverhill, Mass., with time off for winters in Fla. My wife of 56 years died last September, having spent 52 years in a wheelchair resulting from polio in 1955. She was remarkable and I was lucky. Life is good.” The Class extends its sympathy to Bruce and his family.

Donald G. Scott, Jr. wrote in mid-June: “We are still living in Plano, Texas, which continues to grow like Topsy. Helen is doing well with her new knees, but the last seven years have been challenging for me with heart attacks and four or five hospitalizations with pneumonia. We praise the Lord that I seem to be making some progress with a new protocol. I still think that Walt’s prescription of a couple of lobster dinners would really help, and I’ll look forward to that at our 65th! Best wishes to all.”

F. Proctor Jones writes: “Received Cam Cary’s May letter today, not long before setting off for Brunswick for our 62nd Reunion. I’ll be picking up enroute my long-time brother Seavey Bowdoin of Sigma Nu and Class of ’42, who graduated a week or two before some of us of ’46 entered in June for Bowdoin’s first summer session, due to WWII – the first of the three sections of Class of 1946. Many of us did not last out the year due to enlistments in military units that took us to far corners and occupied us till late 1945 and ’46, in my own case even very late 1947. In our carefully treading, close-knit little group in South Winthrop, then one of the “old four” dorms, we quickly got to know and care about each other in the short time we knew we had. One of those young men of ’46 was Dwight Pierce, whose wife Nancy is sister of Dr. Bill Hill ‘46. Dwight, Bill and their wives (Nancy and Mary) have attended most all of our reunions through last year ’07. Now on the verge of this year’s assembly, we are suddenly saddened to...”

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read in Cam’s letter of Dwight’s passing on April 29, barely 30 days before we reunited again in 2008. He leaves another empty seat at our Old Guard table, but warm memories of intervening years since we came down to Bowdoin that long ago June. We share heartfelt condolences for our sister Nancy. Our comrade Dwight will be widely missed.”

Donald N. Lukens wrote in January: “Triangulating between Cape cod, Newton, and Jensen Beach, Fla. Trying to advance admittance of twin grandsons to Bowdoin. Failed. Thus, I have a perfect record in not getting my sons into Bowdoin in the fall. Alas I’m running out of prospects.”

Harold A. Thurston wrote on January 8: “My wife of 60 years, Mary Elizabeth, passed away in February after a long battle with Alzheimer’s. Still living on Cape Cod, but am still considered a ‘wash ashore’ by the natives. Recently spent three weeks in China; enough to boggle the mind.” The Class extends its sympathy to Harold and his family.

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Lew Cooper reported in January: “My wife Pauline passed away last year (cancer). My oldest son Thomas passed away last summer (also cancer). She was a Bates graduate; he was a Dartmouth College graduate and was practicing OB/GYN in Portland, Maine.” The Class extends its sympathy to Lew and his family.

Ulf J. Store writes: “During a visit to Kabul in his capacity as Norwegian foreign minister, our son Jonas narrowly escaped an armed attack in which a Norwegian journalist and several others were killed. I have just returned from South Korea where I attended a naming ceremony of a large LPG carrier in which I have a small part. Having spent several months on crutches, Unni last week was operated on and given a new hip. We are crossing our fingers and so far it looks good. When she recovers sufficiently we expect to go to our place in France for the summer.”

Cab Easton reported on June 24:

“George Pappas is seriously ill and would appreciate hearing from classmates. Call Bowdoin Alumni Office for his address. George does see his grandchildren frequently. Si Dorfman is keeping up his home in Lambertville, Mich. He has developed Parkinson’s Disease recently; his wife Lois is in a nursing home. Al Bugbee has a number of hobbies and is busy attending various related conventions; woodturners, model train engineers, etc. He is also a driver for Meals on Wheels in the Simsbury, Conn., area. Ruby and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary with a family reunion on June 28 at our cottage in Maine; three children and six grandchildren.”

Harold E. G. Lusher shared in January: “Still vertical and ventilating, but the dilapidations seem to increase from year to year. But, I guess that’s all part of the package.”

Stephen E. Monaghan updated in January: “My grandson Anthony Blout is a sophomore. He injured his foot last year and is unable to play football this year. He absolutely loves every facet of the College. It is great to know the College is so desirable to so many. Anthony’s mother Stephanie was in the Class of 1975.”

Robert H. Weatherill updates: “The house we have lived in for fifty years is on the market and we look forward to moving to a Kendal facility in Hanover, N. H., where we will be closer to our two children, Charles ’77 and Betsy.”

Tom Woolf wrote in April: “Not a good year: lost my wife, broke my hip, had to quit escorting oversize trucks, sons said I could not live alone; am now in extended care set up (only temporary, I hope).” The Class extends its sympathy to Tom on the loss of his wife, Mary.

Paul L. Bishop reports: “Nearing eighty and definitely slowing down.”

J. Dickson Edson, Jr. wrote in January: “Sometimes no news is good news!”

Sherman E. Fein attended the 80th birthday party last September for Bernard (Barney) Osher ’48; they “have remained closest of friends since
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**E. Keene Annis** reported in early April: “My dear wife Susan had a great grandfather and a grand/great uncle who graduated from Bowdoin in the late 19th century. Both named Bennett from Bridgton, Maine. Class years to follow. We are researching her genealogy!”

**Bruce W. Barrett** wrote in mid-April: “Nita and I keep busy with our sons, their families, and our grandchildren.”

**Earland D. Briggs** reported that he and wife Jean retired in 2000 to winter in Florida and spend summers in Marion, Mass. They enjoy playing golf, tennis, boating, and still like to run in the Senior Olympics. They have two children and four grandchildren.

**Noel V. Coletti** writes: “No news. Still enjoying retirement on Cape Cod. Happy to hear or see anyone from Bowdoin in the late 40s or early 50s who comes over the canal bridge. We are in the phone book.”

**Fred R. Coryell** writes: “Over past 10 years we have been traveling twice a year to the Lire Mark convention which this year was held in Louisville, Ky., and we included the Shaker Village and Mammoth Cave. We also have been their days at the College.”

**William E. Gilmour** reported in January: “Enjoying life with children and grandchildren. My oldest granddaughter plans to be married in October and next granddaughter is making plans for spring of 2009.”

**Paul S. Hennessey** writes: “My wife and I, and our dog Nina, toured Campobello Island in Canada last summer. Entering Canada is easy but getting back into the USA was not! We did have all credentials, including the dog’s!”

**James T. Keefe, Jr.** wrote in early January: “My wife passed away very peacefully on June 1. She was buried on her birthday, June 4. My son Raymond and his wife Lisa have invited me to join them in an in-law apartment. It is wonderful. My new address is 63A Nevins Road, Hollis, N.H. 03049.” The Class extends its sympathy to James and his family.

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slowly exploring the Southwest, and this year we were in Colorado and New Mexico. During the summer we will be enjoying Washington Pond, Washington, Maine, for the 34th year. We are now great-grandparents.”

Christopher C. Crowell, Jr. reports: “My odometer will roll onto 84 in July, and Doris just turned 78. Nevertheless, we are both enjoying splendid health! Of course, to say this is to tempt the gods, but what the hell; we’re too old to die young! Best to all you surviving classmates and let the good times roll! Tennis anyone?”

Joseph E. Swanton wrote in early May: “Mary and I are still caring for our thoroughbreds and riding to the hounds fox hunting and chasing after Sam – Foxcliffe Jasper Samuel Thompson – three-year-old Scottish Deer Hound named after my great, great, grandfather, Brig. General Samuel Thompson of Topsham.”

Alan L. Baker wrote on April 10: “Big dailies may be having their problems, but weekly newspapers are alive and well! Proud to report that, for the third year in a row, the Ellsworth American has been named the best weekly in New England by the N. E. Press Association.”

Class secretary Roy Heely ’51 reports: “Commencement took place for 448 grads about to enter an uncertain real world. An alum marching in the old boy section of the parade noted that not only do parents look younger each year but so do faculty emeriti. We get too soon old...

“Our 57th reunion glided smoothly into history. Ann and Don Hare attended the Old Guard luncheon en route to their Portsmouth, N.H., home. As classic auto buffs, they look forward to attending such car fests this summer. Virginia and Bob Corliss journeyed here from Dedham, Mass. Bob may be the only classmate who still has the beanie cap issued to us fledgling collegians in the fall of 1947. Bob keeps his legal skills honed with an occasional court case. Bill Arnold has forsaken Waterville city life and enjoys year-round lakeside living on one of Maine’s beautiful Belgrade lakes. Burt Gottlieb came down from Auburn, Maine, looking remarkably similar to the way he looked two score and seventeen years ago. We enjoyed the customary Saturday afternoon recital of traditional jazz from the Royal River Philharmonic Jazz Band. There were some fine presentations over the weekend, including one by Paula Volent, senior VP for investments, on the logistics behind the buildup of our endowment through annual rates of return about which we mortals can only dream. At the Saturday Convocation, the 50th reunion class was honored by being seated last amid appropriate cheers and tributes. Note to certain interested classmates (and you know who you are): This custom began the year after our half century milestone. A good weekend, even though we do pull the plug earlier in the evening than before.

“I report with regret the passing of four classmates. Charles Jortberg died May 12, in Naples, Fla. Charlie spent most of his adult life in Lynnfield, Mass., and was with IBM before founding the consulting firm Jortberg Associates (Mrs. Kathleen Jortberg, 112 Via Napoli, Naples, FL 34105). My former roommate Dudley Dowell died July 29, 2007, in Cumming, Iowa. We became instant friends aboard the State of Maine overnight train from Grand Central Station to Portland in September 1947. Dud was with two Des Moines insurance companies and had been a self-employed marketer since 1978. He is survived by two sons, a daughter, and four grandsons. Robert J. Beal died May 31, 2008 in Phillips, Maine. After Bowdoin, Bob graduated from Boston College Law School and was a partner in the law firm Noyes & Beal in Rangeley, Maine. John H. Topham died June 6, 2008 in Dover, N.H. After Tufts Dental School, John practiced in Dover for 26 years. He is survived by five sons and several grandchildren. The Class extends sympathy to the families of those classmates.

“One cherished replier to my recent email requests for news is White Plains New Yorker Herb Gould, who makes his debut in this space: ‘I’ve had a spectacular career as an ophthalmologist. I was one of the pioneer surgeons in lens implant surgery and refractive surgery. Now I’m consulting; no longer doing micro-surgery. I have pursued my passion for the theater and will perform at ACC [Amateur Comedy Club]...at the Shakespeare Festival and wine tasting...I still remember some lines from my Bowdoin Masque and Gown productions where I played many leads directed by Pat Quinby. Incidentally [Pat] had the first lens implant in Maine performed in New York by me in the 70s. I hope to visit Bowdoin while still retaining my youthful vigor.’ Herb rubs an occasional elbow with my thespian older brother at ACC in New York City. “Charles Neunhoffer and Nell continue their active retirement in Plano, Texas, having resided 30-plus years in the Lone Star State. An experienced quilter and teacher, Nell placed third in the Dallas Quilt Show. Both have served as moderators for the Presbyterian Church board of deacons while Charlie continues classes at Dallas Theological Seminary and is still studying Greek and Hebrew. They made their seventh trip to France last fall with varied side trips including visits to bроганте (antiques flea markets). ‘Paris is a beautiful city and I believe it would be almost impossible to see and do everything...’ And Charlie has a long ago tale of mystery that begs for a solution: in the fall of 1947 one assignment as an Alpha Delta Phi pledge was to find a young lady, escort her to the fraternity and introduce her to the brothers – all within one hour. Panic set in as he knew no local femmes, but an unseen fraternity member stuffed into his back pocket a slip of paper with the name of a girl who was living at the Harriet Beecher Stowe House. So our hero trudged through the snow, a new adventure having been brought up in South America, found the lady in question and brought her to AD, thus completing his mission. Charlie’s big question: who was the resourceful (and kind) fraternity mate who provided the girl’s name? After more than sixty years he’d relish any info from anyone who has a clue: charles.neunhoffer@verizon.net. Bonus points: the name of the girl! Everett Schmidt also recalls student days: ‘I often say (to myself) Thank God
for Bowdoin, for the love of certain subjects, but most of all for helping me to have an inquiring mind. In the last few years I have become an artist and a yogi. Karen, my muse, has even nicknamed me Yogiman. I have been singing in Presbyterian choirs for some 45 years – not well, mind you, but enthusiastically. We are doing the Mozart Coronation Mass this Sunday—challenging and beautiful. I have invited my Catholic friends because they don’t get to hear [much] Latin anymore.”

“Collegiate recollections from our arguably distant era, such as those of Charlie and Ev, are always welcome along with news and more news of you and yours. Memories of professors, pranks, antics – the more the merrier. Example: Professor Morgan Cushing’s view on the study of economics: “common sense made difficult.” We just might have more to say now than we did then even if only to report still being among the living. Where else can you see your name printed in an internationally distributed publication?”

Roger G. Pinette wrote in mid-May: “My dear wife Sheila has just had a pacemaker and happily is doing very well.”

Polly Johnson, widow of Rogers Johnson, wrote in January: “Rogers made an early impression on Lucinda (Cindy) May Garcia, now a freshman at Bowdoin, from our very small town, Kit Carson, Colo., population 350, school size K-12, 100 students! Cindy is an outstanding person and, I believe, doing well at Bowdoin. She is in the track program.”

Nguyen-Ngoc Linh updates: “I have been retired for a number of years. Am volunteering to help seniors older than me. All five kids are grown, married and gone. Have six granddaughters graduated from college and working. Three grandsons still young. Also writing my memoirs. Love to hear from old college buddies.”

Peter K. Race wrote on May 19: “First, a wish: I wish more classmates would offer news of their lives! Since I don’t make many class reunions, would like to keep up with y’all. Enjoyed College’s Annual Scholarship Luncheon in May, and glad to see Sylvia Granson (Bill ’54), Bob Forsberg ’53 and Carolyn Morrell ’85 (daughter of John). A fine looking student body – Bowdoin can be proud.”

Harris I. Baseman reported in January: “I spent last year recuperating from surgery and finishing my third novel, Turncoats. My health is now great; my writing skills, who knows? I’ll be happy to hear from any Bowdoin friend with comments, constructive or otherwise. Email at hbaseman@aol.com. The important news this year is my two new grandchildren, Wyatt and Harry, who bring the total to eight.”

Oliver S. Brown reported in January: “Lollie and I are enjoying active retirement doing volunteer work with such groups as Friends of Peary’s Eagle Island; the Food Bank; and various town committees. Our younger son, Calef
Brown, recently moved east from Pasadena, Calif., to Brunswick.”

Joseph H. de Rivera wrote on April 11: “I’ve just finished editing Building Cultures of Peace for the new Springer series on peace psychology. Bowdoin needs a peace studies program!”

Alan R. Gullicksen wrote on June 13: “Just completed a four-month-long world cruise. About 50 countries visited. I should have majored in ancient and world history.”

Alden Horton, Jr. wrote on May 19: “Looking forward to Reunion ’08. We had a good Nashville, Tenn., gathering in May.”

Geoffrey P. Houghton writes: “I encourage those of you who have not to donate your time and efforts to some local group or organization(s) – a little, a lot, whatever. It all counts. Good health and bless you all. Hi to all 55-year alumni.”

Correction
In our winter 2008 issue, we incorrectly listed the date that David Keene died. David died on November 26, 2007. We apologize for the error.

Joergen K. Knudsen wrote on April 22: “In my family, by far the most important event of the past year has been the birth of a baby boy to Mads and Eva. They returned from Oxford after the completion of M’s three-year post-doc-studies with the institute of geophysics. The baby was born on Nov. 26; on Dec. 18, Mads was given a Carlsberg Foundation grant for a three-year project at his alma mater, the U. of Aarhus. On Easter Sunday, the baby was christened in a 12th-century country church in Mols, the peninsula north of Aarhus jutting into the Kattegat, where the family has four holiday cabins. The baby beamed two broad smiles at the vicar, who returned smile number two, making the congregation laugh. Named the boy Andreas (Drew), and poured the customary three handfuls of water on his head; nothing daunted, Andreas slept through the ensuing sermon. After Easter the parents have found a two-story house on the Aarhus outskirts so things seem to be shaping nicely for them. One chief problem will be how to get time for research work when

their first-born is a source of constant delight to them!”

Charles J. Shuttleworth, Jr. wrote in early January: “Enjoying retirement with an old-time (1946) cabin in the woods, very close to nature adjacent to one of the many state forests in the Berkshire mountains. Plenty of outdoor activity here and always something to build or repair. Also enjoy reading about scientific discoveries that were unknown back in our day. It is truly hard to believe the increase in population three times just in our lifetime. Here’s wishing a happy, healthy new year to all my fraternity brothers and Bowdoin classmates from days of yore.”

Dayton C. Wolfe wrote in January: “Now enjoying life with wife Barb and chocolate lab Maggie at Bermuda Village outside of Winston-Salem, N.C. Great area and comfortable lifestyle. Follow Bowdoin activities through alumni emails and publications. Family (four kids, nine grandkids) are scattered from Boston to Pittsburgh to Colorado. Life is good.”

Frederic Daldorf wrote in early April: “My wife Joanna died several years ago. A mutual friend introduced me to a widow in Chapel Hill, and I finally convinced her to marry me last spring. It was a grand party at my daughter’s home in Duxbury, Mass. Eight children and 12 grandchildren. My wife’s name is Jane Bultoron.”

Thomas T. Dwight wrote in January: “My wife and I are enjoying retirement with our little woods and marsh, golf, biking, and my kayak. Also most of our children and grandchildren live here. We will do a little cross-country skiing then head south for a couple of months! I’m on a couple of boards, which I hope keeps my mind alert.”

Shogo Moriyama reported in January: “I will be 79 years old in January 2008. I have been keeping well; play golf two or three times a week at Waialae Country Club.”

Robert B. Johnson wrote on June 2: “Really becoming an old goat – slipped in the bathroom and fractured my ankle. Forty-five years of skiing without injury – now I’ve entered the ‘slip and fall’ brigade. We’re renting in Harpswell again this summer. Hope to track down a few classmates during our stay in Maine. Hope to still be around for our 55th.”

Joan Nelson, widow of Franklin Nelson, reports: “My granddaughter, Sarah Adams, a junior at Bowdoin, is spending her second semester at St. Andrews University in Scotland.”

Bernard Passman wrote in January: “All is well, and still working a reduced office schedule in Ob/Gyn. Great fun with grandchildren from Marc ’87 and Michelle Passman Parven ’90 – five in all.”

David A. Pyle updates: “This September we complete eight years in Wilmington, N.C. My newest interest is racing sunfish off Wrightsville Beach, in addition to lightning racing. Have been working with Cape Fear River Watch, a non-profit dedicated to restoring water quality to the Cape Fear River. Linda’s grandchildren in Dallas, Texas, and Charlestown, W.Va., are doing well. My daughter Carolyn is a home health nurse and working in the Fredericksburg, Va., area. She is in the U.S. Army Reserve Nurse Corps one weekend a month and is currently completing training as a trauma nurse in a Brooklyn, N.Y., hospital. The mayhem on the streets of Brooklyn provides realistic medical experiences equivalent to those in Iraq.”

Norma Rooks, widow of Joe Rooks, wrote in mid-June: “I’m now living in a condominium in Swamscott and enjoying it immensely. Dan and Beth and their families are five minutes away as well as Joe’s brother George ’58 and his family. I stayed with George and Ruth for four months while my place was worked on. Peter and family are in Andover.”

Jane DuPlessis, widow of Louis DuPlessis, writes: “Hi to all Lou’s friends and classmates from his widow Jane. I’m doing well as are the five children and spouses and the 18 grandchildren. No marriages as yet for the grandkids – so, no great-grand-ones yet! I live near our second son and our
Paul G. Kirby wrote on May 28: “Claire and I celebrated our 50th anniversary on April 26 with a trip through the Netherlands, Belgium, and Paris. It seems like yesterday that my good fraternity pals, Tut Wheeler ’57 and Ted Gibbons ’58, provided strong moral support as ushers! Come September, I will retrace my French-Canadian roots (mother) with a visit to Quebec City for its 400th anniversary founding by Samuel de Champlain. My Canadian cousin, Jacques Lavigne, who was my best man, will be our host. Finally, we will celebrate with our children, spouses and grandchildren (16 in all including ourselves) for Thanksgiving at the Balsams in Dixville Notch, N.H., for a belated 50th party. Much blessed!”

Morton L. Price emailed on June 17: “Merle and I recently returned from a wonderful vacation, a cruise to Athens, a few Greek Isles and Croatia, followed by a visit to Milan where we stayed with good friends who are on temporary assignment there. I was wearing one of my many Bowdoin caps on Corfu, a magnificent place, when I was stopped by a fellow cruiser from Seattle who told me she was a descendant of H.W. Longfellow and, in fact, her maiden name was Longfellow. She has two sisters and no brothers so the name will end. She, however, selected Longfellow as the middle name for one of her sons.”

Aaron J. Shatkin updated on June 2: “Still enjoying 24/7 as director and professor at the Center for Advanced Biotechnology and Medicine, a research and teaching center studying and translating new findings to treat and prevent cancer, neuro-degenerative diseases, autism, HIV/AIDS and infectious diseases.”

Henry M. Swan reported in early January: “Judy and I have our boat, Neptune, in Man–o–War Cay in the Bahamas. Expect to live on board it weeks at a time until mid-May when we will sail back to Westport, Mass. Hope that the marvels of the Internet will allow me to keep in touch with clients and understanding partners.”
Charles H. Abbott and his wife Mary have torn down an old turn-of-the-century cottage and built a new one at 172 Foreside Road in Falmouth, Maine.

Richard Q. Armstrong writes: “Returned to Greenwich from our home in Florida in mid-April. Bob Hamlin ’56 lives near us down south and enjoyed seeing them regularly.

Peter Small and I played a round of golf in Florida this early spring with Barry Mills, and he played very well for one who has taken the game up only recently. Bowdoin’s president is truly multi-talented. I am surrounded by Bowdoin alumni in Florida, as my next door neighbor, a true Mainiac from Farmington, Jim Whitcomb, is a very good friend and Bowdoin supporter.”

Michael A. Coster wrote in early April: “What a winter in northern New Brunswick. The toughest ever! Will I ever golf again?”

Correction

In our last issue, Winter 2008, Vol. 79, No. 2, we incorrectly listed the date of Bruce Cohen’s death. Bruce died on December 8, 2007. We apologize for the error.

William H. Gardner reported in January: “Kathleen and I celebrated our 50th anniversary on December 22. An event shared with many classmates this year. Thorougly enjoyed our reunion – kudos to all involved.”

Jack Grinold wrote in mid-April: “This July I will start my 47th year at Northeastern. I will be coming through Bowdoin the Friday before the NS/Maine game and plan to call Bob Shepherd for a lunch date.” See Laudable section.

Gene Helsel wrote on June 5: “All is well with the Helsels. Planning a family vacation to Hawaii in late June. Best to all.”

Ed Langbein reported in April: “Congratulations to recent grandparents: Skip and Barbara Connett welcomed their tenth, Olivia, in February. They are phasing out of the kennel business (which will be taken over by their son Tom) and Skip has been taking courses with the Episcopal Church that will qualify him for appointment as a deacon. Hal and Marcia Pendexter celebrated the arrival of Shane Gannon in March. Harry and Vicky Carpenter also marked the arrival of a tenth grandchild, Samantha Christine Bartlett, on March 28 in Juneau, Alaska. Earlier, they had enjoyed some time in Florida and, finding insufficient snow in Maine, they continued north to Alaska and served as ‘au pair’ while the family packed up and prepared for a move to Idaho. Vicky reports everyone is doing well. Good to see Jim Millar in Brunswick for a number of hockey games (not the least of his appeal was that the team was 5-0 with him in attendance). He and Mary Lou enjoyed dinner in Honolulu with John and Kitry Simonds and also had an opportunity to visit the Arizona memorial. Then they were down to Florida for some time with his brother Bob ’62 and wife Chris as well as neighbors Bob and Joan Shepherd. They also had a chance to see Carl and Maggy Denholz before returning home to Conn., and prepare for a trek to watch the Frozen Four in Denver, where they “rendezvoused” with Dave ’62 and Barbara Shea, Ted and Deb Sandquist, and Bob ’60 and Joyce Spencer. Jack and Shirley Woodward went west to check on their newest grandson, Race (reflecting his arrival on December 30 for an unexpected tax benefit). The journey also permitted them to spend some time with Gene and Shari Helsel and check out Jack Thomas’s newest panda at the San Diego Zoo. Stan and Sue Blackmer enjoyed a cruise visit to Australia and New Zealand earlier this year. They continue to enjoy sailing, taking advantage of being only fifteen minutes from the Gulf. Bill and Kathleen Gardner, with some of their Tucson neighbors, are taking an April Mediterranean cruise. Sailing from Venice, they’ll go down the Adriatic and up the Aegean with stops in both Greece and Turkey. Jack Collier is recovering from a February traffic mishap—an oncoming driver was focusing on his cell phone and swerved into John’s truck, totalizing it and cracking John’s sternum and a couple of ribs. He indicated he’s now back to swinging a golf club (gently) and looking forward to a spring trip to Boston for a swim club reunion and some golf with Bill Howard. Bill will again be busy as starter at the nearby Ben Hogan course. In light of Barbara Ham’s reunion observation that 63.4% of the attendees were sporting replacement parts, Ed Langbein felt obligated to join the club with a new right knee. No such thing as instant recovery, but a much fuller appreciation of what you others, and your patient/supportive spouses, have gone through. The physical therapist assures him that within four months he will be painlessly stroking tennis balls into the side curtains as of old. Dick Fickett provided an analysis of U.S. Presidents elected every twenty years (a forceful leader does not appear to be in the card), and a review of the Redskins under their new coach (don’t look for them in the next Super Bowl). John and Cynthia Howland recently book a western jaunt that began in La., took them over to Death Valley and the Joshua Tree National Forest, and then north to the bay area where they enjoyed the Monterey Peninsula and aquarium. Returning in early March, pleasantly surprised to see patches of lawn appearing. Nate and Marsha Winer report that they are both doing well with the usual, a little work and lots of play. In April, they’ll tour the Deep South, from Jacksonville to the islands off Georgia, then Savannah and Hilton Head before winding up in Charleston, N.C.—a trip they’ve wanted to take for a long time. Also, they have booked a trip to Egypt in October. Nate had been there three times when he was with Magnavox. However, Marsha was teaching and, he had always wanted to return with her “before we’re too old to enjoy it.” Nate still has contacts in Cairo who are looking forward to seeing him and meeting his wife. Earlier, during an exchange of photographs, Nate was advised that Marsha was “worth three camels” so it will be of interest to determine current market value. Ken and Betty Degroot have returned from Del Mar Beach in
Fla. Steve and Mary Ellen Lawrence are back from the Fort Myer area where they provided guidance to the Red Sox, caught a couple of Bowdoin softball games (the team was 14–2), and enjoyed dinner with Carl and Maggie Denholtz. And, Frank and Yolanda Kinnelly are back from Calif., where they spent the holidays with their two daughters and visited with Jimmy and Yoshiko Kim. Mark and Lillian Kapiloff are well, still working, and basking in 75-degree weather. They’re looking forward to meeting President Mills when he comes down to address the Atlanta Bowdoin Club. David and Barbara Ham reluctantly put away their gear and have dusted off the clubs—a talking point for getting a new knee. They enjoyed luncheon with Jim and Beverly Murdock, picking a great day to enjoy the superb view of the ocean. Ed wrote again on July 15: ‘To open on a sad note, our sympathy to Roberta and members of the Freedland family on the recent death of our classmate Arnold. Also, our sympathy to Joyce Hovey and her family on the loss of her daughter Sherrie Hovey Goodhue.’

“A number were back to celebrate our Old Guard status, enjoy the luncheon and College hospitality, and check on 1958. Seen at various times over the weekend were: Steve and Shirley Colodny (their son, class agent Jefferey ’83, led his 25th to a record gift), Bill Cooke, Dave Ham, Skip and Elaine Howland, Ed and Nancy Langbein, Steve and Mary Ellen Lawrence, Bruce and Buffy McDonald, Ted Parsons, Hal and Marcia Pendexter, and Bob and Joanie Shepherd. Congratulations to Bob and Lois Estes who were married on June 21. Following a family ceremony they were to travel west for further family visiting before settling in the St. Louis area. Jim and Susan Smith announce the 2008 arrival of two grandsons, Alex Smith and Baryl Martin. All are doing well and they plan a summer trip to the Cape. Good turnout at the scholarship luncheon (annual opportunity for donors and recipients to meet) including: Wende Chapman, Joyce Hovey, Ed Langbein, Bob and Joanie Shepherd, John and Ann Snow, and David and Jane Webster. Enjoyed chatting with our Class of 1957 Scholarship recipient, Caitlin Stauder ’10, who received a fellowship and thus will be able to enjoy a summer in Brunswick researching tooth development in zebra fish. A biology major, she will be studying in Geneva next semester. Brian and Judy Flynn will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on a Disney cruise with the entire family (their four children and spouses, plus ten grandchildren). Later this summer (August and part of September) they will be in Ludlow, Vt., visiting family and would love to hear from anyone in the area. Local phone number will be: 802–226–7038. Henry and Ingrid Thomas recently back from a month’s visit to Sweden. Dick Fickett writes that he and Shirley continue to enjoy a quiet, uninteresting and routine life. He continues to resist high tech: no computer, no cell, no iPod, and no Play Station. Ray and Julie Smith have taken advantage of having a son working in Salt Lake City by enjoying side visits to Bryce Canyon and Zion National Park. Dave Roundy reports that he is staying active with softball and water polo in their ‘senior Disney World’ (Lake Lakes, Fla.). Gene and Shari Helsel are looking forward to a summer trip to Hawaii. Gene remains very active with an international group, building homes in Mexico (similar to Habitat for Humanity). He invites us to check www.esperanzainternational.org and see what he is doing. Steve and Merle Land continue to enjoy the proximity of their four-year-old (energy-filled) granddaughter, Megan. His summer project is a new roof, necessitated by a hail storm that struck Atlanta this spring. Note from Flora Cowen who is looking forward to a visit to Berlin, taking advantage of her oldest son Douglas’s sabbatical to that city (he is a physics professor at Penn State). Her other son Edward ’86 lives nearby in Brooklyn. One classmate, unidentified by request, has resumed golf after a multi-year layoff prompted by a memorable Arizona outing. Playing on a course where vicious cactus and lurking serpents bordered the fairway, he

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had lost 44 balls, wrapped two clubs around trees, and threw an iron into the lake, all before the eighth hole. Dick Chase is again active teaching sailing and racing skills to a group of 125 area youngsters. He and Martha continue to volunteer at the North Shore Summer Theatre and they enjoyed attending the graduation ceremonies of two of their grandchildren at Temple University and the Cincinnati School of Creative and Performing Arts. Fletcher Means is doing well and hopes to return to Maine this summer. While he still does not eat lobster, he is confident that Patty will more than cover for him. Thanks to the hospitality of Steve Lawrence, Ed and Nancy Langbein joined him at a BoSox Luncheon. Also present to show their loyalty were Ted Parsons, Hal Pendexter, and his brother Dwight. Clem and Mary Lou Wilson are also celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary this summer. They continue to be active in area musical performances, notably the Saint Augustine Pops Concert, in which Clem was joined by John Philbrick ’58. Fuel prices have impacted their travel plans, but they did get over to Big Pine Key (near Key West) and briefly up to Maine.”

Norman L. Levy wrote on May 20: “The birth of Leo Latting Levy on January 20, twenty minutes before the kick off in the Greenbay–Giants game is our big news. Today, four months later, Leo weighs 18 pounds and is touring the southwest, meeting his other grandmother in Austin, Texas, and other grandfather in Santa Fe. He was passed around the room and sighed over by 33 women at a sip and see in the Lone Star State, and hailed as ‘the little buckaroo’ in New Mexico. Eben, his dad, predicts he’s going to be a journeyman power forward in the NBA. (please indulge the euphoria, he is our first grandchild).” Back in New York City, Tina’s new play, Chasing Manet will open at Primary Stages in March ’09. Set in a fictitious nursing home, it explores the friendship between a legally blind Bostonian painter, Catherine Sargent, and her exuberant new roommate, Rennie Waltzer. The two plan an escape to Paris on board the QE2, but will they make it? The wonderful Jane Alexander and delightful Lynn Cohen will play the frisky pair. I’ve retired from the Department of Dramatic Writing at NYU, but am still treasurer of our West End Avenue co-op as well as the Howe/Levy nest. With more free time I’ve been reading big books like War and Peace, Moby Dick, The Tin Drum, and An American Tragedy, as well as mindlessly devouring The New York Times every morning. I was deeply saddened by the passing of Bruce Cowen. We were freshmen roommates, along with Herb Miller in Winthrop Hall. We were also fraternity brothers at ARU. I knew Bruce was pre-med, but had no idea he was a brilliant student until the following year when he was honored during James Bowdoin Day for straight As in all his courses. In sophomore year, he always drove three of four of us home for the holidays on his way to New Jersey (remember, no cars were allowed during freshman year back then). I had hoped to catch up with him at our 50th last year. I will miss Bruce’s wisdom and calm integrity.”

James S. and Mary Lou Millar “enjoyed dinner in Honolulu with John and Kitty Simonds. See accompanying photo.

Hal Pendexter reports: “Maria and I enjoy spending over one-third of the time in Maine. Continue to serve on several for-profit and not-for-profit boards in Illinois, as well as the Maine State Music Theater, which performs Broadway musicals during the summer at Pickard Theater. Class agent extraordinaire Ed Langbein organizes a variety of activities throughout the year.”

Dana W. Randall wrote on June 2: “Caroolle and I were very disappointed (maybe heartbroken is a better word) to miss the big 50th celebration. But at our age one doesn’t mess around with pneumonia! Just crummy timing. Our thanks to all of you who got in touch with us, and said we were missed. The feeling is mutual.”

Allison H. Roulston writes: “Jumped back into thoroughbred breeding in January by buying a stakes-winning granddaughter of Secretariat. In April, she produced a filly foal by Milwaukee Brew and has been bred back to Sweet Southern Saint, sire of the favorite in the 2006 Kentucky Derby. Mare and foal are boarded at Verbarctic Farm in Ocala, Fl., while I am in Newport, R.I., for another summer as lead guide at Doris Duke’s mansion-museum, Rough Point. Enjoyed a visit last summer by TD brother and roommate, Kent Hobby and wife Laurie. John and I are off to Paris, the Dordogne and Madrid – the migration route south to West Palm Beach in October, just in time to vote out the rascals.”

Henry C. Thomas writes: “Ingrid and I celebrate our 50th (golden) wedding anniversary this July. According to a recent newspaper survey, the key to a long and happy marriage is to learn to say, ‘you may be right!’”

Gene Wheeler wrote in May that he and Nancy are “back up north after a terrific winter season in Vero, Beach, Fl. Saw Frank ’58 and Arnold ’60 Whittlesey in Vero just before we lost Frank to prostate cancer; Arnold was by his brother’s side the whole time. A great brother.” Les Leonetti, had a stroke about a month ago, but has made an extraordinary comeback. Les lives outside Pittsburgh and his email address is sandyles@zoominternet.net. He would love to hear from any classmate but he does have some memory loss that was not apparent in our conversation. Still playing lots of tennis and golf. Playing for the U.S. Tennis team in the Friendship cup at Mt. Tremblant in June, a competition between Canada and the U.S. in age groups between 55 and 85. Playing to a 14 handicap and had my first hole-in-one in April after 56 years of trying. Still
can’t sink a four-foot putt, however. Still running on all original parts. Did I read that Skip Connell is a deacon? This can’t be the same guy we knew at Bowdoin. Congratulations, Skip.” See Jim Cook ’55 at the golf club.” His son, Peter ’89 runs the family printing business here in Concord. Now have thirteen grandies, two greats, and a huge extended family.”

John J. Woodward and Gene Helsel were recent visitors to the San Diego Zoo where they visited the newest panda resident, Zhen Zhen, who had been named by classmate Jack Thomas. See accompanying photo.

Gene Helsel ’57 and Jack Woodward ’57 at the entrance to the polar bear exhibit at the San Diego Zoo.

Ronald J. Kirwood wrote in mid-June: “Still working (sort of), skiing and golfing. Acquired one of my clients, a 100-child childcare center. I now have 103 grandkids. It is self-managed, so I just try to stay out of the way. Two sons and three grandchildren all doing fine.”

Ted Sandquist wrote on June 27: “Deb and I look forward to seeing everyone at next year’s big 50th reunion. Our family includes five children — two married — and three grandchildren. We’re situated in the Rocky Mountain West (our home is in Denver) and the rest of the troop is spread out from Wyoming to Iowa to Texas. We’ve also retained a bit of New England with our second home on Cape Cod.”

Eugene A. Waters wrote in January: “In April I was fortunate to share a great experience hiking the Grand Canyon with our son, Glenn ’89, nephew, Lew, and his son Alex (plebe at USNA). Because there were no vacancies at Phantom Ranch, the base lodge, we had to do a down-and-up in one day (17 miles). Wow, what a high! We also were able to hike Zion and Bryce. This is truly a fascinating area; quite different from our wonderful New England.”

Donald M. Bloch reported in January: “Still practicing law with Posternak, Blankstein, and Lund, but at a reduced pace. I am now president of Metro-West Jewish Day School, a school of 54 students in grades K-5. Planning to expand one grade per year to 8 grades and build a new school in 2009.”

Carol Bonazzoli, widow of John Millar, wrote in the spring: “Fred and I spent the month of April cruising the Mediterranean. It was a wonderful experience! Grandson John graduates Needham (Mass.) High School this June and will attend Bryant University in R.I., in the fall. Looking forward to visiting with Marylou and Jim Millar ’57 this coming June.”

Robert L. Hohlfelder wrote on April 13: “My academic year (07-08) at the University of Colorado, Boulder, was a busy one. During my fall leave, I led two Mediterranean tours for Lindblad/National Geographic and one for National Geographic on the Sea Cloud. I spent November and December at Wolfson College, University of Oxford as a visiting scholar. In the spring, I returned to Oxford to lecture and organized a conference in Rome at the American Academy in Rome, the British School at Rome, and the Institutum Romanum Finlandiae. In May and June, I’ll be conducting underwater archaeological field work in Italy, Turkey, and Greece. My seventh book, The Maritime World of Ancient Rome, was published by the University of Michigan Press and the American Academy in Rome. I know retirement is down the road somewhere, but for now, I’m too busy to think about it. Looking forward to our 50th!”

Robert E. Knowlton wrote in January: “After 42 years of teaching, and research at Bowdoin and George Washington University, I am now retired as professor emeritus of biology from GWU. Looking forward to spending more time along the coast of Maine.”

Dick Morse’s son, Michael, a member of the U.S. Ski Team, won gold in the moguls competition of the Sprint U.S. Freestyle Championships at Deer Valley Resort in Park City in March. Michael threw out the first pitch at Fenway Park on May 19.

Ernest R. Powell reported in January: “Splitting the year between Austin (fall and spring) and Ruidoso, N.M. (ski season and summer). Visited the College in October with a granddaughter in tow. Plan to be at our
William Lenssen wrote on January 8: “Second daughter married in September in New Mexico to Rodger Dasnow of Boston and Bali. Bowdoin was well represented.”


Francis M. Thomas reports: “Best wishes to Class of 1961! Really miss those visits to the College. Very happy in the Netherlands. Still teaching freelance and writing about American economy. Proud moment recently was our daughter Michele’s contribution as consultant production manager for N.Y. Philharmonic’s performance in Pyongyang, North Korea.”

Paul Constantino “hosted Reverend Bob Millar, Reverend Rick Black ’64, and Roger Tuveson ’64 at a Red Sox game at Fenway last September. Prayers must have been answered, as the Sox swept through the World Series!”

Andrew P. Iverson, Jr. wrote in January: “My two daughters got married this year, which added a lot of excitement to the Iverson household!”

Peter J. Mone wrote in mid-June: “Retired after 40 years as trial lawyer at Baker & McKenzie on July 1, 2007. Spend the winter months at P.G.A. West in LaQuinta, Calif. Daughter Cathleen has our fourth grandchild on May 22. A new rink close by is open 365 days a year. I go at public skating Monday, Wednesday, Friday for an hour. I got out my old CCM skates that I bought as I started Bowdoin in fall 1957. They are, therefore, antiques—same as me! They look very different from today’s hockey skates (CCM, Bauer, etc.). Rick Mostrom would recognize them instantly! I’ve gotten some interesting comments: I was unlacing them and the guy next to me said ‘aren’t you about due for new skates?’ Another said they looked like antiques he’d seen in a sports bar as decorations. Most say they’ve never seen skates like that; brown leather with black leather trim! ‘Where did you get those skates?’ people are definitely surprised to find a guy my age ice skating. The best part is this: I asked if they had a senior discount. I argued they should, and the lady agreed so she’s been charging me ‘kids’ ice’—I’m generally the oldest ‘kid’ out there!”

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James E. Arntz wrote on June 27: “Shooting a PBS music special, ‘3 Mo’ Divas in Denver this summer. On the air in March. Last year’s documentary, ‘Les Paul: Chasing Sound,’ has been much awarded and is selling well as DVD. Next up, a doc about Stradivarius and a sports film.”

Régis J. Dognin reported on June: “At the insistence of my wife and my doctor, I was told to exercise. I cannot stand exercises of most kinds but I have always enjoyed ice skating. Fortunately, a new rink close by is open 365 days a year. I go at public skating Monday, Wednesday, Friday for an hour. I got out my old CCM skates that I bought as I started Bowdoin in fall 1957. They are, therefore, antiques—same as me! They look very different from today’s hockey skates (CCM, Bauer, etc.). Rick Mostrom would recognize them instantly! I’ve gotten some interesting comments: I was unlacing them and the guy next to me said ‘aren’t you about due for new skates?’ Another said they looked like antiques he’d seen in a sports bar as decorations. Most say they’ve never seen skates like that; brown leather with black leather trim! ‘Where did you get those skates?’ people are definitely surprised to find a guy my age ice skating. The best part is this: I asked if they had a senior discount. I argued they should, and the lady agreed so she’s been charging me ‘kids’ ice’—I’m generally the oldest ‘kid’ out there!”

J. Paul Geary wrote in June: “Diane and I still enjoying San Diego and traveling the world. I still work two to three days a week as a financial manager at small R & D firm. Life is good!”
Frederic S. Newman, Jr. wrote in January: “Still working for Uncle Sam in Korea protecting the free world. My daughter in Las Vegas presented me with another grandson in May, making a total of three grandchildren so far. Would have started producing my descendents earlier if I hadn’t been flushed by all those girls at Bowdoin.”

Robert J. Snyder wrote on March 17: “I am cleaning up some photos and found a nice one of some Bowdoin friends who attended last year’s concert that I have sponsored each year in memory of my brother.” See accompanying photo.

Richard L. Winslow wrote on early May: “Sorry I can’t make the reunion this year. I will be traveling and playing golf. First, Sea Island, Ga., then Hilton Head, S.C., then Kiawah, S.C., Wrightsville Beach, N.C., and then a week at Amelia Island, Fla. I will be in Maine all of July and August at our camp at Portage Lake.”

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Jeffrey F. Huntsman emailed on April 14: “Now that I’ve about finished my second year in retirement from Indiana University, I am no longer mulling lecture revisions in the back of my mind. Instead I’ve been doing more acting and directing (which had been largely in abeyance since my Bowdoin days), a singer in two choral groups and VP of a third, and restoring a bunch of vintage English cars (Jaguar, Jensen Healey, MG, etc.). Son Elliott (Yale ’00, because no one at Bowdoin would bother to talk to him and his mother when they visited in ’95) is teaching in a private high school in Baltimore, and daughter Sara is off in a week with her significant other to San Francisco. So here I am still in the Midwest, with bi-coastal kids. John Lawson ’63 and his glorious wife Julie, fellow UUs here and choir members, have become good friends. I also get to spend time in the old family summer place in W. Newfield. Not likely to get to Reunion this year but am planning on making number 45 next year. Who knew we’d get this old!”

Dr. William J. Kelly updated in January: “A highlight of 2007 was leading a group of Presbyterians on a religious trip to Cuba to visit Presbyterian churches in Matanzas Province. It is spiritually uplifting to visit our brothers and sisters who live in such difficult circumstances but keep the faith.”


Vic Papacosma reported in the spring: “It is with great pride that Evie and I will be seeing Katerina receive her degree with the Class of ’08.”

William H. Lynch reported in June: “I began doing triathlons three years ago. This year I competed in the national age group championships nearPortland, Ore. I did not qualify for the worlds. Maybe next year.”

William R. Matthews, Jr. reported in January: “Marcia and I are still enjoying our work at St. Paul’s School. Seven grandchildren and number eight on the way.”

Steven C. Munger wrote on June 3: “Have been retired for a year now—what a great life! Linda and I have traveled to Alaska, Nova Scotia, and the Greek Islands. Now we will settle down a bit and split time between our homes in Maine and Florida. As long as good health holds out, life doesn’t get much better!”

Berle M. Schiller wrote in early January: “Had a wonderful family Thanksgiving at our house. We were joined by my son Jonathan ’96, his wife Sona ’96, and her parents Rob Doran ’67 and his wife Sona, as well as my two granddaughters and three other children.”

David K. Stevenson wrote in January: “Mary Ellen and I are enjoying our active outdoor life down here in Naples, Fla. We are now here eight months each year and back in Massachusetts for time with family each summer. I’m getting closer to ‘shooting my age’ but sill have eight to ten years to go until I do!”

George R. Trask updated in January: “All of a sudden two grandchildren born this year – Mabel, born to Laura ’94 and Dave Tyler on March 19; and Lila, born to Jenny and Bryan Bunch on June 19. As some wag said, ‘I would have had them first if I had known they were so much fun.’ Also finished a 23-foot glass boat over the past two years, and finally got to use it this past July through October.”

Douglas M. Hotchkiss reports: “Am going down to the Chesapeake Bay area...
for a sailing trip with John Parker. He just got a new Island Packet that he is sailing Downeast this summer. Am hoping to join him on part of that voyage, too.

John O. Parker, Jr. reported in early January: “Still working a bit in venture capital and sitting on a few boards. Family all well. Spending a fair bit of time sailing – this year a five-week summer cruise aboard my boat, 60-foot Australian sailboat, Spirit of Sydney, for an exploration voyage from the Falkland Islands to South Georgia Island and return. South Georgia is a remote and seldom visited sub-Antarctic island that at the beginning of the last century was infamous as a base for whale and seal hunting but later became more widely known as the beginning and ending point of Ernest Shackleton’s Endurance survival epic 1914-1916. The weather, terrain, glaciation, icebergs and especially wildlife are almost otherworldly. Highlight (lowlight?) of our trip was getting knocked down and partially rolled by a 40-foot rogue wave in a Southern Ocean storm as we returned to the Falklands. It is surprising how cold seawater at two degrees Centigrade really is. However, we didn’t lose anyone over the side and there were few, mostly inconsequential, injuries. Our skipper was able to jury rig the mast so we could sail back to Port Stanley in the Falklands where the boat is being repaired to voyage again.”

D. Wayne Peters reported in January: “Highlights of 2007 include; birth of first grandchild, Ava; Eastern European vacation to Prague, Budapest, Vienna, and Bratislava with Dick and Rachel Beaufre; and 39th wedding anniversary with my beloved wife Joyce. Still contemplating retirement (again).”

John H. LaChance reported on May 20: “Please visit my new website: www.LaChanceLaw.com. Looking forward to our 40th Reunion.”

Alan R. Lassila wrote in April: “Still enjoying getting out a quality sports section everyday for the Press-Enterprise in Riverside, Calif. My 30th year here. I’m assistant sports editor. The business is changing because of the Internet, but we are hanging in there.”

Donald S. Levi wrote on May 20: “Still busy seeing lots of second generation kids as a pediatrician in Nashua. My wife Heidi teaches yoga to seniors, i.e., our age and up. We are new...
grandparents and loving it. Looking forward to, at least, semi-retirement soon.”

Roger W. Raffetto wrote: “First grandchild, Ben, arrived in July, 2007, hooray! His father (son, Bryan) is a Colby mule but even at a tender age, Ben’s Bowdoin lineage shines through at Halloween.” See accompanying photo.

Mort Soule wrote on January 2:

The first grandchild of Roger Raffetto ’68, Ben, arrived in July 2007.

“After two years at New York University, my daughter, Mary will attend Colby College and graduate – I hope – in 2010. She will attend the Bowdoin-Colby football games with me, but we’ll sit on opposite sides. No chance of my cheering for the mules.”

Don Abbott updated in January:

Michael (15), Rachael (11), Olivia (8) and I went to China for three weeks in July. We were fortunate to be able to visit the girls’ orphanages in Wuhan and Gaoyou. We also spent time in Shanghai, Nanjing, and Beijing. Mike is a sophomore at Coyle and Cassidy High School and playing varsity hockey. Rachael and Olivia are at the Foxborough Regional Charter School and keep busy with dance, gymnastics, and horseback riding. I am still at Texas Instruments in Attleboro, Mass., and am still having fun. My dad, Richard, Class of ’40, passed away in January. The Class extends its sympathy to Don and his family.

Michael A. Fasulo wrote on April 11: “Martha and I both retired in April and are enjoying living at our year-round camp at Drews Lake in Linneus, Maine. On April 12, we still had 30 inches of ice and three feet of snow. Our heaven is frozen. Saw Rubin Segal ’70 while spending two months in Portland this winter. Looking forward to our annual round of golf with Joe Dane this summer.”

John T. Keene, Jr. wrote in mid-June: “After a 28-year career with the Anne Arundel County, Maryland, Department of Recreation and Parks, where I was Chief, planning and construction, I retired in September, 2007. However, not ready for the armchair, I’m currently working as trail program coordinator for the East Coast Greenway Alliance, linking together local multiuse trails from Calais, Maine to Key West, Fla.”

Charles S. Musco wrote on June 20: “How can 2009 be our 40th? Will try to make it. Still heavily involved in equestrian competition around the U.S. and looking forward to the 2010 World Equestrian Games in Kentucky.”

John W. Pierce writes: “My daughter Emilie graduated from Boston University in May ’07. Our practice has expanded and our mission district medical building is booming. Life is good. Thanks, Bowdoin, for helping me get where I am.”

Fred C. Rea reported in late March: “Oldest son Stephen will begin a PhD program in modern social anthropology at UC-Irvine in the fall. Our other son, James, will be a senior at Wesleyan University majoring in earth and environmental science.”

F. Marc Williams “is still teaching geometry and coaching swimming and golf at Danville High School, Danville, Kentucky.”

Correction

In our last issue, Winter 2008, Vol. 79, No. 2, we mistakenly referred to Paul Batista as Phil. We apologize for the error.

Mark S. Levine updated in June: “Sharon and I are still in Rochester, N.Y. Our son and his wife love living in San Diego so we have a great spot to vacation. Our daughter and her husband moved from Boston to Burlington, Vt., this winter and are expecting our first grandchild in September. A baby and Vermont. Skiing cannot wait!”

John H. McGrath reports: “Have eased into retirement very smoothly. Great to be unemployed and unemployable. Carol and I are thoroughly enjoying granddaughter, with two additional grandkids on the way.”

Brian P. Mitchell wrote on June 5: “Happy to view the women’s field hockey championship win on ESPN. Great job! Daughter Kate works at Google in Manhattan. Daughter Anna is sophomore at Centre College. Nancy and I still enjoy life and medical practice in mountains of western North Carolina.”

Steven H. Plourde wrote in January: “Enjoying retirement on California’s North Coast. Still active in Bowdoin BASIC. Went to Panama in June for my son’s wedding.”

Steve Schwartz emailed on June 3: “Just returned from three months of shooting. We’re now done with principal photography. Movie—The Road—is set to be released November 26. We need about four million ‘bums in seats’ to break even, so I hope you’ll get all your friends to go.”

John C. Taylor wrote on January 3: “I was honored to receive the Harvard Club’s Book Prize for excellence in Teaching in October 2007. I have been the Head of the History Department at Trinity Pawling for 23 years, recharging batteries at our camp in Hartford, Maine, north of Auburn in the summer. We look forward to spending even more time in Maine in the coming years.”

Anthony Ferreira recently wrote: “Chris retires from teaching this June to join me in ‘retirement.’ I have been doing consulting work mentoring school administrators and working with a company that services schools. We’re looking forward to a different pace of life.”

Richard H. Casper wrote: “On a rare overly warm afternoon last May, I returned to the College for the first graduation I had attended since graduating myself. I experienced one of
the most exciting events of my life
when I watched my youngest son
Jeremy ’07 graduate.”

Dale B. Flora updates: “Lenna and I
continue to enjoy our retirement home
near Raleigh-Durham, N.C. Now we
just need to decide when to retire.”

Richard E. Fudge wrote on June 5:
“We moved back to Boston last May
and love condo living! Ann and I
have been married 37 years and now have
four grandchildren – a 13-year-old
granddaughter and three grandsons (10,
6, and 1½). I’m still consulting; Ann is
supposedly retired, but very active on
various boards. Life is good.”

William T. Hale reported in mid-
May: “We are still living in Brunswick. I
am in my 35th year of teaching in SAD
#75. My daughter Becky (Wheaton ’99)
was married in September. She lives in
DC, where she is a photographer for
National Geographic. My son Chris
(Colby ’02) just graduated from
Georgetown School of Foreign Service
with a degree in international relations
in Latin America. My son Charlie
(Colby ’06) is in San Francisco working
at Google in advertising. My wife Joan
just retired, and I am thinking about it.
Had a nice visit with John Wirzbicki
’72 this winter in Boston. We went to
the flower show. A long way from the
Bowdoin pool and the wrestling rooms.
I also run into Jim Coffin ’72 often.”

George R. Marvin writes: “We are
enjoying living in Hobe Sound, Fla. We
still spend six to seven months a year
sailing, split between the Bahamas in the
winter and Maine/Canada in the summer.
Our Annapolis address is our long time
mail service. Would love to hear from any
classmates passing by this area in Fla. Do
not miss Maine winters at all!”

James H. Walzer reports: “I just
published my 34th volume, Elements
of an Action for New Jersey attorneys.
Gloria and I have many fond memories
of Bowdoin.”

Daniel F. Belknap wrote on May 22:
“Thirty-fifth reunion, and 35 great years
of marriage to Karen. Our first
granddaughter, Caitlyn, is two; we have
her for at least 24 hours each weekend,
giving Carrie and Joe a rest. Our
younger daughter Christina will be
married May 31. I had a good year back
teaching after a full year sabbatical,
earned by seven years as Chair of Earth
Sciences at U-Maine. It feels good to be
back in the swing of things.”

Thomas J. Costin wrote in the
spring: “Cindy and I still working
together in the family business
throughout all the changes and
challenges in the footwear industry.
Daughter Caroline is living and working
in N.Y. as senior planner in Tiffany’s
business planning department. Son Tom
’02 is in first year of Stanford Business
School. Looking forward to seeing many
classmates at our 35th reunion.”

Richard E. Lucas wrote in mid-
June: “After spending ten years in Ohio
in banking positions, I retired to Maine
last year as president of Key Bank of
Maine. It is great to be back home.”

Edgar M. Rothschild III wrote in
early January: “Susan and I met up with
John Weiss ’70 and wife Retha in
Vienna for a cycling tour of Austria,
Czech Republic, and Slovakia in May.
We were the first non-pathologists
allowed in his annual group tour. My
grandson Ben Rothschild was born in
June. In September, Leonard James ’72
came for his annual visit to hike the hills
with me.”

Margaret Miller Soule reports:
“Mort ’68 and my daughter Mary is
transferring to Colby after two years at
New York University. Her great
grandparents, Ralph Good and Alice
Thomas, graduated 100 years ago from
Colby, and we are thrilled to have her
back in Maine.”

Thaddeus and Cynthia Welch
wrote in March: “With Thadd ’08
graduating this spring we will miss our
frequent visits to the campus. Still
working for TD Banknorth and living
in the Berkshires.”

David S. Bushy reports in June: “I am
serving as the chief operating office for
Cape Air/Nantucket Airlines. My wife
Lisa and I live in Eastham. We are
thoroughly enjoying our return to
New England.”

Jeffrey M. Conrad reports: “I am
still growing in appreciation of what the professors and fellow students gave to me. I’m so glad the College has used President William DeWitt Hyde’s pledge to the student body. I continue to give thanks especially to Prof. Daniel Levine, the lovely library, and the attention to the campus in general.”

Thom L. Wooten emailed on June 12: “Still poor, but still here.”

Lisa Ann Andrews wrote on June 19: “My older daughter Isabel just graduated from Colorado College. Younger daughter Chloe will be a freshman at University of Colorado in the fall. Starting my 30th year of living in Telluride, Colorado!”

Joseph V. McDevitt, Jr. writes: “Wen Young and I celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary in June. We’re hoping to make a trip back to Korea together later this year to see old friends and visit old haunts. I’m still busy here in London building out Pimco’s asset management business across Europe and the Middle East. Would love to hear from old classmates.”

Patricia Pope wrote on June 19: “Have returned to the practice of law and am Head of Legal & Compliance for the Americas for the U.S. affiliate of the Renaissance Group, an emerging market investment bank. A lot of fun.”

Douglas B. Riley wrote on June 16: “It was a happy day on May 24, to return to Bowdoin and to march in the alumni procession at my daughter Anne’s graduation!”

Peter J. Blodgett wrote on June 19: “It’s been a fuller year than usual here on the Left Coast, with Sue thoroughly engaged in her role as the Huntington’s literary curator in spearheading our participation in the National Endowment for the Arts Big Read program while I’ve been hard at work with Jayne Grady-Reitan ’77 in organizing our very active BASIC work here in southern Calif. Though hardly at loose ends, therefore, I’ve accepted the additional role of serving as the executive director of the Pacific Coast branch of the American Historical Association. Am hoping to contribute to encouraging cooperation among teachers of history at all levels so that generations to come all have a stake in our shared past.”

John J. Gallagher, Jr. wrote on January 2: “Greetings from Vermont. After 27 years of obstetrics, the nights have become tougher on me, but the fun is still there. I can’t think of any better reason to leave the house at 3:00 a.m. in a blizzard. Tina finished up a 10-year stint as director of maternal child health at a home health agency and is enjoying being a middle school nurse. Our third son, Connor, will join his two older brothers as a Bowdoin Polar Bear (Andrew ’09 and Evan ’06).”

Robert E. Harvey updates: “Earned a master’s in the history of public health (MPH) from Columbia in May ’07. Now co-chair of the New Challenge Grant Campaign for the school’s Center for the History and Ethics of Public Health. Also writing a book on a public health advocate. Son Ryan graduates from UVA in 2008 with a law degree and an MA in the history of constitutional law. He will be at Debevoise and Plimpton in NYC for a year, then will clerk for Gilbert Merritt of the sixth circuit court in Nashville, Tenn. Jenny ’04 is teaching and coaching in Yarmouth after three years of teaching on the Texas-Mexico border. Tanner ’09 heads off to Tanzania with the School for Field Studies in spring ’08. Sailed this summer with Hank Bristol, and Dave Hartwell and had a great time. Viva Maine!”

Arnold J. Martens reported in June: “Lauren and I continue to enjoy Conn. We are now going on eleven years and don’t plan to move anytime soon. I recently made EVP at Citi, and Lauren was promoted by Travlers. Our daughter Katherine ’04 was recently accepted into the physicians assistant program at George Washington University. She and her husband Jeff ’04 will be moving to D.C. in July. I am still spending my weekdays in N.Y. and my weekends in Conn. Have run into Tom Gimbal on several occasions in the city.”

Destry Oldham-Sibley reported in March: “I’m still doing clinical case management at Spurwink, a mental health agency in the Greater Portland (Maine) area. My eldest, Calvin, is working in Miami. Emilia graduated from Middlebury and lives in Oregon. Destry Maria is a junior at Amherst College and Jon Harper will be a freshman at Skidmore in the fall. I’d love to see some classmates if you’re near Portland.”

Jefferson M. Scott wrote on June 27: “I will be nearing the two-year mark (Feb) of relocating from Maine to Colo., and pasturing at the Creede Community Church, UCC, a gem of a small-town in SW Colo.; San Juan Mountains, and headwaters of the Rio Grande River. Have yet to come upon a Bowdoin grad in ‘these here parts,’ but still prospecting. Continue to find gold in my wife Hilda who is public health nurse for Mineral County!”

Tommy C. Aceto updated on June: “In my 27th year with Bath Iron Works, where we continue to build the very best ships in the world! Becky is with LL Bean and loves it. Anthony ’05 continues with Merrill Lynch in NYC. Jonathan has one more semester at the University of Maine in Orono (engineering). He is interning this summer again with Pizzagalli Construction Co., this time just outside of Washington, D.C.”

Torin M. Finser reports: “Just published my fifth book: Organizational Integrity.”

George W. Chase III wrote in June: “Very sorry to miss our 30th, but our daughter Mary was graduating from St. Paul’s School on the same weekend. Still here in Concord, teaching and coaching the girls’ hockey team. Anyone with talented daughters who can put the puck in the net, give me a call!”

Professor Paul J. Dolan, Jr. “has been elected to a two-year term on the executive board of ALPhA, a new national organization that has been formed to serve the needs of Advanced Physics Lab instructors across the country. ALPhA will be working closely with the American Physical Society (APS) and the American Association of
Physics Teachers (AAPT) in planning special sessions, topical conferences, and other activities in the coming years.”

Jonathan H. Fisher wrote on May 23: “Life happens fast. After happily running my own business for five years, I was lured back into the corporate world in '06 (by the usual incentives) and ended up running the Development Division for Konover Properties in West Hartford, Conn. One son, Chris, graduated from Villanova last spring, and after nine months of short term jobs and travel (including three months in Australia), is seriously job hunting. Second son, Tim, is a rising senior at Boston College. Suzy is now spending her full energies on house upgrades in Glastonbury.”

Peter W. Forbes reported in March: “I’ve really enjoyed the record-setting snow northern Maine received this winter. The cross-country skiing was fantastic, and my snow shoveling muscles have never been stronger.”

William M. Kaylor, Jr. wrote on February 9: “I started playing music with Steve Dutcher ’75 at Bowdoin in 1974. Thirty-three-and-a-half years later, we are still tied by our love for music. I was fortunate to attend the 2008 NAMM Show in L.A. and visited with Dana Bourgeois ’75. I have played one of his guitars for many years.” See accompanying photo.

David G. Kent emailed on June 5: “My wife Claire and I have been living and running an international, contemporary fine art gallery, Kent Gallery, in Key West for eight years. Life is great down here with our three children. Living on the water is peaceful, stress-free, healthy, and spiritual. Soon, we will be reconnecting with those distant Maine pines when our son, Noah Kent, enters Bowdoin in the fall as part of the Class of 2012. We are all so proud of him and know he will be an amazing addition to the Bowdoin community and legacy. Now I will have to buy a winter coat so we can come and visit him.” See accompanying photo.

John T. Markert reported in January: “Greetings from Austin, Texas. I’m having fun as physics department chair and have just co-authored Physics for Engineers and Scientists (Vol 3) with Hans Ohanian. I hope Bowdoin uses it!”

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Audrey Gup-Mathews updates: “My daughter Cassie (11) and I just got our orange belts in Tae Kwon Do. We’re having a lot of fun with it, especially breaking wood! At this rate, I may have my black belt by the time I turn 60.”

Thomas B. Moore writes: “We bought Professor Louis Coxe’s house in Brunswick on the New Meadows River. Have had visits from Mike McQueeney and Anne Robinson ’81. Ben Snyder and Sarah Snyder ’77 stayed at our house during Parent’s Weekend 2007, visiting their daughter. Great to have such a beautiful place so close to campus – have seen soccer and field hockey games. We haven’t moved up full-time – yet. Macauley Lord ’77 stopped by for some fishing off our dock (great strippers) and to celebrate Peter Moore ’77’s birthday. Rick Beveridge lives eight minutes away – fun for us to be in the area.”

Douglas C. Belden wrote in June: “Nice weather prevailed and most of the family was present for Laura’s ’08 commencement in May (enjoyed the legacy lunch very much!). She’s working at Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston as a research coordinator in the pediatric oncology department and living in Cambridge. Younger daughter Sarah is studying nursing at Boston College so we’re happy the sisters will be close (makes our visiting easier too!). Son Tom is closer to home attending Rutgers. Betsy continues to enjoy teaching kindergarten at St. Paul’s in Westfield, and I am in my fourth year as an employee benefits broker with Stratford Financial Group in Fairfield, N.J. Even with Laura graduating (the four years seemed even faster this time!), we’ll get back to Maine (and the Bowdoin Pines) occasionally as we visit Betsy’s parents in Rockland and Dan ’81 and Anna Hayes ’83, who we were able to visit at graduation. Staying in touch with Pat McManus ’81, Jeff Gorodetsky ’81 and their families and also looking forward to another fraternity get-together in September at Curt Barnard ’78’s family’s camp outside of Worcester.”

Judith E. Laster writes: “I am currently the chief policy advisor to the Massachusetts Speaker of the House on all issues related to energy, environment, financial services and economic development. I also serve as the executive director of the Woods Hole Film Festival, which I founded 17 years ago. This summer we had the great pleasure of screening a film by Professor Emeritus Randy Stakeman.”

Anthony G. W. Palmer wrote on June 13: “We are moving to the Berkshires in Western Mass. as I have taken a new job as CEO of Pine Cone Hill, Inc., based in Pittsfield. Family well and growing up fast.”

Sarah H. Stone wrote on May 23:
“I’ve been living and working in Providence for the last ten years, practicing acupuncture and specializing in pediatrics. I got married in September 2006 and have been enjoying quite a bit of travel since then, including a 10-day trek in Nepal last November. I look forward to reconnecting with old Bowdoin friends in upcoming months.”

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Kevin C. Conroy emailed on March 23: “My family and I have been in Washington, D.C., for almost four years now and are really enjoying it.”

Andrea M. Fish updates: “Still loving the Bay Area. Basi Tate ’82 visited for several days and we had a great time. My husband Steve continues his work at Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital, and I continue doing legal work for Straford.”

Patrice A. Hovenesian-Sivco wrote in June: “Attending our 25th reunion, I had the same feeling I did when I first stepped on campus as a twelve college exchange student in 1980. I was again reminded of the amazing and unassuming people who went to Bowdoin, the beauty and majesty of the campus, the great spirit and traditions which reside permanently at the school, and the personal touch that a small liberal arts college offers. I will treasure my affiliation always and be proud to be part of such a wonderful place. Special thanks to Dean Bill Mason who broke the rules and accepted me as a transfer student at the end of junior year, and my roommate Kim Labbe Mills, who ran across the quad at Reunion barefoot in her roommates’ back at Reunion headquarters gave me hope. When I said goodbye to Dave Weir he said, “See you at the 50th.” May the next 25 years be the best ever!”

Melissa E. Weinman Jagosh reports: “I am enjoying life in the Northwest as a full-time mother and artist. Children Lela (4) and Anabella (2) are true blessings. Husband Jeff is now with C B Richard Ellis specializing in port-related distribution warehousing.”

Stephen J. Rogers wrote on March 25: “I am excited to announce that my daughter Kristin, the first of 27 grandchildren of the late Judge Edward Rogers ’51, will enter Bowdoin’s Class of 2012 in September! Also excited that Mike McCormack ’81’s daughter Taylor received the Hon. Edward Rogers Scholarship this spring.”

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Jean Brountas emailed on June 14: “Thomas Wolfe said, ‘You can’t go home again.’ I believe the Class of 1983 did not buy into that. It certainly felt like going home to me! Our 25th Class Reunion was a great blend of the wistful and the ‘wild.’ We really know how to dance and the Photons were outstanding! Many thanks to Anna Hayes, Tommy Walsh, Howard Courtemanche and family, Mary Hickey McNamara, Renata Ledwick, and Emily Levine ’92. Special thanks go out to our wonderful student ambassadors Katie ’08 and Nathan for chaperoning our terrific class. Louise Merriman and Kathy Coffin, you guys are still a force of nature on the dance floor!”

Howard C. Courtemanche wrote in late May: “Life is great at 15 Near Water in Norwalk, Conn. Looking forward in a few days to bringing the kids Marguerite (10), Charlie (8), and Win (6) to Bowdoin for the first time for the 25th! And my wife Amanda for her second trip.”

Donald W. MacMillan has been appointed Head of School at Hyde-Bath. He is a 20-year veteran of educational administration having served as a teacher, coach, dean of students, director of athletics and most recently associate head of school at Hyde-Woodstock. He will succeed Bath head of School Laurie G. Hurd ’79 who served for eight years as chief administrator at the Maine campus.” From a Hyde Schools news release, February 8, 2008.

Daniel J. Vestreck, Jr. updated on March 5: “I continue to work for Primaxx Inc. in Allentown. We manufacture a sacrificial silicon oxide etch tool for MEMS release. With our sales being world-wide, I get to travel more now than ever in my life; Japan, Taiwan, and Moscow in early 2008.”

Patricia J. Bauman wrote in January: “Still based in Paris and still incredible – dancing, performing extensively throughout Europe. Had a lot of fun seeing Polly Burkholder Malan in September when she was here in Paris for her annual visit.”

Stephen P. Boghossian wrote on June 2: “Looking forward to our 25th reunion. It is amazing how fast time goes by. Seems like yesterday I was unpacking into Appleton Hall and eating at Moulton Union. I am excited to visit with old friends and have a few cocktails on the quad.”

Stephen P. Laffey reports: “All is well with the Laffeys in R.I. Peter (18) is in college in Chicago. The other four are doing great and Kelly is expecting a boy in March of ’08 – number six! My new book, Primary Mistake, is out – www.stevelaffey.com is the website published by Penguin Books!” See Bookshelf, Fall 2007.

David H. Wilson updated in June: “Still athletic director, wrestling and lacrosse coach at Canterbury School. Wife Ellen teaches squash. Three children keep us busy; Shane (15), Jenna (13), and John (10). Looking forward to our 25th!”

Wendy Bell Bentivegna wrote in early June: “Living in Southport, Conn., with my family. My husband Mike (Fairfield ’82) works in global marketing for Pfizer, Inc. I spent two years as PTA president of the middle school and am currently tutoring ESL at a literacy center for women in Bridgeport, Conn. Our son Kevin (15) just finished his freshman year at Fairfield Ludlowe HS where he played basketball and tennis. Britney (13) completed seventh grade and continues playing for a premier soccer club and working on her piano. I am in touch with Dana Bullwinkel-Campbell via email and recently had lunch with Chris Hoffman Taylor.”

Danielle Cossett reports: “My kids are growing fast; Pema (9), Bodhi (5), and Lily (1½). My cartoonist husband Peter is working on films and his comic strip. I’m busy being a mom,
working full-time as a clinical director in a mental health agency and beginning a consulting business to improve the lives of children and create balance in families. Been in New Mexico for 10 years now."

Jodi Mendelson Feeney writes: “The Feeney family is doing well. Jenny (9) loves soccer and dogs, Quin (7) loves baseball and skate boarding, and Jayne (4) loves climbing trees. I am still coaching at Milton Academy and was lucky enough to recruit Sue Sorter O’Malley. She and I coached lacrosse together this spring.”

Kimberly M. Figueroa wrote on June 16: “I am the director of internships at the Isenberg School of Management at UMass-Amherst and love working with smart business students. I also was married this summer to a great guy I met when I lived in West Springfield, Mass. We now live in Chicopee and are enjoying married life.”

Hugh J. Gorman III wrote in June: “Recently had the chance to reminisce with many Bowdoin Betas regarding days of old – Kai – to all who have fond memories of the house on McKeen Street.”

“Hamline University is pleased to announce the addition of Kristen Ludgate to its staff. She recently began her duties as the university’s first vice president and general counsel.” From a Hamline University news release, May 21, 2008.

M. Suzanne Sorter O’Malley wrote on June 5: “I still have four children; however, we’ve lost one to the college life. I can’t believe I have a sophomore in college! I see Nancy Banker sporadically and am coaching lacrosse and soccer at Milton Academy with Jodi Mendelson Feeney.”

Jeanne M. Ramsay wrote in early June: “Sarah Robinson visited over spring break with Cary and Keith. Saw Sue Thornton and Joe Daley with Ben, Ann, and Kate for a great weekend at Lake Gaston, and saw Cheryl and Peter Saramis for a night at the Improv with Portland’s Bob Marley!”

Christopher T. Rogers “was recently named CEO of Point32, a Seattle-based real estate development company.”

Lawrence C. Sitcawich wrote on June 3: “Son Miles (6) is spending four months in Japan with his grandparents, enrolled in Japanese first grade (elementary school); son Ryder (3) is learning to swim.”

Ted Johnson quipped on May 23: “I’ve cured cancer and world peace is just around the corner.”

Judith Bourassa Joy emailed on February 25: “It’s only February, and already it’s been an exciting year! I had my first novel published in January, entitled A Doorway Through Space. It’s a science fiction adventure for older children and young adults, and features a 15-year-old girl hero. It’s getting good reviews from local kids, from fourth grade through high school. It’s a thrill to sign books, and have kids want to talk to me about the characters and story. Career-wise, I’ll be graduating from Lesley University in May, with a master’s degree in elementary education. I’m currently student teaching in Stratham, N.H., and will soon start sending out resumes for a permanent position. And finally, I’m teaching my oldest daughter to drive! Now that really makes me feel old.” See Bookshelf section.

John Meienhofer wrote in early April: “I sometimes think back to the memories made long ago now. As we grow older we realize how precious time is, especially since most of us have too little to spare. If anyone makes his or her way out to Boise, Idaho, I’d enjoy a walk down memory lane. In the meantime, to everyone I knew at Bowdoin, I take this opportunity to wish you all well.”

Bradford W. Cushman reports: “We just had twins, Jack and Blake. Everyone is doing great, although Seena and I could use some more sleep.”

Joan Stoetzer Deck reported in May: “Not too much news. Stacy and I are still in the Vail area. We are both keeping busy work in the ski industry and raising our two girls, Katie (8 on June 8) and Audrey (4).”

Kimberly Conly DeMorgan wrote on April 7: “Happy birthday to Carol Tell’s little girl Evie, who is a gorgeous baby. Looking forward to seeing Margaret Churchill Lyne and her four kids this summer in Wellesley, Mass. Never a dull moment at 89 Crest Rd! I am now living in Switzerland and sent my daughter to the American School here in Lugano. Send over good teachers!”

Suzanne L. Fox reported in early January: “My cross-cultural consulting company brings me back and forth to China. Life is a constant juggling act between the busy lives of our three kids, my company, Fox Inter-cultural Consulting Services, and Moritz’s urology practice. Despite the craziness, we’re all great.”


Brendan O’Brien wrote in mid-June: “My family and I are still enjoying our time in Bratislava, where I am country manager for Pfizer. My son Lewis (6), daughter Lucy (16 months), and my wife Valerie are getting to know this interesting country well, and we find the people warmly welcoming and the landscape beautiful and fascinating in Slovakia.”

Daniel Rosner updated in early March: “I continue to work on consulting projects for my little company, mostly in the bioinformatics area, helping clients manage, analyze, and share their scientifics.”

For news of John Cole see news of Patricia Ingraham Cole ’89

Ralph D’Agostino and Carey Smith D’Agostino report: “We were blessed with a daughter, Chiara, born in April – she joins her sisters, Lucy, Serena, Sophia, and Theresa and brother Arel. Life in N.C. remains exciting. We now have a daughter, Lucy, who is applying to college while her youngest sister, Chiara, is still working on crawling. We’re going to try and see Bowdoin for the reunion as long as it doesn’t conflict with the high school graduation. And, yes, Bowdoin is on my list of things I am thankful for once again this year because that’s where Carey and I met on the first day of
freshman orientation! Drop us a line if you are near Winston-Salem; believe me – with six children we are accustomed to plenty of house guests."

Robert and Sarah DeFreitas wrote on April 10: “We are looking forward to being back on campus Reunion weekend with our three daughters (ages 12, 10 and 7). Where have 20 years gone? Life in Sudbury, Mass., and Boston, where Rob works as an equity portfolio advisor at Wellington management, is busy, but good! Hope all classmates are well; looking forward to seeing many of you ‘neath the pines!”

Brendan G. Diffley wrote in early January: “All is well in Charleston, S.C.! Wendy will be going back to teaching next year at Pinewood Preparatory School, where I am the assistant headmaster and director of guidance. We are hoping to buy land and build a house close to school. Also hoping to get back to the 20th reunion.”

Brendan Hickey reports: “We are still residing in Falmouth and are constantly on the go with the kids’ sports and activities. It’s hard to believe our oldest, Paige, started high school this year. The other three, Anna, Allyson, and Brendan are in seventh, fifth, and second grade.”

Nina A. Kahn is “still teaching second grade in Wellesley, Mass. Now married to musician/photographer Jonas Kahn. We’re busy with our son mason Hendrix Kahn (1½) and live in Davis Sq., Somerville.”

Kathleen E. Kramer wrote on May 6: “I’m still practicing dermatology in Palo Alto, Calif. Busy with Sophie (21 months), Genevieve (3 years), and Sven (4½)!"

“Korn/Ferry International, a premier provider of talent management solutions announced the appointment of David Lyman to the firm’s Minneapolis office as a senior client partner.” From a Korn/Ferry International news release, March 17, 2008.

Scott V. Milo writes: “My wife Amy and I moved to the Philadelphia 'burbs (Havertown) to provide our two-year-old daughter Grace some room to romp. We are also happy to announce that we are expecting our second child in May.”

Edward Pond and his wife, Molly, welcomed their daughter Eleanor “Norah” Blakely on April 16.

Dari Ramler Quirk wrote on June 19: “Greetings from Pinedale, Wyo., great to meet Ann Chambers Noble ’82, Bowdoin graduate, local historian and award-winning author. Can’t believe that it has been 20 years already! We (Jim, Colorado College ’88; McKenna, age 7; Colton, age 5) are settling into our new locale and would welcome any Bowdoin visitors that might find themselves enjoying world-class fly fishing, trophy elk hunting, skiing, or Yellowstone National Park in the area. My dad, Alvan Ramler ’59 will be celebrating his 50th reunion next year—here’s to seeing everyone again in 2038!”

Jane Branson Smack wrote on March 24: “I am in Virginia teaching second grade at Norfolk Academy. Was married last year to Mike Smack. Daughter Hillary is in 10th grade, loving life in Sudbury, Mass., and divorced in the 1990s and so my early scholarly work appears under the name Caitlin Verfenstein. I have been living and working in Greece for nine years now, living happily with my partner, Manolis. During the academic year, I teach archaeology at a study year abroad program (College Year in Athens) and in the summers I excavate, when possible. Much to my surprise, I love teaching. Periodically, I get a Bowdoin student in one of my classes and I always enjoy hearing what’s new on campus. Athens is an enormous city and can be trying at times but it’s all worth it for those summer swims in the Aegean. Someday, though, we hope to leave the city all together, live by the sea or in the mountains and become beekeepers. My best to Cathy, Nancy, Rachel, and Katie, wherever you are.”

Asaf Farashuddin “and Tanya Islam (Univ. of Michigan) welcome Ryan Farashuddin to their family. Ryan was born at 1:04 a.m. on April 9 at the University of Michigan Hospital, weighing in at 9 pounds, 9 ounces, and measuring 21 inches tall. Ryan and mom are recovering at home, and he is looking forward to his first Polar Bear stuffed animal and baby clothes from Bowdoin.” See accompanying photo and profile this issue.

Patricia Ingraham Cole wrote in June: “As of July, I will have earned my M.A.T. in Spanish. I am currently teaching middle school. Last summer I studied in Seville, Spain, as part of my education. John ’88 and our daughters Allison (13) and Sarah (11) joined me for part of the time. It was incredibly challenging and fun! As I start a new career this year, John enters his 20th year at the Andover Companies, where he is surrounded by Bowdoin alumni of all ages.”

Caitlin J. Downey-Verfenstein emailed on June 28: “I think this is the first time I have submitted news since graduation, so I’m not sure what to say. I received my PhD in classical archaeology at the Univ. of Minn. in 2003, where I won an award for the best dissertation in the humanities (The Architecture of the Greek Federal Leagues, 4th to 2nd Centuries BC. I’m sure you all have a copy of it on your bedside tables) and made it to the top five finalists in the U.S. I was married and divorced in the 1990s and so my early scholarly work appears under the name Caitlin Verfenstein. I have been living and working in Greece for nine years now, living happily with my partner, Manolis. During the academic year, I teach archaeology at a study year abroad program (College Year in Athens) and in the summers I excavate, when possible. Much to my surprise, I love teaching. Periodically, I get a Bowdoin student in one of my classes and I always enjoy hearing what’s new on campus. Athens is an enormous city and can be trying at times but it’s all worth it for those summer swims in the Aegean. Someday, though, we hope to leave the city all together, live by the sea or in the mountains and become beekeepers. My best to Cathy, Nancy, Rachel, and Katie, wherever you are.”

Ryan Farashuddin was born to Asaf Farashuddin ’89 and Tanya Islam on April 9. He weighed in at 8 lbs., 8 oz. and was 21 inches tall.

Valentine P. Foti wrote on January 4: “Enjoying life in Hopkinton, Mass., with my wife Christine and children, Elizabeth (5) and Matthew (2). See fellow Bowdoinites Brandon Sweeney, Kevin Sanborn, and Dana Bureau, but would love to connect with others in the area.”

For news of Jennifer Rogers Hickey
see news of Brendan Hickey ’88.

Matt Hornbeck “lives in Baltimore with his wife Ginny Samford Hornbeck (Smith, Bowdoin Exchange ’90) and their two children, Holly and Tom. Matt is principal of a public elementary/middle school in Baltimore City.”

Dawn R. Johnson emailed on June 19: “The past year has been full of exciting changes in my life. In January 2007, I joined the faculty of the Higher Education department at Syracuse University. After many years in student affairs administration, I decided to shift gears a bit and work in the professional preparation and development of student affairs and campus administrators. I am truly enjoying my new faculty role! During fall 2007 I successfully defended my doctoral dissertation and graduated with my PhD in counseling and personnel services from the University of Maryland, College Park. For those who may remember Lynn Bolles from the sociology/anthropology department, she is a faculty member at University of Maryland and was a member of my dissertation committee. After a year in central N.Y., I am settling into faculty life and hope to be a homeowner in the next couple of months. Would love to hear from old friends, so please drop a line to dawnrjohn@yahoo.com.” See accompanying photo.

For news of Wendy Brown Jorgensen see news of Douglas Jorgensen ’91.

Daniel J. Rush “and Hillary Rush welcomed their first child on March 17, 2007. Born 10 weeks early and weighing just two pounds, 10 ounces, William Rush spent nine weeks in the NICU at the hospital, and was released, healthy and happy, on May 19, 2007, weighing six pounds, 10 ounces. William is doing great, growing bigger each day, and his parents could not be happier!”

Naomi S. Schatz writes: “Still teaching AP psychology in San Jose and loving it. Experienced first earthquake – really cool! Psyched that Red Sox won World Series – reminded me of our sophomore year at Bowdoin!”

Gregory B. Shean was recently named Chair of the Real Estate Department for the firm Farella, Braun and Martel. Gregory “specializes in transactional work for the hospitality industry and serves as co-chair of the firm’s Hospitality Industry Team. He regularly advises both hotel owners and managers regarding expansion and reduction of their property portfolios, management and technical assistance agreements and operational issues.”

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Rafael Baeza emailed on June 30: “I am working in Miami as an art director for a design firm. Last month I did an Elvis performance for Royal Caribbean and later that month a pilgrimage with my family to Memphis for my 40th. We also toured FedExForum which I had created the identity to. Hoping to move back to Maine next year!” See accompanying photo.

Katherine S. LaPine wrote on June 19: “Turning 40 wasn’t so bad. Still trying to balance two kids and a full-time job. I’ve concluded that there aren’t enough hours in the day, or that I should figure out a way to do without sleep! I enjoy catching up with Christine Hong and Amy Borg here in the Boston/Worcester area; and on a spring visit to NYC, had a great time with Reyhan Mehran, Staci Williams Seeley, and Jenny Griffin.”

Tanya Weinstein Parker emailed on March 8: “I ran my first marathon this spring, the Los Angeles Marathon, and was happy to finish under five hours. Al Mauro’s advice was very helpful! I also recently changed jobs and am back working for Planned Parenthood, this time managing the implementation of a new electronic medical records system at all 14 clinics in the Los Angeles area.”

Douglas J. Jorgensen reports: “Dave and Wendy continue to enjoy life here in Manchester, Maine. Our two girls, Taylor (8) and Lauren (5), continue to amaze us and bring us great joy. We are currently planning the construction of a medical professional office building here in Manchester and were given the opportunity to name the new street—Bowdoin Street—Go U Bears!”

Robert P. Christie writes: “I have been living and working in Hong Kong for over eight years and still enjoying life in Asia. I travel as much as possible and have taken many great trips to mainland China, as well as Bangladesh, Vietnam, Cambodia and the Philippines. I am also an avid scuba diver and spend much of my free time taking underwater photos. Sorry to miss everyone at the reunion!”

Scott J. Wolfson emailed on June 24: “Alexander Joaquim Ribeiro Wolfson was born on May 18 in New York City. He almost jumped out in a taxi in Times Square but then decided to enjoy the ride for a few more minutes. Trish and Scott are exhausted and elated, spending any time between diapers performing ridiculous stunts to make him smile.” See accompanying photo on next page.
Catherine Beckett emailed on June 5: “Still living happily in Portland, Ore., with my family, working in private practice and teaching at University of Portland. Had a surprise Bowdoin encounter when I walked next door to greet our new neighbors as they moved in, and found Bob Ornstein ’92 and his wife Abby! There goes the neighborhood.” See accompanying photo.

Correction
In our 2008 winter issue, we incorrectly listed class news for Andrea Cook Wing under Michele Cobb’s name. In addition, Andrea’s daughter is named Ava. Andrea’s news, which she e-mailed last fall, should have read: “I’ve left my work as a litigator behind to take on my most interesting career to date: full-time mom to my son Chase (4) and my daughter Ava (2). Every day is an adventure and I’m loving it. I live in Bow, N.H., with my husband Gary (Brown ’90). He’s a partner in the staffing firm, Kroll, Becker, Wing, specializing in accounting and finance.” We apologize for the errors.

S. Zema Chowdhuri writes: “Greetings from Switzerland! I’m living near Zurich and am looking for employment at the moment. If any of you have any leads, please email me at chowdhuri@gmail.com. I’m trained as a physicist but am looking to change careers. Have fun at the reunion!”

Jill M. DeTemple wrote in early January: “Brian and I are enjoying life in Dallas, where I teach in the religious studies department of Southern Methodist University. Our big news this year is the addition of John Alexander, born in May.”

Molly P. Dougherty emailed on June 13: “My husband, Cliff, four-year-old daughter Erin, and I are excited to introduce the newest member of our family, Connor James, born November 8, 2007. The whole family recently enjoyed a trip back to Brunswick to attend the 15-year reunion, where we loved catching up with Bowdoin friends, visiting my parents, who now live in Brunswick, and enjoying a day trip to our favorite Reid State Park. I continue to live and work in Portland, Oregon, where I have directed the Nature Conservancy in Oregon’s statewide volunteer program since 1999.” See accompanying photo.


John J. Eikenburg, Jr and his wife Melissa Carroll are thrilled to announce the arrival of their second child, John Joseph Eikenburg III, born on February 14, Valentine’s Day – a lovingly auspicious start!”

Thomas J. Ryan “has moved back to Boston to become the head coach and general manager of the Boston Blazers professional indoor lacrosse team. The Blazers are the newest NLL expansion team and will be playing their home games at the TD Banknorth Garden starting in January of 2009.”

Alison A. Vargas reports: “Living in Duxbury, Mass., with husband Josh and our two children, Caroline and Timothy. Working at Tobey Hospital as anesthesiologist.”
Fred Cobey married Heather Silverberg on March 15th, in Costa Rica. See photo in Weddings section.

Brian Dirlam wrote in early March: “We have moved back east. I now fly for Jet Blue out of Boston.”


Melinda Zych Martin wrote on June 19: “We are delighted to announce an addition to our family. Ella Mae Martin was born on May 20. She joins Allison (2), who is proving to be a great big sister!”

Emily C. Shanahan reports: “My husband Chad Harris and I welcomed our son Charlie, who was born on March 21.”

Joshua O. Bisset “is now a postmodern dance movement choreographer outside of New York City. He will be working at the World Finance Center next to ground zero. For show information, www.shuagroup.org.”

Martha Waltz “and Richard DiDomenico were married in North Conway, N.H., on May 19, 2007.” See photo in Weddings section.

Kristen Ekman emailed on May 11: “I am thrilled to report that I married Nathan Wiggers (Miami University ’96) on December 8, 2007, in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.” See photo in Weddings section.

Amy J. George emailed on May 21: “In October, my husband Tom (Amherst ’97) and I celebrated the birth of our son, Rowan Frey George. He has been such a wonderful and exciting addition to our family. Life is that much busier these days. Tom recently took a new job as Senior Manager of Interactive Marketing at Turbine, Inc., in Westwood, Mass. I am still working as a Lesson Developer for Teachers’ Curriculum Institute in Palo Alto, Calif. Luckily, I’m able to work from my home office in Millis, Mass. After a sleepless night with the baby, I’m thankful for the non-existent commute!” See accompanying photo.

Michelle Goyette Livingston emailed on May 19: “Dan and I would like to announce the birth of our first child, Logan Cooper Livingston. Logan was born on January 12, 2007, in Boulder, Colo. When Logan was 10 months old, in November of 2007, we actually made the move back to the northeast. I took a job with PowerSpan, in New Hampshire, working with Joanna Lincourt Duncan ’94 and Brian Grandjean ’94 on clean air technology. While we miss Colorado, we are enjoying being close to family again!” See accompanying photo.

June 18: “We were excited to welcome Lauren Elizabeth Vaughan on July 8, 2007. Lauren and big brother Logan (3) adore each other (most of the time!), and certainly keep us busy! We continue to enjoy life up in beautiful Burlington, Vermont.”

Jan R. Flaska writes: “We’re living at Deerfield Academy in Western Mass. Look us up if you are in the area.”

Stefan Gutow emailed on May 18: “I am finally getting around to emailing my wedding picture from last year. I was married to Mindy Rebecca Gutow (U. Wisconsin 1994) on June 2, 2007, at the American Visionary Arts Museum in Baltimore, MD.” See photo in Weddings section.

Rich Maggiotto and Tara Boland-Maggiotto ’97 welcomed Elliott James Maggiotto into the world on February 15. See accompanying photo and Insider section.

Molly F. Persinger emailed on May 5: “We are back from our six-month trip around the world—Tibet and Base Camp Mount Everest were highlights (details available at www.theadventuresofmolly.blogspot.com)!” Shawn and I recently bought a house in Hamden, Conn., and I am working in the Yale-New Haven Hospital Emergency Dept. He is performing and teaching guitar, as well as working on a new CD.”

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Ellen C. Meltzer “was married to Dr. Andrew Meltzer (Yale 1999) in New York City on March 31, 2007. In June of 2007, Ellen completed her residency in internal medicine at Boston Medical Center, where she is now a general internal medicine and preventive medicine fellow. She is board certified in internal medicine and practices at Boston University Medical Center and within the VA New England health system.”

For news of Sanjay Bose see news of Elizabeth T. Bose ’99.
Umbreen N. Khalidi-Majeed reports: “Farhan, Umbreen, and big brother Rehan are proud to announce the birth of their newest family member, Zain Nosr Majeed, born on August 18, 2007. He weighed in at seven pounds.”

Kristin M. Matthews reported in early January: “2007 was a very exciting year for us. In January, I started a new job as a therapist and consultant for an Employee Assistance Program and Human Resource Consulting firm in Framingham, Mass. Then, in June, my husband Doug Wooldridge (Franklin and Marshall College ’94) and I bought a home in Hudson, Mass. And last, but certainly not least, we welcomed our first child, Nathaniel Wyatt Wooldridge, on September 6, 2007.”

Chris Pastore wrote on May 28: “On March 14, my wife Susan and I welcomed Rosie Detwiler Pastore to the world.”

Michael J. Sherwood emailed on June 17: “I have recently moved to Arundel, Maine (a bit south of Portland). I’ve been flying ultralights for a year now, and still kayaking regularly. Business is booming at Base36. If you’re in the area, look me up; I’d love to catch up!”

Sarah Titus and Andy Weiner “were married on October 20, 2007, at the College of Physicians, in Philadelphia, Penn. Many Bowdoin friends joined them for the wedding weekend to toast (and roast!) their long courtship that began on the squash courts at Bowdoin. The couple lives in Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., where Andy practices in the litigation department of O’Melveny and Myers and Sarah is a senior program officer working on the refugee resettlement program at the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants.” See photo in Weddings section.

Carina K. Van Vliet reports: “I have just celebrated one year working at UN headquarters in N.Y., which has been a tremendous learning experience in how 192 countries dialogue on international peace and security issues.”

Viktoria Keding writes: “After almost nine years, I am still living in Namibia. I am still the funding director of an environmental education centre – NADEET – in the Namibia Desert (www.nadeet.org). I was recently in the U.S. to visit my family with my husband and our nine-month-old daughter Alexandra.”

Jennie L. Kneedler wrote in early May: “I am living in Washington, D.C., and working as a lawyer at Steptoe & Johnson LLP, a DC-based law firm.” For news of Jill A. Mackay see news of Jan Flaska ’96.

Cynthia Falwell “and Kirk Pitta (University of Massachusetts, Amherst ’01) were married on September 1, 2007, at Saint Agnes Church in Arlington, Mass. A reception followed at Winchester country Club in Winchester, Mass.” See photo in Weddings section.

Timothy D. Baird emailed on March 3: “The Splendid Table radio show hosted by Lynne Rossetto Kasper, produced by American Public Media, and broadcast nationally on NPR, is conducting a year-long qualitative study...”
of eating locally. From over 15,000 food-survey respondents (5,000 whom indicated a willingness to participate in this study) 15 participants from around the country were selected to eat a locally sustainable diet for one year and report on their experiences on the air and through the project’s blog. I am one of the 15. Our blog is located here: splendidtable.publicradio.org/locavore_nation/”

Allen R. Baldwin III wrote on May 22: “April was such a busy month! Allen had to go to Albuquerque, and Jenn ’00 had to go to Waterville. We were all over the place! In Albuquerque, Allen saw three drunk guys beat up another guy. Jenn spent two nights at the Holiday Inn, and she didn’t even have to pay for it!”

Matthew James Bitonti emailed on April 9: “Monica Almendarez ’02 and I got married on February 29.”

Elizabeth T. Bose wrote in early June: “Shawn ’97 and I welcomed our second son, Phidias MacLeod Bose, on May 1, in Austin, Texas.”

James and Christina Marchetti Bradley “announce the birth of their daughter Alice Evelyn Bradley. Alice was born on September 9, 2007, in Washington, D.C. She is a happy, healthy baby and a complete joy to her lucky parents.” See accompanying photo.

Kimberly C. French “married David Floyd Warn (Bates ’97) on May 27, 2006, in Noank, Conn.” See photo in Weddings section.

Lisa Andrews “and Scott Knoflicek (University of Pittsburgh ’99) were married on October 6, 2007, at Valley Green Inn in Philadelphia, Pa.” See photo in Weddings section.

Jessica C. Tallman “and Thomas Kutcher were married at her parents home in Rochester, Mass., on June 30, 2007.” See photo in Weddings section.

In October and November 2007, Robert H. Najarian was a participant in the “Superfighters of the Washington National Opera’s production of ‘Don Giovanni’ at the Kennedy Center in DC.” See accompanying photo.

Robert Najarian ’99 (far right) with the Superfighters of the Washington National Opera’s production of Don Giovannini at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC. Placido Domingo, artistic director and conductor for the opera, is pictured in the middle.

Gennie Marvel and Tyler Olbres “were married September 15, 2007, in Watch Hill, R.I.” See photo in Weddings section.

Susan A. Olcott wrote in early June: “We are currently living in Sadonia, Italy, where Chad is a JAG for the U.S. Navy and I teach biology for military personnel and their families. We are planning on moving back to Portland, Maine, this spring and hope to reconnect with friends in New England.”

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Leigh Hoenig “and Lewis Alberti (North Adams State ’99) were married on July 20, 2007, on the beach in Ocean Park, Maine.” See photo in Weddings section.

Benjamin Butler’s “recent sculptures and works on paper are the products of elaborately developed or divined systems; systems of production, seeing, thinking, moving, and primarily systems of construction and invention. In Butler’s estimation, systems are at the very base of understanding the nature of everything in the physical world. Through a combination of observation and innovation an overriding set of guidelines are established. These rules determine where one line intersects another, the sequence for reoccurring shapes, the exponential progression, or repeated division of the original object. Flaws in the system lend a human element to the work; as in the rough hewn wood with visible joints and glue residue of a sculpture, or the inevitable shift in the grid of a drawing. Discovering the rhyme and reason for a particular set of systemic parameters creates a framework for replicating or developing a new set of rules, and subsequently a new object or drawing. Ben received his M.F.A. from the School of the Art Institute in Chicago. He is the recipient of a Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant and has completed artist’s residencies at the MacDowell Colony in New Hampshire and at the Vermont Studio Center. This will be Ben’s third solo show with Zg Gallery, in Chicago.” From a Zg Gallery news release, February 21, 2008.

Charles H. Gray and Lauren Lindsay Cirillo “were married June 30, 2007, at White Clay Creek Presbyterian Church, Newark, Del., with a reception following at the Winterthur Museum & Country Estate, Winterthur, Del.” See photo in Weddings section.

Andrew Howells and Lisette C. Alvarez (Washington University ’96, Tulane Law ’99) were married on February 24, 2007, at the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, Florida. See photo in Weddings section.

Christopher A. King emailed on June 25: “This May, I graduated from the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine, and in July I will be starting an oral and maxillofacial surgery residency program at the Hospital of St. Raphael in New Haven, Conn.”

Maria K. Lampadarios emailed on June 17: “I’ve just finished a great year teaching history at Georgetown Day School, but as of mid-July, I will be living in Timisoara, Romania, with my husband. We were married last May. Radi will be working in international development and I hope to be teaching. While we will miss DC, we are excited to be living overseas again and hope to have many guests.”

Kyle E. Ambrose and Michael Maloney (Boston College ’94) were married on July 21, 2007, in Boston, Mass. See photo in Weddings section.

David A. Nakashian reported in early May: “Living in Atlanta, but hopefully making my way up soon to NYC.”

Rebecca L. Nesvet emailed on May 1: “I am graduating from NYU’s dramatic writing MFA program in May. On May 10, my thesis play, The Temple of the Soul, will be stage-read at Joe Papp’s Public Theater in New York. Up next, is the Georgetown Theatre Company’s production of The Girl in the Iron Mask, in DC July 9–27. See www.rnesvet.com for more info. Also in July, I’m moving back to England to resume teaching at the University of Gloucestershire.”

Hilde A. Petersen and Stewart Steffey ’01 were married on June 20, 2007, at the Sundance Resort, Sundance, Utah. See photo in Weddings section.

Katherine B. Eichten wrote in early June: “My husband Jeff Eichten (Gustavus Adolphus 2002) and I are living in Duluth, Minn., and we will both be starting our third year of residency in family medicine. We love living in Northern Minnesota!”

Kathrine and Christopher (Kit) Hughes reports: “We had our first child, Finley Kathrine, on December 27, 2007.”

Curtis R. Jirsa emailed on March 23: “This past year, I completed my PhD in Medieval Studies at Cornell University while teaching as a visiting professor at Hamilton College in upstate N.Y. I just accepted a tenure-track position in the Department of English at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va., and will be moving there this summer.”

Abigail A. Lockwood emailed on May 19: “I graduated from the University of Georgia College of Veterinary medicine in May, and I’m now beginning a one-year internship in Small Animal Medicine and Surgery at Auburn University.”

Katerina V. Maselli Zimman reported in early March: “I have started doing some consulting work for San Francisco Coalition of Essential Small Schools, a local branch of a national school reform program.”

Andrew Mountcastle and Alice Kopij “were married on June 23, 2007, in Norwich, Conn.” See photo in Weddings section.

Anne C. Powell wrote on June 19: “My husband Dennis and I [welcomed] beautiful twin girls, Maggie and Nora, on April 7. After a few months home with my amazing daughters, I’ll wrap up my pediatric residency and begin working as a physician in the adolescent medicine program at UMass. For now, I am loving every moment I have with my two precious miracles.”

Kelly Ricciardi and Will Colvin ’00 “were married on March 1, at the Inn at the Round Barn Farm in Waitsfield, Vermont.” See photo in Weddings section.

Evelyn E. Scaramella updates: “I just completed four years of a PhD program at Yale in Spanish literature. I have had the pleasure of teaching undergraduates Spanish for two years as well and am moving on to the final phase of full-time dissertation research. My husband Carson and I are approaching our one-year wedding anniversary and we’ll be moving from Stamford, Conn., to New York City in order to be closer to his job. I look forward to reconnecting with Bowdoin classmates in the NYC area!”

Lisa Smith and Aaron Gilbreath (University of Texas at Austin ’99) were married in Georgetown, Maine, on July 14, 2007. See photo in Weddings section.

Jack Stoddard and Kate Hollenbaugh (Colorado College and Harvard University School of Design in Urban Planning) were married on June 30, 2007. “The place for the gathering of all family and friends for their wonderful wedding was Columbus, Ohio. We live in San Francisco, where Jack works for the Public Utility Commissioner in Energy Law, and Kate works in Berkeley for an urban planning firm.” See photo in Weddings section.

Teddy McInnis Shuman was born on February 12, in Boston. He is the son of Tara Talbot Shuman’02 and Brian Shuman’02.

For news of Monica A. Alamendarez, see news of Matthew Bitonti ’99.

Chad D. Colton emailed on June 5: “For the past 12 months I have been performing with the BBC touring show ‘Walking With Dinosaurs: The Live Experience.’ The show will be touring throughout the East this summer…Visit YouTube and search ‘Walking With Dinosaurs’ to see show footage. Visit www.dinosaurlive.com for ticket information. Any alumni are encouraged to contact me while I’m visiting your city!”

Adam R. Corman emailed on May 21: “I have returned to the Washington, D.C., area and am beginning a four-year residency at George Washington University’s Emergency Medicine Residency Program.”

Sara J. Edel emailed on May 21: “Towards the end of the summer, I am leaving San Francisco for new adventures abroad in London on a temporary, two-year work assignment with my current company. I would love to connect with any Polar Bears in the area!”

Rachel Cram and Kyle Halliday (UVA ’01) “were married in July, 2007, on Squam Lake in N.H. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Gil Birney.” See photo in Weddings section.

Nicholas D. Lyford wrote in early March: “Around the winter of 2005 I began to become unsettled with my position as an applications engineer at RAPT Industries (Livermore, Calif.). I
enjoyed my colleagues there immensely. **Jude Kelley ’96** was one of our lead scientists and a close friend. With the help of my physics mentors I entered the Biomedical Engineering program at Boston University. My master’s thesis is being conducted at the Mass. Eye and Ear Infirmary and I should complete it by the end of the summer.”

**Tara and Brian Shuman** announce: “Our son, Teddy McInnis Shuman, was born on February 12, in Boston. He is absolutely wonderful and we are already planning his first trip up to Bowdoin!”

See accompanying photo.

**Van Tran** and Julian Xiong (Gustavus College ’07) were married on Saturday, October 27, 2007, at the Capital Seafood Restaurant in Monterey Park, Calif. See photo in Weddings section.

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**Arij Faksh** emailed on April 2: “I will be starting my residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Massachusetts General Center, Portland, Maine, in July 2008!”

**Rebecca Guendelsberg** emailed on March 31: “I have recently become engaged to Brian Waterman, whom I met at law school. We are planning to have a summer 2009 wedding.”

**Quinn Kitchen** and Michael Miller (University of Northern Iowa, ’05) were married on “October 5, 2007, at the Cannon River Winery in Cannon Falls.” See photo in Weddings section.

**Julie Dawson** and **Brian Williams ’00** “were married on Saturday, September 29, 2007, in Northeast Harbor, Maine, on the water at the Asticou Inn.” See photo in Weddings section.

**Kanisorn Wongranchanai** emailed on March 6: “My honors project from 2003 has been published in the most recent issue of ‘Maine History.’ It concerns the WWI letters and combat motivations for Bowdoin men from that era.”

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**Kjian Bloomfield** emailed on May 30: “I graduated from Teachers College, Columbia University, with a master’s degree in international educational development. I will continue in my current position as a program manager for an academic retention and college access program for high school students.”

**Dustin Brown** briefed in early January: “I am a supervisor at National Grid.”

**Shanique Brown** emailed on March 23: “I am happy to announce that I will be graduating from NYU School of Medicine in NYC with my medical degree in May, and headed to the University of Pennsylvania for my residency training in the field of anesthesiology beginning this July.”

**Ashley Inderfurth** reports: “I just finished my first year at GW Law School. I will be spending my summer working with **Nachel Mathoda ’03** at CSAG and attending a program in international human rights law at Oxford.”

**Hilary Abrams** and **William Kallop (UVA ’04)** “were married on April 19 at Mountain Lake in Lake Wales, Florida.” See photo in Weddings section.

**Colin Lamb** married **Amanda Rowe** in Kennebunkport, Maine, on June 30, 2007. See photo in Weddings section.

**Jonathan Perez** emailed on July 3: “After graduating in ’05, I moved to Virginia, and completed a master’s in English and American studies. Working with an outstanding faculty, including Eric Lott, Marlon Ross, and Deborah McDowell, I attended three conferences across the country presenting my research. These included the American Comparative Literature Conference, the American Cultures Association and Popular Cultures Association, and the Dartmouth Institute in the Futures of American Studies, where I worked on an ongoing research project, tentatively titled ‘The Anxiety of White Influence: African American Consciousness in multiple Art Forms.’ I am pleased to report I will continue my studies as part of the new class of PhD students at Rutgers University, where I will be pursuing my doctorate under the guidance of an interdisciplinary faculty dedicated to social change and progress. I currently live in Brooklyn, N.Y., and am happy to see many Bowdoinites at the most recent young alumni event including **Brandy Maloney ’05**, **Lucas Warton ’05**, and **Elizabeth Moe ’05**. Please contact me if/when you are in N.Y.”

Duke University held an exhibition by **Emma Raynes** entitled, “Pai, Esou Te Esperando/Father, I am Waiting for You,” at Duke’s Terry Sanford Institute of Public Policy Building from February through July. Last year, Emma, who is a 2007 Lewis Hines Fellow with the Duke Center for Documentary Studies, worked with the nonprofit Centro Popular de Cultura e Desenvolvimento in Aracuai, Brazil. In this drought-plagued region known as the Valley of Misery, nearly 20 percent of the workforce leaves in the spring to work as sugarcane cutters. Her project documents efforts to strengthen connections between 40 absent fathers and their families through photography, correspondence, and recorded dialogue. See accompanying photo and for more of the exhibition, visit [http://cds.aas.duke.edu/hine/raynes.html](http://cds.aas.duke.edu/hine/raynes.html).

A portrait by Emma Raynes ’04 of a sugar cane cutter with his daughter in Araçuí, Minas Gerais, Brazil. The translated caption with the photo in Emma’s Duke University exhibition read: “Dear Daughter, I miss you very much when I’m away. I love you, Laura. —Fernando”

**Courtney Trotta** and **Steven Ruggles (Valparaiso ’05)** “were married on May 10, 2008, in North Falmouth, Mass. It was a great night of celebration with family and friends. It was also special because Deacon **Mike Iwanowicz ’60**, the deacon from my hometown church in Sharon, Mass., came down to officiate the wedding. He has meant much to my family over the years, and it was great to have one
more Bowdoin Alum there!” See photo in Weddings section.

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Justin Berger reports: “Moved to NYC this fall to begin the MD/PLD Program at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine.”

Caitlin Connolly writes: “I am in my second year of medical school at the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester, Mass. I am enjoying school and it is keeping me very busy.”

Braulio Peguero writes: “I am currently residing in Seattle, Wash., and pursuing a PhD in the graduate program in neurology and behavior.”

Ahron Cohen reported in early January: “I am in my first year of law school at Arizona State University. Over winter break, I am working as a legal intern to the General Counsel for the Minnesota Vikings.”

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07

Charles Johnson and Daniel Robinson “were married on the 14th of June in Cambridge, Mass.” See photo in Weddings section.

Michael Reutershan wrote in June: “I am working as a chemist at Merck in Boston, designing potential drug molecules to help treat Alzheimer’s disease. I plan to go back to graduate school in the next couple of years to pursue a PhD in chemistry.”

Benjamin Ripman updated in early May: “I’ve moved to Maryland and am working with a science and tech company under a contract with Goddard Space Flight Center.”

Justin Strasburger emailed on April 1: “I just got back from an epic four-day ski trip to Breckenridge, Colo., with 13 other members of the Class of 2007. This is the fifth such trip we’ve taken since freshman year, hence the title...”
Ultimate Ski Weekend 5.” See accompanying photo.

08

Alice Ciobanu and Christian Paul Sullivan ’07 “were married on May 31, 2008 in Gloucester, Mass.” See photo in Weddings section.

Class of 2007 friends made their fifth Ultimate Ski Weekend to Breckenridge, Colorado, this past winter. In attendance were (back row, l to r): Eric Robinson, Rob Burns, Annie Cronin, Mike Oxton, Mark Viehman, and Hank (non-Bowdoin grad). (Middle row, l to r): Thomas Buchens, Justin Strasburger, Armand Gottlieb, Becky Wei, Alastair Chau, Mike Igoe, and Dave Brown (Williams grad). (Bottom row, l to r): Rebekah Mueller, Alice Lee, and Michael Peiser.

BOCers past and present scored run after run of knee-deep freshies at Alpine Meadows one blissful day in March. (Standing l to r): Jimmy Pasch ’11, Megan Hayes ’03, Bridget Keating ’08, Hank Garrett ’10, Matt O’Donnell, Sara Holby ’08, Oliver Cunningham ’08, Mark Burton ’07, and Luke McKay ’07. (Front l to r): Ryan Dunlavey ’07, and Max Tyler ’07.

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Baha Mahdi ’76 January 18, 2008
Stephen M. Blair ’96 February 28, 2008
Robert Eagles H’00 March 26, 2008
Donald G. Adam Faculty April 2, 2008
Clement R. Field Staff April 11, 2008
Roland A. Hall Staff February 29, 2008
Eugenia P. King Staff May 21, 2008

Roger D. Smith ’36 died at his home in Brewer, Maine, on March 22, 2008. Born on January 9, 1914, in Corinna, Maine, he prepared for college at Westminster Preparatory School in Simsbury, Conn., and joined Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity at Bowdoin. Following his graduation in 1936, he began a career in accounting and auditing, first with Merrill Trust Company and then with his brother’s accounting firm, Paul A. Smith and Co. He formed his own firm in 1944 after his brother’s unexpected death. He formed Rockwood Farm Stable in the late 1940s and raced many horses of note. With Alan Mollison, he operated the Bangor State Fair from 1961 to 1970. In 1972, he was appointed State Steward by the Maine Harness Racing Commission, a position he held until his retirement in 2005 at 92. He was a Mayflower descendant, a member of the Maine Genealogical Society, Priscilla Mullins Alden Society, Masonic Bodies, and Anah Shriners. He is survived by his wife Irma (Gould) Smith; four sons, Roger Smith, Jr. of Old Orchard Beach, Me., John Feeley of Messina, NY, Tom Morelli of Brewer, Me., and James Morelli of Wilmington, Del.; three daughters, Kristina Smith of Las Vegas, Nev., Karen Grock of Reno, Nev., and Carol Jordan of Portland, Me.; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Richard W. Baker ’37 died March 9, 2008, in Vero Beach, Fla. Born in Boston, Mass., on May 24, 1915, he prepared for college at Norwood High School in Norwood, Mass. and joined Beta Theta Pi Fraternity at Bowdoin. At the beginning of World War II, he joined the Navy and served aboard the U.S.S. Appalachian in the Pacific, attaining the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He was an actuary with several firms in Philadelphia and was very active in the Republican Party. He was also an accomplished musician, playing harmonica, saxophone, clarinet, and keyboards. He started as a youth playing in a harmonica group regularly on the radio in the Boston area. Later he played in big bands and jazz bands all over the Northeast and on many cruise ships. When he retired to Vero Beach in 1980, he founded a popular local band called The Harbor Lights. An avid fisherman and yachtsman, he owned many boats, one of which he built himself. He was a world traveler, and his love of the sea led him to go on as many as 100 cruises. He was married to Pricilla (“Polly”) until her death in 2001. He is survived by his companion in his later years, Nancy Park; two daughters, Carol Heron of Atlanta, Ga., and Alison Baker of McClain, Va.; a son, Rusty Baker of Woodland Park, Colo.; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Malcolm W. Cass ’37 died on May 26, 2008, in Stephentown, NY. Born on March 22, 1916, in Columbia Falls, Maine. He prepared for college at Bar Harbor High School, where he played organ, piano, and violin. Following his graduation, magna cum laude, from Bowdoin, he moved to Philadelphia, where he earned his O.D. from Pennsylvania State College of Optometry in 1940. He returned to Portland, Maine, and entered optometric practice there. During World War II, he served in the Pacific as a captain in the United States Army Air Forces. After the war, he rebuilt his practice in Portland. He served as President of the Maine State Board of
Optometry, a 60-year member of the American Guild of Organists, a founding member of the Friends of the Kotzschmar Organ, a member of the Torch Club of Western Maine, a member of the South Portland Lions Club, and a frequent performer as an organist, continuing as organist and choir director at Peoples United Methodist Church in South Portland until his retirement in 2007 after 67 years of service. He was married in 1943 to Hildreth Edwards (Hillie) Cass, who predeceased him, and he is survived by two sons, Malcolm and David of Stephentown, NY; two grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

W. Lloyd Southam ’37 died on March 25, 2008, in Arlington, Va. Born in Dover, N.H., on February 20, 1914, Southam grew up in Massachusetts, attended Bowdoin, and was a member of Theta Delta Chi Fraternity. He was a graduate of the University of Idaho. He served as a lieutenant in the Navy during World War II and worked as an electrical engineer for the U.S. Navy Department until his retirement in 1974. He is survived by his wife Jean; two sons, Lloyd and Douglas; a daughter Nancy; and five grandchildren.

William R. Murphy ’38 died on April 9, 2008, in New London, N.H. Born on May 21, 1915, in Lynn, Mass., he prepared for college at Lynn Classical High School and Governor Dummer Academy. In the time he attended Bowdoin, he played baseball and football and was a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity; he also attended the College of William and Mary. He worked for many car dealerships during his career, retiring in 1989. He was a member of Lake Sunapee Country Club, Salem Country Club, Tedesco Country Club, and the Corinthian Yacht Club in Marblehead, Mass. He was a scratch golfer and earned the title of club champion at Tedesco in 1949 and 1957. His wife of 45 years, Mae J. (Karlson) Murphy, died in 1991. He is survived by two sons, William K. Murphy of Easton, Penn., and Robert H. Murphy of Georges Mills, N.D.; a daughter, Susan J. Burke of Hancock, N.H.; three grandsons; one niece; and one nephew.

Dudley B. Tyson ’38 died on February 23, 2008, in Bangor, Maine. Born on December 31, 1916, in Augusta, Maine, he prepared for college at Cony High School. At Bowdoin, he played football and was a member of Zeta Psi Fraternity. After graduating from Bowdoin, he attended Tufts Medical School, earning his M.D. in 1942. He served his internship at Cambridge City Hospital and did his residency in anesthesia at Boston City Hospital. He served for 22 years at Sturdy Memorial Hospital in Attleboro, Mass., then moved to Bangor, where he was chief of anesthesia at St. Joseph Hospital for 15 years. He was a member of the many professional associations, as well as the Civil Air Patrol and other aviation groups, the Penobscot Valley Country Club, Maine Seniors Golf Association, and All Souls Congregational Church. He was married to Mary (Maddocks) Tyson, who died in February 2001, and he is survived by two daughters, Andrea Tyson Forster and Deborah Tyson, both of Miami, Fla.; a son, Dudley M. Tyson of Kennebunkport, Maine; a sister-in-law, Suzanne Mason, of Readfield, Maine; and several nieces and nephews.

Marshall Bridge ’39 died on July 4, 2007. Born on July 23, 1917, in Batavia, N.Y., he prepared for college at Deering High School in Portland. At Bowdoin, he was a member of Kappa Delta Theta Fraternity. He is survived by two nephews, Frederick B. Breloh ’52 and Charles G. Bridge ’61.

John H. Craig ’41 died on February 22, 2008, Newport, R.I. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on October 22, 1920, he prepared for college at Erasmus High School in New York. A cum laude graduate of Bowdoin, he was a member of Psi Upsilon Fraternity and the Orient. He served in the Pacific theater with the U.S. Navy and retired in 1980 with the rank of commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve. Also in 1980, he retired from Aetna Life and Casualty after 41 years of service. He is survived by a daughter, Lynn Craig McLaren of Exeter, N.H.; a son, John H. Craig, Jr. ’71; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Colonel Frederick W. Hall ’42 died at his home in North Wolfeboro, N.H., on April 6, 2008. He was born in Beverly, Mass., on August 26, 1919, and prepared for college at Beverly High School. At Bowdoin, he was a member of Alpha Kappa Sigma Fraternity and played baseball. He joined the U.S. Army in 1942 and remained after World War II as a career officer in the Signal Corps. He was decorated with the Legion of Merit and retired as a colonel in 1970. He moved to Wolfeboro in 1975, where he and his family had vacationed for many years at their camp on Lake Wentworth. He was an active volunteer in many civic and community organizations. He was president of the Board of Trustees of Huggins Hospital, a leader in the Lake
Wentworth Association, and was active in preservation and environmental protection. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Jane (Sanford) of Farmville, Va.; a son, Frederick S. Hall of Hurst, Tex.; a daughter, Allison Hall Hart, of Irvine, Calif.; and four grandchildren.

Dr. William J. Osher ’42 died on March 24, 2008. He was born on September 20, 1921, in Biddeford, Maine. After his graduation from Bowdoin, magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, he earned his doctorate of medicine at State University of New York. He served in the Army Medical Corps and married Mary Louise Packard, with whom he raised four children. After completing his residency and fellowships, he established a cardiology practice in Tulsa, Okla., and later became chief of medicine at Hillcrest Medical Center in Tulsa. He pursued a love of mathematics in studies at the University of Tulsa and was appointed adjunct professor there. In 1973, he was appointed to the faculty of Baylor College of Medicine; in 2003, he was honored by Marion and Herbert Sandler by the establishment of the William Osher Endowed Chair in Cardiovascular Medicine. Following the death of his wife Mary Louise in 1979, he was married to Patricia Fox, of Hurst, Tex.; a daughter, Allison Hall Hart, of Irvine, Calif.; and four grandchildren.

Paul E. Stanley ’43 died on April 3, 2008, in Wallingford, Conn. Born on May 15, 1918, in Meriden, Conn., he prepared for college at Meriden High School and Cheshire Academy. Following his graduation from Bowdoin, he served in the U.S. Merchant Marines. He returned to Connecticut after the war and married Grace Beverage in 1950. He was a trained first tenor who performed in church choirs and choral groups all his life. He retired in 1986 from his position with the Department of Income Maintenance in Bristol, Conn., and spent many happy times afterward on his wife’s family farm in North Haven, Maine. He is survived by his wife, Grace; two daughters, Paula Stanley of Cambridge, Mass., and Joanne Stanley of San Francisco, Calif.; and generations of nieces and nephews.

Merrill Hastings, Jr. ’44 died on April 30, 2008, at his ranch in McCoy, Colo. Born on May 12, 1922, in Dedham, Mass., he became a member of Psi Upsilon Fraternity and the men’s skiing team at Bowdoin. He left the College during World War II to join the Air Force, and then transferred to the Army’s 10th Mountain Division at Camp Hale in Colorado. He also served as a medic with the American Field Service in the European Theater. After the war, he and other members of the 10th Mountain Division cut trees and cleared brush for the Arapahoe Basin ski area, and he later became a director of the Berthoud Pass Ski School. In 1948, he married Priscilla Brayton, and together they started Rocky Mountain Skiing, a newspaper that later evolved into Skiing magazine. After selling Skiing to Ziff-Davis Publishing in 1964, he founded Winter Sports, Colorado Magazine, and Colorado Business. When Priscilla was diagnosed with cancer in the 1980s, he launched Cope, a magazine for oncologists, and Coping, aimed at cancer survivors. Priscilla died in 2005, and he married Joanne Cosby in 2007. In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Deborah “Jesse” Hastings of Durango, Colo.; and a son, Bill Hastings of Lakewood, Colo. He was predeceased by his son, Peter, who was killed in a climbing accident in 1968.

Harry B. Eddy ’45 died on May 6, 2008, at Mercy Hospital in Portland. Born on January 18, 1923, in Portland, he prepared for college at Deering High School and became a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity at Bowdoin, where he was also a member of the choir, the Meddiebempsters, as well as both the football and track teams. He was the son of Warren D. Eddy ’14. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1943, where he was stationed in the Pacific and received the Distinguished Flying Cross. Following the war, he returned to Bowdoin. After graduation, he worked for Connecticut General Life Insurance and Weyerhauser, and then began a long career in the laundry and dry cleaning industry, owning various Laundromats and then New System Laundry for thirty years, retiring at the age of 78. He was associated for many years with the Portland Players, acting in many plays and musicals, and sang in the choirs of the State Street Church and St. Luke’s Cathedral. He was an active member of the Republican Party, serving on the Portland Republican City Committee and at many state conventions. He was
married in 1955 to Helen Jacobs, who predeceased him, and is survived by a son, the Reverend Daniel B. Eddy of South Portland; three daughters, Janet S. E. Ham of Portland, Meredith T. Eddy of London, England and Elizabeth E. Griffin of Portland; a brother, Dr. Warren D. Eddy ’43 of Tucson, Ariz.; and 11 grandchildren.

**Dr. Doane Fischer ’45** died in Lexington, Kty., on April 7, 2008. Born on November 25, 1923, in Philadelphia, Penn., he was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity at Bowdoin, as well as Masque & Gown and the football team. Following his graduation, he earned his medical degree at Temple University. From 1950 to 1952, he served as lieutenant in the Naval Medical Corps at the Philadelphia Naval Hospital. He came to Kentucky in 1955 to serve as chief of pediatrics at Miners Memorial Hospital and through the years was a prominent health advocate in the state. In 1969, he became a professor of pediatrics at the University of Kentucky and later became associate dean at the College of Medicine. He served as chairman of the Kentucky Council for Heath Services and was a state delegate to the 1960, 1970, and 1981 White House Conferences on Children and Youth. These and many other services and honors led him to be named a local Public Health Hero Award recipient in 2008. He was married to Catherine Campbell Fischer, who predeceased him, as did his brother, Hebert L. Fischer ’41. He is survived by three sons, Daniel H. Fischer of Lexington, John D. Fischer of Marietta, Ga.; and David M. Fischer or Alpharetta, Ga.; two daughters, Anne Broadmeyer of Brookfield, Conn., and Caroline Bryant of Lexington; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

**Walter L. Bartholomew ’46** died on February 24, 2008, in Newtown Square, Penn. Born on May 5, 1924, in Philadelphia, he served in the Navy in the North Atlantic aboard the three-masted schooner *Guinevere*. After his discharge, he earned his bachelor’s degree at Bowdoin, where he became a member of Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity, as well as a member of the Glee Club and the swimming team. After graduating from Bowdoin, he earned a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania. In the early 1950s, he joined the law firm of Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads, eventually becoming chairman of the real estate department there. He was a founding member of the real estate committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association and was a legal adviser to the Board of Trustees at La Salle College for more than twenty years. After retiring in 1994, he served as treasurer of the Friends of Tredyffrin Library, as president of East Tredyffrin Civic Association, and as a drug and alcohol abuse counselor. He is survived by his wife Carol Molineux Bartholomew, whom he married in 1950; a son, Lee; two daughters, Carrie Bole and Anne; a brother; and six grandchildren.

**Dwight W. Pierce, Jr. ’46** died on April 29, 2008, in Ft. Myers, Fla. Born on February 22, 1924, in Manchester, N.H., his family moved to Bath, Maine, and he prepared for college at Morse High School there. During his freshman year at Bowdoin, where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity, he was drafted and served in the 8th Army Air Corps in Britain in World War II. He was a commercial casualty and bonding insurance broker with the John C. Paige/Fred S. James Insurance Company of Portland and its successor companies until his retirement in 1989. He was an avid golfer, tennis player, reader, and a passionate alumnus of both Morse High and Bowdoin. His service to his class included chairing his 55th reunion. He was active in Rotary, the United Way, and other civic organizations and clubs, and he served as chairman of the Cape Elizabeth School Board for many years. He married his childhood sweetheart Norma Steussy in 1945; she died in 1972. In 1973, he married Nancy Moses Beecher, who survives him. He is also survived by two daughters, Polly Morgenstern of Durango, Colo., and Abby Oppenheim, of Valencia, Calif.; a sister, Mary Hill of Topsham; two step-children, Bruce Beecher of Scarborough, Maine, and Mary Ann Saxby of Buxton, Maine; four grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three nieces; and numerous cousins.

**Kenneth D. Gadbow ’47** died on February 21, 2008, at his home in Whitesboro, N.Y. Born on February 12, 1918, in Browserville, Minn., he prepared for college at Park Rapids High School there. Following his graduation from high school, he was selected to train in the state’s education department for teachers, where he taught 36 students in grades one through eight in a one-room schoolhouse. He later earned his bachelor’s degree at Bowdoin and his master’s at the University of Pennsylvania and studied in an advanced program in secondary education at Syracuse University. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was honorably discharged.
in January 1945. He became a high school English teacher, a drama coach, and an elementary principal in different communities in New York. From 1966 until his retirement in 1980, he was a high school principal and then school superintendent in Oriskany. He loved the outdoors and was an avid fisherman, hunter, and golfer. He was a long-time parishioner at St. Anne’s Church in Whitesboro, where he served as Eucharistic minister and a member of the parish council. He is survived by his wife Anna (Plevyak), whom he met as a Navy nurse and married in 1945; he is survived by his sons, Ken Gadbow of Canaigua, N.Y.; Bill Gadbow of Exton, Penn., Jim Gadbow of Whitesboro, and Dave Gadbow of Rochester, N.Y.; three daughters, Michele Costello of Reston, Va., Mary Carrigan of Manchester, N.H., and Celeste Mareric of Utica, N.Y.; 16 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Robert D. Levin ’47 died on March 14, 2008, in Fairfield, Conn. Born on December 17, 1924, in Bath, Maine, he became a member of Alpha Rho Upsilon Fraternity at Bowdoin, where he was also a member of the golf team. He served in the Air Force during World War II, as a cadet in the meteorology program. Following his graduation from Bowdoin, he earned his doctorate in dental medicine from Tufts School of Dental Medicine. He went on to pursue a postgraduate degree in periodontics at New York University Dental School, and was honored as an elected diplomat of the American Academy in Periodontics. A fellow of the American College of Dentistry, he established his practice in Bridgeport and Fairfield. He served as an adjunct professor at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine and taught at many other dental schools, including New York University, Tufts University, and a postgraduate course at Albert Einstein School of Medicine. He introduced the periodontic program at the Fones School of Dental Hygiene, served as president of the Connecticut Society of Periodontics and as president of the Greater Bridgeport Dental Society, who named him Dentist of the Year. He was a passionate golfer who had the honor of shooting three holes in one; he served as president of the Bowdoin Club of Southwestern Connecticut; and he was a long-time member of Congregation B’nai Israel. He is survived by his wife Eleanor Kleban Levin; a daughter, Elizabeth Wolfe ’82 of Chappaqua, N.Y.; two sons, Dr. Richard Levin of Fairfield and Jonathan Levin of Studio City, Calif.; four grandchildren; and two brothers, Dr. Jesse Levin ’39 and Dr. William Levin ’37.

William H. Charles, Jr. ’48 died on March 17, 2008, in Venice, Fla. Born on October 27, 1927, in Portland, he prepared for college at Deering High School and became a member of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity at Bowdoin, where he also played baseball. He earned his M.B.A. at the University of Missouri at Kansas City and spent his career in the computer world, later teaching computer science at the University of Richmond. In retirement, he volunteered in many organizations, including the Portland Police Department, reading to youngsters at local elementary schools, and fundraising for the Kiwanis Club of Scarborough. He was married to Barbara Gamble Charles, who predeceased him, for 50 years, and he is survived by a son, Dennis Charles of Merrimack, N.H.; and a daughter, Diane Charles of Alexandria, Va.

Cleveland A. Page ’48 died on April 24, 2008, at his home in Nobleboro, Maine. Born in Damariscotta on May 30, 1924, he prepared for college at Lincoln Academy, where he was valedictorian of his graduating class. During World War II, he served in the Army’s 15th Weather Squadron in New Guinea and the Southern Philippines. After the war, he attended Bowdoin, where he became a member of Zeta Psi Fraternity. He earned his law degree at Boston University Law School, was a member of the Maine Bar Association, and was the oldest practicing attorney in Lincoln County. He served as president of the Rotary Club and as deacon of the Damariscotta Baptist Church, was a lifetime member of the VFW and a 50-year member of the Masons, as well as a little league coach and long time licensed real estate broker and owner of Page Realty. He was also a band instructor well known for his musical talents, playing for many years at the Lakehurst Dance Hall in Damariscotta as well as with the Royal River Philharmonic Jazz Band and several other bands. He was predeceased by his brother Sherman Page ’44. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth Lincoln Page, whom he married in 1948; a brother, Otis S. Page, Jr.; three sons, Lincoln and Philip of Nobleboro and Bradley of Mansfield, Tex.; a daughter, Julie Burnheimer of Gorham; and eight grandchildren.

Richard F. Burns ’50 died on February 23, 2008, in South Portland, Maine. Born on September 6, 1925, in Portland, he prepared for college at Cheverus High School. Upon his return from Japan with the 24th Infantry Division, he attended Portland Junior College and then
Joshua W. Curtis, Jr. '50 died on March 9, 2008, in Searsport, Maine. Born on February 6, 1925, in Stone Fort, Ill., he grew up in Maine at the family homestead on Worthly Pond and moved to Cundy's Harbor as a teenager. After his graduation from Brunswick High School, he served during World War II as a B-24 bombardier-navigator in the Army Air Corps. Following the war, he attended Bowdoin and became a member of Zeta Psi Fraternity, and then served again during the Korean conflict, training on B-52s. After Korea, he returned to Maine and built the first shrimp processing plant in the state. He was instrumental in the founding of the Cundy’s Harbor volunteer fire department and the Cundy’s Harbor Library, and his hobbies included writing and reciting poetry and playing the violin. He is survived by his wife Helen, whom he married in 1950, died in 2003, lived in Falmouth for more than 25 years. He was also predeceased by his son Michael, who died in 1996. He is survived by a daughter, Kathleen F. Marshall of Prince Frederick, Md.; four sons, Richard F. Burns of Greenfield, N.Y., Paul F. Burns of Cape Elizabeth, Edward F. Burns of Hampton, N.J., and Thomas F. Burns of Brooklyn Heights, N.Y.; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Robert A. Racine '50 died on April 7, 2008, in Falmouth, Maine. Born on November 8, 1924, in Brunswick, he graduated from Brunswick High School in 1942, and then served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After the war, he attended Bowdoin, where he became a member of Delta Sigma Fraternity. For a couple of years, he owned a grocery store in Brunswick now known as “Uncle Tom’s” and then served as a police detective sergeant for Brunswick. For 20 years, until his retirement in 1984, he worked as a postman for the U.S. Postal Service. His wife Yvonne, whom he married in 1950, died in 1991. He is survived by a son, Robert H. Racine of Virginia; two daughters, Belinda Racine Dow and Betty Lou Racine, both of Bowdoinham; four grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Sherman David Spector '50 died on March 16, 2008, Branford, Conn. Born on May 7, 1927, in Andover, Mass., he prepared for college at Portland High School. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1945 to 1946 and again from 1952 to 1955 as a lieutenant in Naval Intelligence. He attended Bowdoin beginning in 1946, becoming a member of Alpha Rho Upsilon Fraternity and graduating cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa. He did graduate work at Columbia University, earning a master’s degree in history, a certificate from the Russian Institute, and a Ph.D. in East European History. He retired as Professor of History at Russell Sage College for Women in Troy, N.Y., after 32 years of teaching. He had also

Guy E. Johnson, Jr. '50 died March 11, 2008, in Harpswell, Maine, after a long battle with melanoma. Born on June 24, 1923, in Stone Fort, Ill., he grew up in Maine at the family homestead on Worthly Pond and moved to Cundy's Harbor as a teenager. After his graduation from Brunswick High School, he served during World War II as a B-24 bombardier-navigator in the Army Air Corps. Following the war, he attended Bowdoin and became a member of Zeta Psi Fraternity, and then served again during the Korean conflict, training on B-52s. After Korea, he moved his family back to Maine, where he became a high school principal at Vinalhaven, Bristol, and Wiscasset. At Wiscasset, he coached the track team to three state championships. While a student at Bowdoin and during summers as a principal, he worked as a lobsterman. In the 1960s, he joined NASA to help promote the new space program, then returned to Maine and built the first shrimp processing plant in the state. He was instrumental in the founding of the Cundy’s Harbor volunteer fire department and the Cundy’s Harbor Library, and his hobbies included writing and reciting poetry and playing the violin. He is survived by his wife Helen, whom he married in 1948; a sister, Mary Ganske of Cundy’s Harbor; seven children, Helene, Guy, Herrick, Springli, Heather, Pandora, and Athena; 22 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Bowdoin, where he became a member of Theta Delta Chi Fraternity and a Bowdoin Scholar and was on the track and baseball teams. After graduating in 1950, he joined the Royal Globe Insurance Company. He worked throughout New England for eight years and then was appointed Agency Production Manager, overseeing the State of Maine, a position he held for 34 years. He and his wife Grace, whom he married in 1950 and who died in 2003, lived in Falmouth for more than 25 years. He was also predeceased by his son Michael, who died in 1996. He is survived by a daughter, Kathleen F. Marshall of Prince Frederick, Md.; four sons, Richard F. Burns of Greenfield, N.Y., Paul F. Burns of Cape Elizabeth, Edward F. Burns of Hampton, N.J., and Thomas F. Burns of Brooklyn Heights, N.Y.; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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taught at New York State College for Teachers in Albany (now SUNY-Albany) from 1957 to 1960, had been a Fulbright-Hays visiting professor at the University of Bucharest, Romania, in both 1964 and 1970, and a visiting professor of political science at Colorado State University in 1968. He was the author of several books and was the recipient of Bowdoin's Distinguished Educator Award in 1987. He was an uncle to three Bowdoin alumni: Mark S. Levine '70, Mark S. Bergman '78, and Philip G. Bergman '81. He was married to Beryl Ruth Stern Spector, who predeceased him. He is survived by his second wife, Cynthia Crocco Spector; a son, Garry; two daughters, Nancy and Susan; and three grandchildren.

Dudley Dowell, Jr. '51 died on July 29, 2007, in Cumming, Iowa. Born in Little Rock, Ark., on February 6, 1929, he became an Eagle Scout at age 15 and prepared for college at Bronxville (N.Y.) High School. He attended Bowdoin from xx to xx, where he was a member of Seta Psi Fraternity as well as the Glee Club. He left the College to serve as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean conflict and later graduated from the University of Arkansas. He went on to be an insurance marketer and an executive. He was a member of the American Legion, the Marine Corps Association, the Izaak Walton League (Des Moines chapter), and was an avid reader and fly fisherman. He was predeceased by his wife Karen, to whom he had been married for 28 years, and he is survived by a sister, Dana Judkins of Little Rock, Ark.; two sons, Duke Dowell of Martinez, Calif., and David Dowell of Los Angeles; a daughter, Dana Windatt of Moraga, Calif.; and four grandsons.

Campbell B. Niven '52 died on April 28, 2008, in Brunswick. Born on November 8, 1929, in Boston, Mass., he grew up in Brunswick on Longfellow Avenue. He prepared for college at Brunswick schools and at Hebron Academy. At Bowdoin, he became a member of Zeta Psi Fraternity. From 1952 to 1954, he worked for the E.I. DuPont Co. in nylon and Dacron production management. In 1954, he was drafted into the Army. He served in the Public Information Division Headquarters for the U.S. Army in Heidelberg, Germany. After returning to Maine in 1956, he became advertising manager for the Brunswick Record and served in that capacity until 1961, when he became publisher. He was also publisher for the Bath Daily Times from 1960 to 1967, and then publisher for The Times Record from 1967 until his retirement in 1997. He served in several capacities for many civic and professional activities. He served as chairman of Brunswick Federal Savings, director of Bethel Bancorp, director and chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee, and director of PAGE. He also was involved with Mid Coast Health Services, the Brunswick Industrial Committee, and The Wisterly Sun in Rhode Island, and was a member of the Coastal Cancer Treatment Center Committee. Other organizations for which he served as president are the Regional Memorial Hospital, the New England Newspaper Association, the New England Press Association, the Brunswick Rotary Club, the Brunswick Chamber of Commerce, and the Brunswick Golf Club. He served as chairman of the Brunswick Planning Board, as well as director and member of several other newspaper and advertising associations. He also served on the Brunswick Downtown Revitalization Committee and the Bowdoin Presidential Search Committee. He was predeceased by a brother, Paul Kendall Niven, Jr. '46. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth (Manning) Niven, whom he married in 1964; two sons, Andrew Campbell Niven of Amesbury, Mass. and Douglas Manning Niven of Brunswick; a daughter, Alison Elizabeth Nynka of Ormond Beach, Fla.; and two grandchildren.

Albert F. Lilley '54 died April 17, 2008, in Chapel Hill, N.C. Born on December 21, 1932, in Harrisburg, Penn., he prepared for college at Woodrow Wilson High School (D.C.). At Bowdoin, he became a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity and served as president. He served as a 1st lieutenant in the U.S. Army, with the 4th Armored Division. In 1959, he earned his L.L.B. and J.D. from the University of Virginia Law School, where he was articles editor of the Virginia Law Review. He joined the law firm of Milbak, Twee, Hadley and McCoy in New York City, where he spent his entire career, specializing in corporate governance, public utility finance, securities regulation, public and private offerings, and mergers and acquisitions. He served on the Board of Education of a regional high school in Allendale, N.J. For Bowdoin, he served as a member of the Board of Overseers, as chairman of the Alumni Fund, and as president of the Alumni Council. He was a 2004 recipient of Bowdoin’s Alumni Service Award. In 1993, he established the Lilley Family Fund to enhance the academic program through support of scholarly research by members of the Bowdoin faculty. For Virginia Law School, he served on the Alumni Council and as Alumni Fund class manager. He was for 12 years a member of the Board of
Trustees of the Valley Hospital in Ridgewood, N.J., including its president. He was a director of the Valley Care Corp and of Valley Home and Community Health Care, Inc. When he retired to Chapel Hill, he continued his community service as president of the Rotary Club, president of the Board of Trustees of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Arts Center, and as a board member of the West Triangle United Nations Association. He is survived by his wife Judith; two sons, Kirk A. Lilley ’83 of Seattle, Wash., and Alex Lilley of Maynard, Mass.; a daughter, Kristin Chapman of Raleigh; a brother, John Lilley of Cumberland, Maine.; and six grandchildren.

David A. Mitchell ’54 died on March 31, 2008, in Cary, N.C. Born in Newark, N.H., on February 27, 1932, he prepared for college at Glen Ridge (N.J.) High School and became a member of Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity at Bowdoin. After college, he was drafted into the U.S. Army, where he was deployed to Bamberg, Germany, and baseball coach in the Little League and the Babe Ruth League. After leaving the military, he became a member of Alpha Rho Upsilon Fraternity, and he played baseball and was a member of the concert band. A magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa graduate, he was a Fulbright Scholar at the London School of Economics after Bowdoin. He was a reserve 1st lieutenant in the U.S. Army and a graduate of Harvard Law School. As a partner with the law firm of Reid & Reige in Hartford, he was a prime mover behind Connecticut’s Professional Corporation Act, which permitted professionals to practice in corporate form and improved the method by which retirement plans could be funded. A resident of Granby for 45 years, he served as a founding member of the Granby Ambulance Association, a director of the Granby Community Fund, a member of the Granby Planning and Zoning Commission, and baseball coach in the Little League and the Babe Ruth Association. He is survived by his wife Judith; two sons, Kirk A. Lilley ’83 of Seattle, Wash., and Alex Lilley of Maynard, Mass.; a daughter, Kristin Chapman of Raleigh; a brother, John Lilley of Cumberland, Maine.; and six grandchildren.

Jerome B. Gracey ’55 died on April 3, 2008. Born in Needham, Mass., on July 14, 1933, he prepared for college at Needham High School. At Bowdoin, he became a member of the Alpha Rho Upsilon Fraternity, and he played baseball and was a member of the concert band. A magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa graduate, he was a Fulbright Scholar at the London School of Economics after Bowdoin. He was a reserve 1st lieutenant in the U.S. Army and a graduate of Harvard Law School. As a partner with the law firm of Reid & Reige in Hartford, he was a prime mover behind Connecticut’s Professional Corporation Act, which permitted professionals to practice in corporate form and improved the method by which retirement plans could be funded. A resident of Granby for 45 years, he served as a founding member of the Granby Ambulance Association, a director of the Granby Community Fund, a member of the Granby Planning and Zoning Commission, and baseball coach in the Little League and the Babe Ruth Association. He is survived by his wife Judith; two sons, Kirk A. Lilley ’83 of Seattle, Wash., and Alex Lilley of Maynard, Mass.; a daughter, Kristin Chapman of Raleigh; a brother, John Lilley of Cumberland, Maine.; and six grandchildren.

Stephen M. Blair ’96 died on February 28, 2008, in Portland, Ore. Born on February 5, 1974, in Manchester, Conn., he became a member of Delta Sigma Fraternity at Bowdoin, where he also participated in Masque & Gown. A magna cum laude graduate, he was a freelance writer for publications such as Just Out, the Portland Tribune, and Our Town. He is survived by his companion Drew McWilliams; his parents Michael and Susan Blair; a sister, Patricia Lennox; and a nephew, Eli Lennox.

Roland A. Hall, longtime custodian, died on February 29, 2008. Born on April 27, 1911, in Freeport, Maine., he was raised and educated in Brunswick and was employed at the College for 30 years. He was employed at Bath Iron Works before World War II, and he served in the Army during the war as an x-ray technician at the 217th General Hospital in Paris, France. He was a member of Berean Baptist Church, where he was a deacon for more than 25 years, and he had a lifelong interest in aviation. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy (Boone) Hall, whom he married in 1942; a daughter, Kathaleen Hall Torrence of Virginia Beach, Va.; a son, David Hall of Bow, N.H.; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Eva H. Tuttle of Tennessee.
WHEN COLD BECOMES HOT

Events of the past year have brought into sharp focus the importance of the Arctic regions in environmental, economic, and geopolitical affairs. In August of 2007 two Russian submersible vessels took advantage of thin ice at the North Pole to explore the sea bed and plant a titanium Russian flag there. What sparked celebrations in Russia also ignited international controversy. The Russian government has maintained that the underwater Lomonosov Ridge, which runs more than a thousand miles from Siberia through the North Pole, is an extension of its continental shelf, and under the terms of the United Nations Convention of the Law of the Sea (1982) it should have sovereign rights to mineral, gas, and oil resources beneath the Pole. In a world grappling with the demand for fossil fuels and the environmental, economic, and political consequences of their use, the Arctic is no longer “out of sight, out of mind.”

National pride, personal fame, public opinion, and the promise of mineral and oil resources were also part of the historical context within which Robert Peary of the Class of 1877 undertook his North Pole expedition in 1908-09. Over the course of the next year there will be many articles, books, news stories, documentaries, “docu-dramas,” museum exhibits, and Web sites about Arctic exploration. Peary’s claim that he, Matthew Henson, and four Inughuit (Inuit) reached the Pole on April 6, 1909, has been contested ever since by members of the press, rival explorers and their supporters, and those who were not satisfied by the navigational evidence submitted by Peary. I am struck by the ferocity of the partisan debates – in 1908, 2008, and the years in between – over whether Peary or Dr. Frederick Cook was the first to reach the Pole, or if either one had ever stood at that point where a step in any direction would take him south. It is unlikely that we will ever know for certain, given the nature of the navigational and photographic evidence.

Sorting grains of fact from the chaff of error and innuendo is a difficult challenge (but a worthwhile exercise nonetheless) that forces us to ask how it is that we know what we think we know. The motives, words, and actions of Peary and his crew are a century – and several layers of historical interpretation – removed from us now. Peary’s complex personality doesn’t make the job any easier. A capacity for aggressive self-promotion was required to secure financial backing for an expedition, yet it is easily seen as arrogance today. In our lifetimes few among us will encounter a person with the stamina, drive, and intensity of Peary, who logged 1,000 miles in the 1898-1901 Greenland expedition after losing eight toes to frostbite. Detractors point to passages in Peary’s writings where he suggests that there are inherent differences in ability based on race, yet they ignore the record of Peary’s own actions over more than two decades. Peary trusted Henson (an African-American) with his life, and he could not have been successful in Arctic exploration without adopting and adapting Inughuit clothing, modes of travel, and foods. While Peary is not always likeable, there is much to admire about him – he learned from his mistakes; despite the extraordinary risks that he took, he was not reckless; he invented and improved upon the equipment and logistical support systems that made Arctic exploration possible; and, even if he did not reach the precise position of the North Pole on April 6, 1909, he came closer than did any of his contemporaries.

Among the best starting points for reliable information is Bowdoin’s Peary-MacMillan Arctic Museum, which recently opened a new exhibit, *Northward over the Great Ice: Robert E. Peary and the Quest for the North Pole.* The recorded voices of Peary and Henson and the journals of George A. Wardwell, chief engineer on the *Roosevelt*, breathe new life into the story that we thought we knew. The Museum’s web site (http://www.bowdoin.edu/arctichome/index.shtml) offers a daily journal entry written by a member of the expedition 100 years ago. The narrative of the 1908-09 North Pole Expedition is like a current in a river, with many side stories that spin off as eddies in response to the largely unseen contours of history that lie beneath the surface. Enjoy the journey!

With best wishes,

John R. Cross ’76
Secretary of Development and College Relations
Philip Swan looks back on his time at Bowdoin with gratitude. He says that because of the financial aid and personalized experience he received as part of the small Class of 1964, “Bowdoin holds a special place in my heart.”

After more than 40 years, that feeling has not faded. Phil recently made a Bowdoin Campaign commitment of $500,000, which will be unrestricted as to its use.

“Bowdoin is, and always has been, managed very well,” says Phil. “I am confident that my gift will be put to the best possible use.”

Phil has chosen to fund his gift through a series of laddered deferred charitable gift annuities. This creates a fixed income stream to enhance his retirement income and also provides useful charitable deductions now, while he is still working. Deferred gift annuities are ideally suited for those looking to create a fixed future income with a charitable deduction available today.

As an economics major and a member of the debate team—which Phil says was very active, challenging, and fun—he appreciated the individual attention and involvement offered to each student. He is glad that such opportunities still exist today, and he is grateful that his gift will help more students to enjoy the Bowdoin experience.

After graduating, Phil went on to earn a Ph.D. at the University of Illinois and is now IBM’s chief economist. He has worked for the company for more than 30 years and says that a technology company, the frontier of the economy, is a great place to be an economist. Previously, Phil served on the faculty of Boston University. He is considering a move to nonprofit activities after retirement.

Phil and his wife Patricia live in Connecticut and have two daughters and two grandchildren. Patricia earned her degree at Westbrook College. Phil spends his free time as district coordinator for the AARP driver safety program, is active with his church, and enjoys sailing and traveling.

“Financial assistance facilitated my attending Bowdoin, and I’m sure that our contribution will help do the same for others,” says Phil. “An appreciation of the value of diversity is key to functioning in the global economy. Bowdoin’s commitment to build and maintain a diverse community, regardless of incomes, gives me confidence in the College’s continued relevance and prominence.”

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