LOOKING BACK, GOING FORWARD

THE REMARKABLE WOMEN OF BOWDOIN FIELD HOCKEY

JOE TECCE '55 TALKS
BLINKS AND BEHAVIOR
WBOR KEEPS COLLEGE RADIO ALIVE
FACULTY-STUDENT COLLABORATION: PROFESSOR DEAREST
Field Hockey’s Big Picture
BY EDGAR ALLEN BEEM
PHOTOGRAPHS BY BOB HANDELMAN
In 2007, the Bowdoin field hockey team went a perfect 20-0 in winning the College’s first national championship of any kind. A tough act to follow. In 2008, the team went 19-2 en route to a second national championship. Yet there is a sense in which athletic success is about more than victory, bigger than any one season, and in which field hockey can be more than a game.

“The Ledge” After 50 Years
BY ANTHONY DOERR ’95 & MARGOT LIVESEY
PHOTOGRAPHS BY BOWDOIN COLLEGE ARCHIVES
Fifty years ago, a short story by Bowdoin professor Lawrence Sargent Hall ’36 won a prestigious O. Henry Award. On the golden anniversary of the story’s publication, author Anthony Doerr ’95 and novelist Margot Livesey comment on the staying power of “The Ledge.”

Not Your Average Joe
BY DAVID TREADWELL ’64
PHOTOGRAPHS BY ERIC POGGENPOHL
Why is the media constantly knocking on the door of Joe Tecce ’55, a 75-year-old assistant professor of psychology at Boston College? David Treadwell visits with Tecce, and in a blink of an eye, finds the answer.

On the Air
BY LISA WESEL
PHOTOGRAPHS BY DEAN ABRAMSON
Early each semester the staff of WBOR conducts the college radio equivalent of an open casting call: They invite anyone who’s interested – students, faculty, staff and community members – to apply for a DJ time slot, creating new generations of DJs that are keeping college radio very much alive.

Professor Dearest?
BY WILLIAM WATTERSON & KRISTINA DAHMANN ’10
ILLUSTRATION BY JENNIFER DUBORD
English professor William Watterson and Kristina Dahmann ’10 connect the dots between Parker Cleaveland, noted mineralogist and eccentric early-nineteenth century Bowdoin professor, and Nathaniel Hawthorne’s character Dr. Cacaphodel in Hawthorne’s short story “The Great Carbuncle.”
GETTING TO KNOW YOU

I realized recently why living a kind of public life online – through Facebook, other networking sites, even cookie-enabled browsers – doesn’t totally freak me out: it’s because I grew up in a town of 500 people that was not just a suburb of somewhere else, but was 500 people pretty much in the middle of nowhere. After having endured adolescence in a place where my every activity, relationship, and opinion was not only common knowledge but part of the actual news of the day, I don’t get too exercised over the idea that a couple of hundred people can pretty much guess how I voted in today’s election. Or know where I live, the names of my children, and what kind of music I like.

It doesn’t bother me that my co-workers know that I love my husband, that I stress about deadlines, or that I get a lump in my throat when I walk into the empty bedrooms of my college-age kids. And I don’t mind, either, that the people I grew up with in that small town will note the many ways that I am not the person I was at eighteen. Or that they can see the photos that prove it. Would I bring any of this up in a conversation over the water cooler or drag out a whole photo album at the high school reunion? Probably not.

But here is why I am not afraid of any of it: because while knowing everything about each other can create a few scary scenarios (identity theft comes to mind), knowing enough is a requirement. It is what connects us. Empathy is a powerful human emotion, but it doesn’t work well in the abstract.

We need to think of real people who need our help before we are motivated to do so. We need to know people who are different from us before we see that they matter just as much and deserve what we deserve. The everyday details we share – what we are making for dinner, what chores we have planned for Saturday morning, or how much we loved the sunset – are part of what makes us human beings just working it out, and that is OK. Connections that change opinions, even lives, have been forged on much less.

Bowdoin just completed a $250 million campaign that exceeded its goal and raised $293 million. I believe that its success is in large part due to the genuine connectedness that Bowdoin graduates feel to this college and consequently to each other and to its future students. When we ask these people about their favorite Bowdoin memories, they very often involve things like meals, music, Saturday morning routines, and a sunset or two. They always involve people.

I have friends who say if they read one more status update about mundane stuff, they will scream. I say, it just makes us all neighbors. You don’t always have to chat over the fence, but when you need something, those are the people who are more likely than anybody to help. So, go ahead, connect.

AMB
A Sustainable Hockey Rink

The Sidney J. Watson Arena, dedicated January 18, 2009, has become the first newly constructed ice arena in the United States to earn coveted LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification from the United States Green Building Council (USGBC). The USGBC certified Watson Arena’s LEED status July 16, 2009.
A Bigger Picture

Dear editor:
Dr. Jonathan Martin ’92, in the winter issue, wrote a heartfelt and courageous piece. I was particularly touched by his self-analysis around the outcome of one soldier whose quality of life was less than Dr. Martin had hoped. I want to share my experiences with my father’s neurosurgeries. When I was a junior in college, my father had a hemorrhagic stroke in his right midbrain. It took a highly energetic, domineering man (ask the Dean of Women back then) in the prime of his life and left him paralyzed on his left side, dependent on his wife, and demolished his income, a major source of his self-esteem. Yet, he did have the joy of his grandkids and was able to participate in family events.

Ten years later, a second stroke, this time in the posterior left brain, left him speechless, bedridden, and unable to swallow. By then, I was a family physician, aware of the alternatives, and I turned on his doctor, “Why didn’t you just let him die? Why did you do surgery?” His reply was similar to Dr. Martin’s thoughts: “We thought we were soon enough that we could return him to the quality of life that he had before, and he did have a quality of life.” He was right about a quality of life.

Now, with the perspective of twenty years, I can also see the benefit of that year before Dad died. Although it was a very hard year on everyone, it was also a year of growth for my mother. Every day, she would go sit by his bed and talk with him about the issues of her life, but she no longer had him to make the decisions. She made them herself. During that year, one evening I sat for six hours by his bedside, telling him it was okay to let go, we could make it without him. That year in the nursing home was his way of easing us into independence. We would have had many more difficulties had Dad gone suddenly. In many ways, he owed us that time and, in my belief system, it was his chance for atonement. Here in the west, we have moved away from the concept that things happen for a reason, but I have come to accept that this is sometimes the case. Dr. Martin might consider that perhaps it wasn’t only his decision, and that he was part of a bigger picture at that moment.

Each of us can only do our best at the moment given us, and that is good enough.

Sincerely,
M. Calanthe Wilson-Pant, M.D. ’79

“forehead” to rhyme with “horrid,” the correct way. Mother had us learn the rhyme so we would know the correct pronunciation.”

Sincerely,
Joan Woodcock Nestler (widow of John A. Woodcock ’44)

Rhyming “forehead” and “horrid” is considered a slant rhyme, sometimes called off-rhyme, a common poetic device. Whether or not “forehead” should be pronounced to rhyme exactly with “horrid,” we feel it’s usually best to listen to mother! —ed.

Never Stop Believing

Dear editor:
I enjoyed reading the item about Virginia/Santa Claus—especially since there’s yet another Bowdoin connection. I didn’t know about Edward Mitchell [Class of 1871]. In any case, Virginia O’Hanlon, in the last few years before she passed away, was our next-door neighbor during the late ’50s, in the West 9th Street apartment building, Greenwich Village. She had never stopped believing!

Sincerely,
Constantine Karvonides ’50

Give Us More Green

Dear editor:
I wanted to second the idea recently raised by Joni Bosh re: “Other Green Grads.” Given Bowdoin’s commitment to the environment, I think it would be a perfect fit for the magazine to highlight green efforts on a regular basis.

This might also be one way to foster a “green alumni network” of sorts (if one does not already exist?)—both to support those out in the field as well as encourage those current college students who are interested in environmental work and wondering what’s next... (I recall having a similar wish when I was involved with the student environment groups...)
As for me, I am presently working on the last bits of a master’s degree here at Yale F&ES, a wonderful place where many green Bowdoinites seem to pass through. I was able to attend the UN’s climate negotiations this winter (the UNFCCC Cop-14), a fascinating experience, and am writing about climate change adaptation and natural resource management issues.

Sincerely,
Heather Amira Colman-McGill ’03

**Another Bowdoin and Peary Connection**

Dear editor:

There is at least one other Bowdoin College–Robert E. Peary connection worth noting during the centennial celebration of Peary’s attainment of the North Pole. In 1899, Bowdoin College awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) degree to the geographer Henry Gannett (1846–1914), whose distinguished career in the federal government brought him into contact with Peary many times. Most important no doubt was when he organized the U.S. committee to arbitrate the competing claims of Peary and Frederick A. Cook to attaining the North Pole in 1909, and when he testified to Congress on the controversy as president of the National Geographic Society. Gannett Peak, the highest point in Wyoming’s Wind River Range, was named to honor him in 1906.

A Maine native son, Gannett was born in nearby Bath, but did not attend Bowdoin College as he sought the technical scientific training offered by Harvard College’s newly established Lawrence Scientific School – his senior honors thesis was the design for a parabolic arch cast iron bridge that employed the calculus, with all computations done by hand! After receiving bachelor and mining engineering degrees from the Lawrence School, he was asked to join the first North Pole expedition to be sponsored by the federal government in 1872 but instead joined the U.S. Geological and Geographical Survey of the Territories, headed by Ferdinand V. Hayden. From then until his death in 1914, he served the federal government in numerous capacities, developing what today we understand to be geographic information systems (GIS), which support programs in both public and private realms, but in the nineteenth century brought him the title of Father of American Map Making.

Gannett created and directed the nation’s topographic mapping program at the U.S. Geological Survey; created and directed geographic operations for conducting the U.S. Census of 1880, 1890, and 1900, and overseas censuses in Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the Philippine Islands; delineated the first national forests; directed the U.S. Board on Geographic Names; created the technical standards for the 1:1,000,000 scale International Map of the World; and directed research for President Theodore Roosevelt’s path-breaking National Conservation Commission. In addition to his many responsibilities as a federal official, he edited several journals, prepared over two hundred publications addressing topics in human and physical geography and society/environment relations, and was president of the Cosmos Club and National Geographic Society. Gannett Peak, the highest point in Wyoming’s Wind River Range, was named to honor him in 1906.

Although Gannett’s response to receiving an honorary degree from Bowdoin does not survive, I suspect that this quiet, extraordinarily gifted person, who in ways large and small put as all on the map, was as pleased to return to Maine to be honored as he was to travel to the many other places he was honored both here and abroad.

Sincerely,
Donald C. Dahmann P’10

**Bearish on the New Bear**

Dear editor:

I read with dismay in the winter issue that the College “recently finished an in-depth process to unify the look of the famed Polar Bear.” I’m wondering what kind of institutional damage was attributed to the cheerful galloping bear on my car’s rear window, what off-message insults to the corporate culture were delivered by the goofy, scarf-wrapped bear leaning on a hockey stick. The new logo bear looks like a CEO with indigestion. C’mon, you old farts, you’re not running a multinational conglomerate. Let a thousand cartoon bears romp!

Sincerely,
Bruce Griffin ’69

P.S.,
I went straight to the campus bookstore on reunion weekend, and bought a fistful of marked-down galloping bear decals.

**Correction**

Jay Burns ’85, editor of the Bates alumni magazine, pointed out that Matt Tavares, whose book we listed in the Bookshelf section of our last issue, is actually a Bates alumnus! The publisher misidentified Tavares as a Bowdoin graduate, and we didn’t catch it.

**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 next issue is December 29, 2009.


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Robert P. Smith ’62 (with Peter Zheutlin)
Riches Among the Ruins: Adventures in the Dark Corners of the Global Economy

When you set out to write the book, did you have a target audience?

Smith: My target audience was the Liar's Poker audience. I wanted to have a book for the general reader who is interested in international globalization, who wanted adventure within the context of business.

Do you have a favorite part of the book?

Smith: “Turkey” has to be one of my favorite parts. And the last chapter, “American Twilight,” where, I must say, I was perspicacious, in seeing what was happening to the United States.

As you look back, what do you envision as your greatest accomplishment?

S: Well, life is not only about taking; it’s about giving back. I feel like I have done that through my charitable contributions. And, you can always judge people by the children they’ve raised. I think that I’ve raised well-adjusted children who are not ostentatious, who have a lot of imagination and a lot of drive.


The Down and Dirty Dish on Revenge: Serving It Up Nice and Cold To That Lying, Cheating Bastard by Eva Nagorski ’92. St. Martin’s Griffin, 2009.


Hall of Mirrors, an album by Robert K. Beckwith Professor of Music Emeritus Elliott Schwartz. innova Recordings, 2009.

The Happiness Tree: Celebrating the Gifts of Trees We Treasure by Andrea Alban Gosline and illustrated by Lisa Burnett Bossi ’87. Feiwel & Friends, 2008.


Tess Chakkalakal, Assistant Professor of Africana Studies and English
• Like You’d Understand, Anyway: Stories by Jim Shepard
• The Rise of the American Novel by Alexander Cowie
• Culture on the Margins: The Black Spiritual and the Rise of American Cultural Interpretation by Jon Cruz
• Narrative of the Life and Adventures of Henry Bibb An American Slave Written by Himself by Henry Bibb
• The Hindered Hand: Or, the Reign of the Repressionist by Sutton E. Griggs

Meggan Gould, Visiting Assistant Professor of Art
• A Field Guide to Getting Lost by Rebecca Solnit
• Time’s Arrow by Martin Amis
• My Revolutions by Hari Kunzru
• The Eye Club by Fraenkel Gallery
• Kodak and the Lens of Nostalgia by Nancy Martha West
• In the Company of Crows and Ravens by John M. Marzluff and Tony Angell

Barry Mills, President (On his Kindle)
• Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout
• Stretching My Mind: The Collective Essays of Edward Albee by Edward Albee
• The Forever War by Dexter Filkins
• The Innovator’s Dilemma: The Revolutionary Book that Will Change the Way You Do Business by Clayton M. Christensen
• Indignation by Philip Roth
• A Failure of Capitalism: The Crisis of ’08 and the Descent into Depression by The Honorable Richard A. Posner


Music 4 Your Heart: Two Grands 4 Christmas; and 2 Grands 4 Glory three albums by concert pianist Linda Reese ’82 with Adam Chester. Dr. Linda Reese, 2008.

Song for an Unsung Hero by Erik Lund ’57. Erik Lund, 2009.


To the Survivors by Henry S. Maxfield ’45. Southwick House, 2008.


Acclaimed novelist Margot Livesey taught fiction writing at Bowdoin for the past four years as John F. and Dorothy H. Magee Writer-in-Residence. Livesey is the author of six novels, most recently, *The House on Fortune Street* (Harper Collins, 2008), which won the 2009 L.L. Winship/PEN New England Award and came out in paperback this spring. *Fortune Street* is structured upon a central tragedy told and re-told from the perspectives of its four main characters, examining the varied lives embedded in each personal relation of the story. For an extended version of this Q&A, and to listen to Livesey read an excerpt from the novel, visit our Web site, bowdoin.edu/magazine.

**Bowdoin: How did the characters in *The House on Fortune Street* come to be?**

**Livesey:** One of my ambitions in writing *The House on Fortune Street* was to embody the very different ways people see the world, and also the very different ways we come to see people as we get to know them better and learn their inner lives. For instance, I expected readers to find my character, Abigail, not very likable in the first three sections of the novel and then, when they got to her section, the fourth section, to think, "Oh, well, it's actually more complicated than that." I also think it’s very interesting how stories often come together from different sources; you can’t get the entire story from one source. You have to go to several people, hear several versions, and then put the whole story together.

**William Faulkner** said of *The Sound and the Fury*, also divided into four different sections from four different perspectives, roughly, that he had tried to write the same story four times and had failed in each. Did you feel the same challenge or that there was still more to tell?

I think that’s a very complicated question because once you start opening doors, of course, you realize that there are more versions of the story. But I always had in mind that, despite the fractured form, I wanted to write a novel that offered a complete arc and told a complete story, even if that story, like life, wasn’t entirely resolved. I am not sure we can know why someone like my character Dara, Abigail’s best friend, comes to the edge of despair and then falls over it? Why are some people more resilient than others?

**Are you working on something else now?**

I am working on a new novel. I’m at that stage where I feel it might be like a t-shirt that you put in the dryer: you put it in life-sized and it comes out fit for a doll. But I like having the open page before me.
The Peter Buck Center for Health and Fitness opened this fall, ushering in a new era of wellness at Bowdoin. Made possible through the generosity of Dr. Peter Buck ’52, it is an addition to the Morrell Gym complex housing exercise rooms, the College’s health center, athletic department offices, and flexible space that can seat up to 40 people for academic classes and meetings. Bowdoin has registered the Buck Center as a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) building project.
Sensitive to the hard times that have befallen lobstermen — plummeting lobster prices amid ever-increasing operating costs — Bowdoin Dining Service hosted a special lobster lunch and sale in August. Inspiration came when Dining Service Purchasing Manager Jon Wiley spoke with Bob Waddell, owner of Quahog Lobstermen’s Coop, the College’s lobster supplier. Waddell, who has been a lobsterman for 60 years, told of his dire personal situation and how the current economic pressures may drive him out of business. In response, Dining Service bought hundreds of lobsters from Waddell to serve a lunch for a small additional fee to the Bowdoin community. Waddell has been the go-to guy when the College has needed delivery of 2,300 lobsters at a time for events such as commencement and reunion. He takes in lobsters from many lobstermen in the Harpswell area.

“We’re not making money on this, but that’s not the point,” Wiley said to one of two television news crews that came to Moulton Union to cover the event. “The point is to keep lobster on people’s minds and help the industry.”

Red Hot Lobster Lunch Helps Local Lobstermen

CHRISTOPHER HILL ’74 NAMED AMBASSADOR TO IRAQ

On April 21, 2009, the United States Senate confirmed Christopher Hill ’74 to be the next U.S. ambassador to Iraq, putting Hill in charge of the largest U.S. embassy in the world.

When first announcing the nomination last February, President Obama said Hill has shown the “pragmatism and skill” that is needed now in Iraq.

Hill is a career foreign service officer who served as Assistant U.S. Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs in the Bush administration, and he led the U.S. delegation to the 2007 six-party talks on the North Korean nuclear issue. Hill earlier served as a negotiator in the crises in Bosnia and Kosovo.

In September, Hill was a guest on the National Public Radio (NPR) program On Point with Tom Ashbrook. John Wihbey ’98, a producer at On Point who also blogs for the show, coordinated the interview and posted an article on its Web site, onpoint.org.
CAMPUS CLIMATE MATTERS CONTEST

As part of Bowdoin’s first Climate Awareness Day last spring, the College’s Climate Commitment Advisory Committee (CCAC) sponsored a contest to solicit ideas for reducing the Bowdoin’s greenhouse gas emissions in the effort to move the campus towards carbon neutrality. Five winning ideas were displayed at a locavore dinner and a Common Hour reception, where the two top proposals received extra recognition. The CCAC will consider all contest submissions it received as it plans for Bowdoin’s transition to carbon neutrality.

Brett Gorman ’11 garnered praise for his “Up On the Roof” proposal, which called for utilizing the roofs of Bowdoin’s 118 buildings as a source of solar energy in addition to creating gardens on some roofs that would insulate the buildings, improve the air quality, and keep the temperatures low during the summer.

Bowdoin Outing Club director Michael Woodruff ’87 proposed expanding the Bowdoin Organic Garden into an organic farm, incorporating small-scale farming into the Bowdoin curriculum as well as supplying additional food to the dining halls.

THE REAL COST OF A GREEK SALAD

Last spring, Rusack Associate Professor of Environmental Studies and Biology Phil Camill decided that he and his students in his course “Feeding the World: The Nature and Challenges of Our Food and Agricultural Systems” would find out exactly how much carbon dioxide the Thorne Dining Hall saves the environment when it serves local foods.

Camill and his class determined that on average, focusing solely on transportation emissions, carbon footprints were reduced by 33% when local foods were served. The standard meal generally used 75 grams of carbon dioxide per person, as opposed to 50 grams per person when locally-grown food is used. The most environmentally costly food was feta cheese, which must travel from Athens, Greece, to Illinois to Boston, and finally to Bowdoin, emitting 9,798 grams of carbon dioxide per meal along the way.
Remembering War Hero Everett Pope ’41

Everett P. Pope, a member of the Class of 1941, and a decorated World War II hero, died July 16, 2009, during the early morning hours of his 90th birthday.

“With Ev’s passing, Bowdoin has lost a devoted son, while America has lost another of the great heroes of the Second World War,” said President Barry Mills.

Born in Milton, Mass., Pope excelled at Bowdoin, both academically and in athletics. Captain of the state champion Bowdoin tennis team, he graduated magna cum laude with a degree in French and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Shortly after graduation—and just months before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor—Pope joined the U.S. Marine Corps and began to distinguish himself as a tenacious and courageous leader.

He fought at Guadalcanal, New Britain, and on Peleliu in the Pacific, and was awarded the Bronze Star, a Purple Heart, and the Congressional Medal of Honor—the highest award for valor in action against an enemy force that can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the United States armed services. He was the fourth Bowdoin graduate to be so honored, following in the footsteps of Civil War veterans Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain, Oliver Otis Howard, and Henry Clay Wood.

Everett Pope never forgot about his alma mater. A member of the Alumni Council from 1955-59, he served for 27 years on the governing boards of the College, including as an overseer (1961-77), president of the board of overseers (1973-77), trustee (1977-88) and chair of the board of trustees (1984-87).

Everett and his wife Eleanor had two sons, Laurence E. Pope ’67 and Ralph H. Pope ’69. A memorial service for Everett and Eleanor, who died January 22, 2009, just a month shy of the couple’s 67th wedding anniversary, was held in the Bowdoin Chapel on July 31.

Hey, Coach!

A full lineup of young alumni coaches have recently joined the ranks of head and assistant coaches at several colleges and universities. They join several young alumni coaches ensconced at dear alma mater: Jon Jacobs ’96 (assistant coach, soccer); Colin Joyner ’03 (head coach, men’s & women’s tennis); Alison Smith ’05 (assistant coach, women’s basketball); Frank Pizzo ’06 (head coach, sailing); and Trevor Powers ’06 (assistant coach, football). Here’s the lineup of newbies.

HEAD COACHES
Alison Wade ’98 (men’s and women’s cross country, Siena College)
Mark Gilbride ’02 (men’s basketball, Clarkson)
Gillian McDonald ’04 (field hockey, Hamilton)
Marissa O’Neil ’05 (women’s hockey, Williams)

ASSISTANT COACHES
Courtney Trotta Ruggles ’04 (basketball, Navy)
Kristen Cameron ’08 (ice hockey, Conn. College)
Amanda Leahy ’08 (basketball, St. Lawrence)
Julia King ’09 (field hockey/lacrosse, Trinity)
Lindsay McNamara ’09 (field hockey, Amherst)
Maria Noucas ’09 (basketball, Navy)
The College was one of only eight liberal arts colleges and universities in the nation to receive a prestigious 2009 Alfred P. Sloan Award for Faculty Career Flexibility, sponsored by the American Council on Education. The award recognizes baccalaureate colleges for leadership in developing best practices to recruit and retain tenured and tenure-track faculty throughout their careers.

The largest fundraising campaign in the 215-year history of the College has raised a total of $293 million dollars for financial aid, the academic program and student life. The total raised far exceeds the five-year goal of $250 million, and more than doubles the $136 million raised from alumni, parents, friends, and foundations during Bowdoin’s last capital campaign in 1993-98. Of the total raised, approximately $100 million will be used to ensure access to Bowdoin for low- and moderate-income students through financial aid. The Northern Bites, Bowdoin’s RoboCub team, took second place in the World Championships held in Graz, Austria. After an impressive 7-0 run, the Bowdoin team fell to the German team, “B-Human.” Zac Skipp ’11 and Kaitee Daley ’09 produced a short segment that appeared on ESPNU, the sister station to ESPN, that focuses on college athletics. The video was about “the Monster,” Bowdoin’s historic Zamboni. The segment, which was written by Daley and edited by Skipp, also appeared on ESPN’s website. Nick Dunn ’09, Jeremy Fishman ’09 and Tucker Hermans ’09 — all computer science majors — created a computer program that recovers deleted child pornography videos from computer hard drives. Their collaboration came in response to a request for help from Maine State Police Sgt. Glenn Lang, who supervises the computer crimes unit, as reported in the March 19, 2008, edition of the Portland Press Herald. All three received the Colonel’s Award at the Maine State Police Annual Awards Ceremony, held May 20, 2009, in Augusta. In the March 23, 2009 edition of The Boston Globe, Anne T. and Robert M. Bass Professor of Natural Sciences Nathaniel Wheelwright presented an op-ed piece entitled, “Putting Guantanamo to Good Use.” Wheelwright
proposed that Guantanamo prison in Cuba, which President Barack Obama has set to close in 2010, be converted into a biological research station “where U.S. and Cuban scientists work together to tackle critical environmental issues.”… Chief of the Small Business Administration Karen Gordon Mills was interviewed on the CNBC program Squawk Box on June 19, 2009….In the April 15, 2009 issue of Food Service Director magazine, Bowdoin’s Mary Lou Kennedy was named as the Food Service Director of the Month. The article highlights the creation of two student-initiated organic gardens, the purchase of local food and produce, and the fact that Kennedy has been able to successfully implement student ideas such as the late-night dining option, Super Snack….Associate Professor of Sociology Dhiraj Murthy’s course “In the Facebook Age” was featured on the Monday, April 27 edition of the WCSH newsmagazine 207. Murthy’s first year seminar focused on the way that people use technology in the modern age…. Assistant Professor of Government Laura Henry has been named the recipient of the 2008 Sydney B. Karofsky Prize for Junior Faculty. Henry is an expert on environmental issues in Russia. Her teaching encompasses subjects ranging from Introduction to Comparative Politics to Social Protest and Political Change. She is completing work on her first book, tentatively titled, Environmental Activism in Post-Soviet Russia, which is forthcoming from the Cornell University Press…. Max Goldstein ’09 was awarded the Thomas J. Watson Fellowship, which funds a one-year project called “Swimming Around the World: Creating Bridges between Communities.” Goldstein, who was on the swimming team at Bowdoin, plans to swim across bodies of water that divide different nations. The project will take him to Peru, Bolivia, Spain, Morocco, Turkey, Jordan and Israel over the course of four swims….An interview with Roger Howell Jr. Professor of History Allen Wells about his book, Tropical Zion: General Trujillo, FDR and the Jews of Sosúa, aired on the Maine Public Broadcasting Network’s show Maine Things Considered Thursday, April 30, 2009. Tropical Zion tells the story of 750 Jewish refugees from central Europe who were offered an unlikely sanctuary in the Dominican Republic by the brutal dictator General Trujillo (see Bookshelf, this issue and online)….Alex McLain ’11 was featured in an article entitled, “A Dream Coming in Waves,” in the May 6, 2009 edition of the Portland Press Herald. McLain came in second place in the 2008 U.S. Surfki Championships and now has her eyes set on the 2012 Summer Olympics in London….Oluwatobi “Tobi” Olasukanmi ’12 has been chosen by Oxfam America to participate in the international relief and development organization’s CHANGE initiative. Students commit to work with Oxfam for an entire academic year in order to develop their skills and expand their awareness regarding the subjects of climate change, hunger, poverty and emergency response. Fifty students from across the country were chosen….Robbie Zhang-Smith’s ’11 leads off a Fortune/CNNMoney.com article titled, “Eight Summer Interns Who Beat the Recession.” Smith’s is working for Ridge Asia in Singapore, a marketing company for western companies looking to expand to Asia…. A national foundation that supports liberal arts education has awarded nearly $150,000 to Bowdoin and Bates colleges for a collaborative effort to strengthen students’ quantitative reasoning skills. The New York-based Teagle Foundation has granted the colleges $148,780 for a three-year project addressing how students learn quantitative reasoning… California native Tiernan Cutler ’11, having weathered a New England winter as a first-year, created a college survival guide for friends back home who would also be enrolling in colleges in the East. It caught the attention of the marketing and public relations director for Clorox (one of her tips included bringing their disinfectant wipes), who turned it into an online marketing campaign that gave rise to five college survival guides tailored to different regions around the U.S….100% of the trash and food waste from the annual lobster bake that followed Convocation this September was composted…. The College was one of only eight liberal arts colleges and universities in the nation to receive a prestigious 2009 Alfred P. Sloan Award for Faculty Career Flexibility, sponsored by the American Council on Education. The award recognizes baccalaureate colleges for leadership in developing best practices to recruit and retain tenured and tenure-track faculty throughout their careers.
DE BREVITATE VITAE

“The secret of [my] profession is that learning is the best part,” said Associate Professor of English Aaron Kitch. Last spring, Kitch decided he wanted to learn more than what he taught in his own classes, and he enrolled in an intermediate Latin course with Assistant Professor of Classics.

Kitch says that studying Latin, something he did in high school and graduate school, is directly useful to his own specialty, English Renaissance, but that he also has a special admiration for the Classics and simply wanted to expand his knowledge of the field. He plans to continue his Latin studies at Bowdoin, and possibly take other classes, ticking off a wish list that includes biology, art history, and additional languages, including Arabic.

While technically auditing the class, professor Kitch completed all of the work and took all of the tests along with the other students.

“I wanted to. You have to get the feedback,” he explains. Kitch had nothing but praise for his colleague, and now teacher, Sobak.

“It was a blast,” Kitch says. “It really was a blast.”

One for the Ages

During the swim season of 1941, the combination of Steve Carlson ’42, Arthur Keylor ’42, Edward Cooper ’41, and Coburn Marston ’42 broke Bowdoin’s 200-yard relay record. Later that season, the same four secured a come-from-behind victory for Bowdoin over MIT by winning the 400 relay. Almost 70 years later, Steve Carlson is still swimming competitively and eyeing records with the Davis Aquatic Masters (DAM), in Davis, California. Carlson, who turned 90 on August 26, will attempt to “swim his age” at the Huntsman World Senior Games in St. George, Utah, this fall. In order to accomplish the remarkable feat, he must swim a 100-yard freestyle race in a number of seconds less than or equal to his age.

If he does it, “his swim will become part of the lore of masters swimming,” DAM head coach Stu Kahn told the Davis Enterprise. “Steve will become one of the folk heroes for the masters.”

In May, Carlson swam the 100 yards in 90 seconds, but because he was still 89, he fell one second short.

Carlson swam for Venice High School and then for Bowdoin as a sprinter, and said he swam the 100-yard freestyle at 57 seconds, which was fast for the time period. In a newspaper interview, Steve says that once he hit 80 years old, he started slowing down. Lately, however, his times have been improving. “I can’t figure out why [I’m swimming] faster,” he said.

“It’s pretty incredible,” said Kahn, “given that 99.9 percent of the people can’t swim their age.”
Like many veterans who return from war zones, Rob Pfeiffer ’67 shouldered the heavy weight of his experiences in battle and says 13 years went by before he could speak of his time in combat. As he can tell you, bottling up one’s feelings often only worsens the post-traumatic stress suffered by many vets. He knows from experience on two fronts.

Working as a mental health counselor for more than thirty years, Pfeiffer helps others deal with their emotional wounds. Last spring, he began a new program, holding weekly counseling sessions for vets in his office in Camden, Maine, called Veterans Helping Veterans.

“I’m a disabled vet — I got shot. But other than that, I came through with an appreciation for what war does to us as veterans, and I think that’s the place where we can connect that takes other people longer to do, because we’ve already got a built-in understanding of what veterans have experienced.”

So far, 19 other professional counselors in the Mid Coast area are donating their time to assist dozens of soldiers and former soldiers through Veterans Helping Veterans. The program has received support through a grant from Maine’s William Ladd Chapter of the national non-profit Veterans for Peace organization. (Pfeiffer was a founding member of the chapter, the first in the country.)

According to The Veterans Administration, around 40 percent of those returning from war zones in recent years have sought some kind of psychological help to deal with the after-effects of combat. Pfeiffer says his program has the full support of the National Guard, which views it as a pilot project to be expanded into other states if it proves successful.

For more information, please see the “getting involved” link at Veterans for Peace/Maine: vfpmaine.org

SALATINO NEW DIRECTOR OF BOWDOIN COLLEGE MUSEUM OF ART

Kevin Salatino has been named director of the Bowdoin College Museum of Art. Salatino had served as Head of the Department of Prints and Drawings at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) since 2000, following nine years as Curator of Graphic Arts at the Getty Research Institute.

At Bowdoin, he oversees the more than 14,000 items in the museum’s collections and manages its staff, programs, and budget.

“An accomplished scholar and curator, Kevin brings a breadth of experience, energy and excitement at this pivotal moment in the museum’s history,” says Dean for Academic Affairs Cristle Collins Judd.

Salatino, who succeeds Katy Kline as museum director, began at Bowdoin in August.
Polar pioneer Admiral Robert E. Peary (Class of 1877) returned to the North Pole on April 6, 2009, or at least a plush version of him did. Exactly 100 years ago to the day that Peary, Matthew Henson, and Inughuit Ootah, Seeglo, Ooqueah and Egingwah stood at the northernmost place on earth, Robert Peary’s great-grandson Robert Stafford Peary stood on the same spot, carrying with him a Robert Peary doll from Bowdoin’s Arctic Museum.

Dignitaries from around the world, including relatives of both the Peary and Henson families, marked the anniversary with a wreath-laying ceremony in Arlington National Cemetery. Representatives from Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC), the Explorers Club, National Geographic, Abbott Kominers ’78 for Bowdoin, the Matthew Henson Earth Conservation Center, and renowned British explorer Tom Avery and his team honored Peary and Henson. Guest speakers included Cmdr. Edward Peary Stafford, USN (Ret.), Peary’s grandson, and Gilbert Grosvenor, Chairman of National Geographic Society Board of Trustees. Diane Savoy, great-grandniece of Matthew Henson, and Robert E. Peary III, grandson of Peary, participated in the ceremony by laying wreaths at both grave sites.

Also that morning, Peary doll-carrying alumni braved the elements to bring attention of the centennial of the historic expedition to the NBC TODAY show’s six million viewers. Several alumni, armed with Peary dolls and Bowdoin banners, made a brief appearance on TODAY. Wearing matching Bowdoin shirts, Kijan Bloomfield ’04, D. Kareem Canada ’05, Samantha Cohen ’07, Ashley Conti ’07, Kate Geraghty ’07, and Jonathan Ragins ’08 interacted with TODAY weatherman Al Roker.

“The doll was the huge hit. It was also cool since one of the NBC workers stopped us on our way out to tell us that they want us to send them more dolls because everyone on the team wants one!” said Conti.

The Admiral Peary doll is available in the Arctic Museum’s gift shop and the Museum’s Web site. Proceeds from its sale support outreach initiatives.

Above: Robert Peary’s great-grandson Robert Stafford Peary (with doll) and Dirk Jensen of Polar Explorers at the North Pole on April 6, 2009, the 100th anniversary of Peary and Matthew Henson’s famous expedition.
Four freshmen in Maine Hall putting on formal attire, celebrated writer and poet Robert P. Tristram Coffin ’15 at a house party, young women waiting to see who will be chosen House Party Queen — these are some of the images captured on campus in 1939 by renowned photographer Alfred Eisenstaedt, whose most famous photograph, “V-J Day in Times Square,” depicts an American sailor kissing a young woman on August 14, 1945, in Times Square.

The Bowdoin images were published in the photo essay “Life Goes to a House Party” in Life magazine’s January 8, 1940, issue. Through a partnership between the magazine and search engine giant Google, these Bowdoin images and others are now available online. See the “Life Goes to a House Party” images at google/images.com; search “bowdoin 1939 source:life.”

Access additional Bowdoin images in Google’s Life photo archive, including many never published in the magazine, at images.google.com/hosted/life by typing “Bowdoin” in the search field.

A series of photos, including this one from the Life magazine shoot by Alfred Eisenstaedt also appeared in the 1941 Bowdoin Bugle.
Field Hockey’s Big Picture

BOWDOIN’S FIRST NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

By Edgar Allen Beem  Photography by Bob Handelman
Sunday, November 23, 2008. Two minutes into the second 15-minute overtime period of the 2008 NCAA Division III National Field Hockey Championship, Bowdoin’s Shannon Malloy ’11 deftly intercepted a clearing pass from a Tufts University defender and sent the ball ahead to Kara Kelley ’10. Kelley spotted first year forward Katie Herter ’12 on the left flank and drove a pretty diagonal pass to her. Herter took the ball, spun around to her shooting side, and flicked a high wrist shot that bounced off the Tufts’ goalie’s padded glove.

Waiting to pounce, Bowdoin’s All-American center forward Lindsay McNamara ’09, as tired as she had ever been following 87 minutes of play, somehow managed to lunge ahead of her defender and, with a reverse stick move at a near impossible angle, tapped the rebound past the Tufts’ goalie. McNamara’s momentum carried her into Katie

(Left to right) Jessie Small ’11, Michaela Calnan ’11, Ella Curren ’12
Herter’s waiting arms as their teammates poured onto the field in triumph.  
With that little flurry of action on the frigid turf at Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pennsylvania, Bowdoin had won its second consecutive NCCA title, defeating Tufts 3-2. McNamara’s OT goal, her Bowdoin record-shattering 92nd in four years, also capped one of the most successful athletic careers in Bowdoin College history, not just Lindsay Mac’s but that of her seven senior teammates as well – fellow tri-captains Julia King and Kristen Veiga, goalie Emileigh Mercer, Tamlyn Frederick, Kate Gormley, Madeleine McQueeney, and Leah Ferenc.

The eight field hockey players from the Class of 2009 posted a 74-5 record (21-2 in post-season play) on their way to winning four New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) Championships, four NCAA Final Four appearances, and two NCAA National Championships. McNamara earned NESCAC Player of the Year honors in 2007 and was named NESCAC Offensive Player of the Year in 2008. She and center mid Julia King were named first-team All-Americans and defender Leah Ferenc was designated a third-team All-American.

Just the year before, the Bowdoin women had gone a perfect 20-0 in winning the College’s first national championship of any kind. A tough act to follow. Yet there is a sense in which athletic success is about more than victory, bigger than any one season, and in which field hockey can be more than a game.

PLAYING FOR NICKY
The architect of Bowdoin’s field hockey powerhouse is Coach Nicola “Nicky” Pearson, a modest, soft-spoken Englishwoman who has quietly developed a program that has gone 183-39 since she arrived on campus in 1996. Twice named NCAA Division III National Coach of the Year and six times the NESCAC Coach of the Year, Nicky Pearson is more at home sharing afternoon tea (as she does daily) with her fellow coaches at Farley Fieldhouse than she is talking about her accomplishments. She is notoriously uncomfortable with praise, but suffice it to say she is revered by her players and by her colleagues.

“Nicky is a very humble person,” explains Trinity College field hockey coach Anne Parmenter, Nicky’s mentor at Connecticut College in the late 1980s. “She has a very quiet disposition, but she has an incredibly strong technical understanding of the game. She really dedicates herself to teaching the principles of the game. She does an incredible job of teaching players to see the bigger picture and what it takes to win. Those eight seniors are where I would love our program to go.”

“Nicky is not a yelling coach, but she is very clear about her expectations,” says Lindsay McNamara. “She has an intensity that makes players intense as well.”

“I attribute a huge amount of our success to Nicky,” adds Julia King. “I feel lucky to have played for her.”

Since Bowdoin went coeducational and the Polar Bear field hockey team first took the field in 1972, there have been only three coaches; Sally LaPointe (1972 to 1991), Maureen “Mo” Flaherty Minicus (1992 to 1995), and Nicky Pearson. The three women have led Bowdoin field hockey to a combined 362-152-17 record with only five losing seasons, none since 1990.

Nicky Pearson hates to lose, but, while you may find her pacing the sidelines, she is not a Pat Summit or Bobby Knight. She is restrained, calm, and confident. She models the behavior she wants from her players.

“When the game starts, it really is up to the players,” Pearson insists. “I believe my players walk onto the field with a sense of confidence in themselves and confidence in their teammates. They’re having ownership is huge with me. I want them to feel that this is their team, that they are important and respected members of the team, and to feel a lot of pride in the program.”

Bowdoin practices focus heavily on skill drills, one-on-one defense, and team defense. Pearson tends to leave conditioning up to the players. But the consensus of opinion about her strength as a coach, the secret to the success of Bowdoin field hockey, is that she excels at player development.

Gillian McDonald ’04, now field hockey coach at Hamilton College, was a record-setting goalie while at Bowdoin.

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(Left to right) Katie Herter ’12, Lindsay McNamara ’09, Emileigh Messer ’09
And one of their own has also been their best inspiration.

PLAYING FOR TARYN
NESCAC teams only began competing in NCAA tournaments a decade ago, but Bowdoin started knocking on the national championship door almost immediately. In 2000, the 15-2 Polar Bears won the NESCAC but lost to Springfield College in overtime in the regional semifinal. In 2005, an 18-1 Bowdoin team lost to Messiah College of Pennsylvania in the NCAA semifinal.

“But in many ways,” says Bowdoin sports information director Jim Caton, “the 2006 team was our most remarkable team.”

The 2006 team was remarkable because they again made it to the NCAA semifinals while reeling from the sudden loss of their on-field leader, now their inspirational leader.

When Bowdoin lost 2-1 to Messiah in the 2005 semifinals, a fiery redhead from Bowdoin looked across the field and saw something special:

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(Left to right) Julia King ’09, Kristen Veiga ’09, Leah Ferenc ’09, Madeleine McQueeney ’09.
at the victors and told her teammates, “That could be us.”

Taryn King, then a junior, was a commanding presence both on and off the field. She exuded a confidence, a passion, and a determination that was irresistible. If she said Bowdoin could be the best in the nation, no one was going to argue with her. King was the NESCAC Player of the Year and a first-team All-American in 2005. 2006 was going to be Bowdoin’s year. Then tragedy struck and struck hard.

In January of 2006, while studying abroad in Galway, Ireland, Taryn King contracted a deadly bacterial infection and died in an ambulance on the way to the hospital. The entire Bowdoin community was stunned. Her field hockey teammates were devastated. And her coach, who to this day cannot talk about Taryn King without tearing up, knew she had the coaching job of a lifetime ahead of her.

“What impressed me about Nicky,” says Gillian McDonald, “was how strong she was for those girls. I could tell how upset she was, but she kept herself together for those girls.”

Nicky Pearson knew there would be a temptation to dedicate the 2006 season to Taryn, to shoot for a national championship in her memory, but she also knew that was just too much pressure to put on the backs of two dozen young women.

“We talked a lot about her,” says Pearson of King, “but it was more of an unspoken motivation than a public activity. I didn’t want the players to do that.”

Together with co-captains Burgess LePage ’07 and Susan Morris ’07, Pearson made an effort to help Taryn’s teammates grieve together, to share stories, memories, and coping strategies, and to bring the new first year players into the process. The women ended up sitting on the turf field late one evening and pouring out their emotions.

“We decided we’d play with her, not for her,” says Burgess LePage of her best friend Taryn King.

The field hockey team had the initials “TK” embroidered on the left sleeves of their uniforms and resolved to play with the never-say-die fire and determination of the leader they had lost. That fire led them back to the 2006 Final Four where, despite dominating Messiah in the semifinal, they lost 1-0.

“We just couldn’t put the ball in the goal,” says LePage, who had the courage to do a CBS Sports interview about Taryn King just minutes after losing the Messiah game.

In the wake of the 2006 Final Four loss, the Bowdoin team, along with friends and families, went out to dinner together at Belhurst Castle in Geneva, New York, not far from the Hobart and William Smith campus where the NCAA tournament was played. At that dinner, Mike LePage ’78, Burgess’s father, publicly predicted that the Polar Bears would win the national championship the following year.

From Brooks to Bowdoin

No one had to tell Katie Herter ’12 about the impact that Taryn King, the All-American from the Class of 2007 whose sudden death in 2006 devastated her teammates, had on the success of Bowdoin field hockey, Taryn King was one of the reasons Katie Herter wanted to play for Bowdoin.

“She was the same thing in high school,” says Herter of the inspirational King. “She just had this great work ethic.”

While they never played together, King and Herter have a lot in common. Both graduated from Brooks School in North Andover, Massachusetts, and both come from prominent Bowdoin families.

Taryn King was preceded at Bowdoin by her great-grandfather, Leopold F. King ’22; her grandfather, Peter King ’50; her great-uncle Leopold Firman King ’51; her great-uncle, Dr. Denis Wholley King ’55; and her second cousins, Amy King, DeMilt ’85 and Michael W. King ’88.

Katie Herter’s grandmother, Caroline Lee Herter, was a Trustee of the College, and her Bowdoin relations include her father, David Herter ’76; her mother, Lauren Tenney Herter ’82; and her brother, James, a lacrosse player in the Class of 2011.

But Taryn King and Katie Herter had something else in common, more important than a prep school and a Bowdoin legacy. A fighting spirit. Guts.

Casey Bobo, who coached both King and Herter at Brooks, remembers both as being “part of a tremendous group of young women for whom being tough and strong was particularly cool.”

Coach Bobo recalls, for instance, how Taryn King once used an ice pack to keep her forehead cool before a game so her coach wouldn’t know she had a fever and keep her out of a big game.

“Her teammates knew she was sick, and that somehow made them play even harder as a testament to her dedication,” says Bobo. “We won that day. Taryn would never miss a game, and certainly her own physical discomfort would not keep her from supporting her teammates in competition.”

One of Casey Bobo’s key recollections of Katie Herter is how she struggled academically under the strain of “the most difficult course schedule I had ever seen.” Her coach, who is also a history teacher and was Herter’s advisor at Brooks, encouraged Herter to drop AP courses in favor of honors courses. Herter refused and persevered to earn, in her coach’s words, “a tremendous GPA.”

“The harder the challenge, the more she fights,” says Casey Bobo. “Taryn had exactly that same spirit and determination. I absolutely adored that about both of them. While both girls were as talented as any female athlete we have had at Brooks School, it wasn’t always their talent that made us better; their leadership by example made all of their teams better.”
“The very first day of the ’07 season they had a mission,” recalls Nicky Pearson. “It was like a high speed train. If you stood in the way, you had to be prepared to be bowled over. It wasn’t necessary to stoke the engine. My job was just to keep them on the tracks.”

The 2007 season was a 20-0 juggernaut. The Bowdoin women outscored their opponents 76-6, allowing only one goal in the regular season before knocking off Williams 2-1 and Middlebury 3-1 to win the NESCAC Championship. In the NCAA tournament they roared through Skidmore 2-1, Rowan 5-0, and Lebanon Valley 1-0 only to face Middlebury again in the championship game.

Taryn King’s teammates from the Class of 2007 – Burgess LePage, Susan Morris, Kate Leonard, Sarah Horn, and Gail Winning – all made the trip to Collegeville, Pennsylvania, for the big game. This time they would not be disappointed. Bowdoin defeated Middlebury 4-3.

“The entire season I felt I was there with them,” says LePage. “When they did it, it was a mixture of relief and pride – for them and for us. I was sobbing at the end of the game. We did it!”

And that’s how field hockey can be more than a game. Generations of Bowdoin field hockey players, not to mention countless fans, friends, and families, shared in the excitement of Bowdoin’s first national championship.

Though the outcome was the same, the 2008 season was distinctly different. The defending national champions found that they were almost expected to win, so when their 39-0 home win streak was broken by a 2-0 Homecoming loss to Trinity, it was something of a wake-up call.

“We lost to Trinity and we lost to Tufts,” says Nicky Pearson. “It was incredibly disappointing to lose those games, but looking back it was the best thing that could have happened.”

Following the two regular season home losses, the Bowdoin women refocused, stepped up their intensity, and went into the post-season with the pressure off. Tufts, the #1 seed, was the undefeated team, but Bowdoin would defeat the Jumbos twice, 1-0 to win the NESCAC title and the 3-2 OT victory for their second national title.

“When you get to the Final Four,” says Nicky Pearson, “all four teams are talented. For me, one of the deciding factors is resilience, mental toughness. Our teams are mentally tough.”

They also still have Taryn King on their minds and in their hearts. If you don’t believe it, check out their wrists. Some of those pink ribbons have been there year-round for three years now.

“Our class is the last class that played with her,” says Lindsay McNamara, fingering her ribbon. “The way she played, she put the program on the map. Taryn King is what Bowdoin field hockey is all about.”

“Subconsciously,” adds Julia King, “all of us think of Taryn every time we step onto the field. We didn’t take for granted being on that field.”
With the extraordinary Class of 2009 graduating eight players, including seven starters, one might expect 2009 to be a building year for the Bowdoin field hockey team, but don’t try to tell them that.

“We’re obviously going to miss the graduating class of eight players who have been so instrumental in our success over the past four years,” says Coach Pearson. “We’re going to miss their talent and their leadership, but I’m incredibly excited about the group of returning players. They’ve had some wonderful experiences. And, because of the success the program has had, we have a talented incoming group of six players.”

“Even though we’re graduating eight, a lot of younger girls will be able to contribute,” insists Katie Herter. “They’re ready to go. Nicky’s made sure of that.”

PREPARED TO WIN
And even after four consecutive Final Four appearances, they don’t take for granted getting into the NCAA tournament. The conference is just too tough.

“The hardest part of winning an NCAA title is breaking out of NESCAC,” observes Gillian McDonald, whose Hamilton Continentals play in the Liberty League.

After decades of Mid-Atlantic dominance by schools such as The College of New Jersey, SUNY Cortland, and Salisbury University of Maryland, NCAA Division III field hockey has come home to roost in New England in recent years.

Though the high academic standards of the NESCAC colleges limit the pool of recruits, those student-athletes who do make the grade tend to come from families, communities, and schools that prepare them well for all-round success. They have often played in the most competitive developmental programs and benefited from sports camps of all kinds. They know how to compete.

In the case of the 2008 field hockey team, 14 of the players were multi-sport athletes. Key players such as Lindsay McNamara and Katie Herter play three sports. Indeed, the fact that six field hockey players also play ice hockey may have contributed the slow start women’s hockey got off to this year. One-third of the team was missing for several weeks while they competed in the NCAA field hockey tournament.

As with the success that the Bowdoin women’s basketball program has experienced in recent years (making it to the Sweet Sixteen once, the Elite Eight five times, and the NCAA Division III Championship game once since 2000-2001), the field hockey team’s success has been embraced by the campus and the community, as many as 700 fans showing up for games that often draw only parents at other schools.

“I believe to be a strong athletic woman on this campus is something admired and well respected,” says Nicky Pearson.

Success tends to beget success, but can they do it again? “I’m thinking three-peat. Yah!” enthuses outgoing tri-captain Julia King. But then, come fall, King will be in a conflicted position as a graduate assistant coach at Trinity under Nicky Pearson’s mentor Anne Parmenter.

On the golden anniversary of the story’s publication, author Anthony Doerr ’95, himself a two-time O. Henry Award Winner, and novelist Margot Livesey, Bowdoin’s John F. and Dorothy H. Magee Writer-in-Residence for the past four years, comment on the staying power of “The Ledge,” which was inspired by an event in the waters off of Harpswell Neck, on December 27, 1956, not far from where Hall lived on Orr’s Island.

Larry Hall retired in 1986 as Henry Leland Chapman Professor of English after teaching at Bowdoin for more than 40 years, and he died in 1993. Remarkably, he published only two pieces of fiction, and both won major awards. Along with the O. Henry for “The Ledge,” Hall received the William Faulkner Award (now the PEN/Faulkner Award) in 1961, recognizing his novel Stowaway as the best American work of fiction that year.

To listen to Hall read “The Ledge,” visit our Web site, bowdoin.edu/magazine.

ANTHONY DOERR ’95

Undoubtedly the fisherman represents Jesus. That’s why he has no proper name, the story takes place on Christmas, and his death leaves him “absolved of his mortality.”

Well, hmm, maybe on second thought the fisherman is a hubristic Greek hero. He has “too much strength,” he’s “inclined to brag and be disdainful,” and he’s determined “to lick the element of time.” He flies a little close to the sun, if you know what I mean!

Err, wait, actually “The Ledge” looks a lot like an ecological parable. The fisherman scoffs at hunting limits. His shotgun shells fly into the ocean “unheeded.” Clearly Hall condemns the fisherman for his irresponsible treatment of nature.

No, no, no, if the fisherman is being condemned, it’s because he’s a misogynist. Trepidation about bad weather and cold seas? That’s “no more than woman’s fear.” Nice try, fisherman. How does your own medicine taste?

Wait, wait—ever read any Montaigne? Here’s the mustachioed Frenchman from an essay called On Solitude: “...When Albuquerque, the Viceroy of India for Emanuel, King of Portugal, was in peril from a raging tempest, he took a boy on his shoulders for one reason only: so that by linking their fates together the innocence of that boy might serve him as a warrant and intercession for God’s favor and so bring him to safety.

Ding! Ding! “The Ledge” is obviously a reiteration of an older story: an imperiled man in water puts a boy on his shoulders so that he can shelter under the mantle of innocence! Why, it’s just like Saint Christopher, a big ogre of a saint who, legend has it, put the Christ child on his shoulders...
and ferried him across a raging river, nearly drowning in the process. The name Christopher means ‘Christ-bearer,’ after all.

Place yourself under the protection of a child, of a child you’re supposed to protect. Traverse evil ballasted with a sacred burden.

Ah, I can hear my English 231 professor scribbling a nice, fat B+ at the end of my paper.

Here’s the problem. I don’t believe in any of it. Maybe Hall did intend “The Ledge” to be subjected to big, symbolic interpretations. But I don’t think such things—metaphor, allusion, abstraction—explain why his story continues to be read fifty years after its publication.

As a writer and as a reader, I’m interested first and foremost in the visceral, sensory impacts of narrative. I want to be airlifted into the moment-by-moment predicaments of other people. I want to see little black letters on a white page conjure up “freezing suds at the water’s edge” and “a black glossy rib of earth” standing up out of the sea. That’s the glory and the miracle of fiction writing: it uses common, abused little structures—words—and summons whole worlds with them.

Whatever you think about Hall’s most famous story, you can’t argue that it’s not intense. The tide is always rising, the cold is always looming. The dusky waste is ever-encroaching. Good stories are first and foremost about creating an engrossing, concrete, physical tension. Meaning? It takes every word of a story to convey its meaning. Meaning, as Flannery O’Connor suggested, is inseparable from story itself.

The best stories are like dreams. They convince you they are real, they fold you into their worlds, and then they hold you there.

I sat down to re-read “The Ledge” on a wintery afternoon not unlike the one portrayed in the story, and from the opening sentence—“On Christmas morning before sunup the fisherman embraced his warm wife and left his close bed.”—I knew I was in the presence of a writer who had a destination in mind. That oddly ambiguous word “close” sounded the first quiet note of menace, and summoned me to pay attention, as did the vivid particulars of the occasion: Christmas day, the new guns, the weather, the eggs sunny side up.

In the pages that follow Hall proves himself entirely worthy of that attention. Although the tone of “The Ledge” is, at times, old fashioned, the meticulous, vivid details are as fresh as the day he wrote them. By the time I reached the end of the first half of the story I was ready myself to go duck hunting in winter. I also knew that tragedy was coming—any doubts I might have were dispelled by the sentence “Things were perfect.”—and felt considerable suspense as to how Hall would play out his dark hand.

From my point of view, one of the most interesting choices the author makes is not to allow the story to mean too much, or his readers to know too much. He resists any impulse to explain or psychoanalyse his characters. By the last page of the story we don’t know a great deal more about the fisherman than we do on the first page: he’s a rough man who keeps his promises; he believes home is a place to return to after adventures; boys become men through hunting. And yet in the final pages the father and son do rise to meet each other with a tenderness that both embodies and transcends the stereotypes of men and hunting. As the sleet drove against my windows, I found myself far from my sofa, battling the rising waters with the fisherman and his son.

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Okay, just who is this guy Joe Tecce? And why does the media keep knocking on the door of this 75-year-old assistant professor of psychology to find out why people lie—or get stressed out or exhibit road rage or shoot up a high school? And why do Boston College students still clamor to take a psychology course from a guy old enough to be their grandfather?

I spent three hours with Joe Tecce to take the measure of the man and his mind. “Would you please sign my guest book,” he asked, shortly after I entered his small office on the 5th floor of the McGuinn Building at BC. Happily signed in to this dog-eared book, I asked him how he had ended up at Bowdoin, and Tecce’s answer—like all of his answers—took delightfully engaging turns, but always with an end point in sight.

“It was the summer of 1951, and I was reading water meters and doing other odd jobs. I’d been a good student at Wakefield (Mass.) High School, but I’d never gotten around to applying to college. I bumped into the high school counselor one day and, when I told him that I hadn’t yet applied to college, he said, ‘Come see me in the morning.’

The next day, I sat in his office while he called Bill Shaw (then Dean of Admissions at Bowdoin), and I was awarded a $700 scholarship right over the phone—$600 for the room/board/tuition and $100 for spending money.”

Bowdoin made a huge impact on this first-generation college student, the son of an Italian family. “We had no books in the house, but we did have lots of love and lots of food,” he remembered. While at Bowdoin, Joe held down several jobs, everything from washing dishes in the Kappa Sigma fraternity to taking attendance in Chapel, to serving as a proctor; listening to Robert Frost recite his poetry in Memorial Hall (“What a wonderfully deep and raspy voice!”); and hearing famed football coach Adam Walsh give a talk to the Newman Club, a Catholic organization which Joe himself got reorganized at Bowdoin. “Bowdoin was so generous to me,” says Tecce, “and I will be forever grateful.”

Questions about the road that led to a psychology major yielded another surprising response. “I had originally planned to major in government, but I hadn’t signed up for any major by the end of the first semester of my sophomore year. I was walking by the Chapel and a friend told me that I had only one hour left to choose a major or I’d be fined $5, an impossible amount for me to come up with. I remembered that the psychology department was in the basement of the Chapel, so I ran downstairs and told Parker Johnson, a psychology professor, that I wanted to major in psychology. He wondered why I wanted to major in psychology since I hadn’t taken any psychology courses. I told him that I just knew I’d love psychology, and he said I could major in it if I took two courses in psychology the next semester.”

Tecce admits that his decision to major in psychology wasn’t quite as random as it sounds. “When I was growing up, every politician in Wakefield would come to our house and
ask my mother how they could get the Italian vote. I learned a lot about people and psychology from hearing her discuss those politicians later at dinner. In fact, people came to my mother all the time seeking advice. Looking back, I can now give her an official title: ‘The Unofficial Director of Social Work on the East Side of Wakefield.’ She taught me how to be good to people, because she had such a good heart.”

After Bowdoin, Tecce earned an M.A. and a Ph.D. from Catholic University and then went on to fill teaching and research positions at Tufts, Boston University, and Harvard before joining the Boston College faculty in 1971. A prolific researcher with scores of scholarly publications and professional presentations to his credit, he describes himself as a “health psychologist.” Many of his papers and lectures have dealt with brain activity and, over the last several years, stress and meditation.

Tecce’s reputation within the media as the go-to guy for matters related to human behavior began in the blink of an eye or, more accurately, several blinks of the eye. He discovered that stress from an uncomfortable situation such as lying usually leads to an increased frequency of eye blinks.

He terms this phenomenon the “Nixon effect,” explaining that, “When Nixon resigned in 1974, he seemed calm, cool, and collected, but he was blinking very rapidly.” So Tecce counted the blinks and found that Nixon was “blinking faster than schizophrenics.”

Want to know who’s going to win the next presidential election? Count their eye blinks during a debate. “In U.S. presidential elections over the past 25 years,” says Joe, “the candidates who blinked fastest in the one-on-one presidential debates lost the election, except for 2000 when George W. Bush, the fastest blinker, lost the popular vote but won the electoral vote.”

Tecce’s discovery about the blink phenomenon during presidential elections brought the national media to his door. Because he is so personable and his explanations are so clear, the media soon began calling upon Tecce for commentary on other issues, such as murder cases (O. J. Simpson, JonBenet Ramsey, Louise Woodward Nanny case) and President Clinton’s infidelity. He’s been asked to weigh in on everything from work stress to email addiction, from terrorism to reality television. “I’m really popular every four years during presidential elections,” he jokes, “but in a normal year, I only get contacted by the media 30 or 40 times in a year.”

When Roger Clemens testified about whether he used steroids, Tecce believes that the ace pitcher exhibited many of the indicators of less-than-truthful behavior. Besides a high eye blink rate and avoiding the gaze of the questioner, Clemens would, he says, engage in what he terms the “three r’s of lying: redundancy, reliability, and relevance.” His answers were not consistent and, often, not relevant to the questions. And he often repeated the same phrase, the sign of a cover-up.

Countless position papers, each written in clear concise prose on a particular topic, jam the file drawers in Tecce’s office. Their titles reflect society’s issues: “Violence in Sports,” “Traffic Stress and Road Rage,” “How Do You Change a Bad Mood,” “Happiness,” “Addictions,” and “Video Addiction All Too Real.”

This first-generation college kid who confesses that he used the word “ain’t” when he talked to President Sills in 1951 has been cited in every major newspaper and magazine in the United States and several others around the world. This kid-at-heart who still feels humbled to have gone to the same college at the same time as such notables as Senator George Mitchell ’54 and retired Ambassador Thomas Pickering ’53 has appeared on every major television network and most major cable channels, including CNN and C-Span. He’s even been interviewed by Katie Couric and Bill O’Reilly.

At one point during our conversation, Tecce paused, studied me for a second, smiled, and remarked, “You know, you and I are really bonding well. We’re both sitting the same way; mimicking the posture of the person you’re talking with indicates comfort. And we’re both blinking at about the same rate.” I seconded his observation, while trying to maintain my pose and blink rate.

At another point, he jumped up from his chair and said, “Let me show you one of the things I’m proudest about in my entire career.” He fiddled with his computer for a while until the screen lit up with the photograph of a young girl smiling dreamily at a computer screen, which
contained an electronic image of her “finger painting.” Although the young girl was paralyzed, she had been able to “paint” on the screen by controlling the computer through electrodes placed around her eyes. Joe Tecce was one of the first researchers to have conceived the notion that a system could be developed whereby tracking eye movements could be used to replace a mouse.

While Tecce loves research and basks in the media limelight, his primary passion remains teaching undergraduates who are, he notes, “more open and less jaded than graduate students.” He’s taught courses covering all areas of psychology over the years, but today he teaches just two perennial favorites every semester: “Psychobiology of Mental Disorders” and “Stress and Behavior.”

What he really teaches, though, are lessons that extend well beyond psychological theory, such as how to live a full, relaxed and meaningful life; how to lift yourself by lifting others; and how to focus, really focus, on what’s important. He teaches all of his students to meditate, for example, as he knows the powerful impact that meditation has made upon his own life since he began meditating in 1974. “I’ve taught well over 5,000 students to meditate,” he notes, “and meditation will be useful to them wherever they go and whatever they do in life.”

JOE’S PHILOSOPHY

In addition to quoting great minds in his Stress and Meditation Workshop, such as Emerson, Shakespeare and Nietzsche, Joe’s syllabus weaves in some pearls of his own.

“A meditation a day keeps the shrink away.”

“Awareness begets freedom.”

“The best cure for stress is to do something for someone else.”

“People are our greatest source of stress and people are our greatest resource in dealing with stress.”

“When you patiently listen to someone you can’t help, you’ve already helped two people.”

“When one gives, two receive.”

And then there’s his innovative “Do Good Project” which arose from his own life experience. “I was enduring a very blue Monday, and I came upon this beautiful flower arrangement on campus that spelled out BC. I complimented the groundskeeper, and he was totally touched, telling me that no one had ever commented on it before. So I created the ‘Do Good Project,’ which requires all of my students to do something good for another person – preferably a stranger – every day for seven days. Then they have to record the activity in a journal, being sure to record how they felt about doing this good deed and the person’s response. At the end of the week, they have to write about the impact that the Do Good Project made upon their lives. Their comments are truly amazing.’”

As we were winding up our conversation, Tecce asked if I wanted to get a close-up look at a human brain. “Sure,” I responded, being careful not to elevate my eye blink rate. “Well, I have a brain in that bucket over there,” he said indicating a bucket in the corner. From the bucket, which was filled with a preservative fluid, he extracted a real human brain. He then put on rubber gloves and proceeded to talk about the brain and all its magnificent properties.

One might assume that a noted psychologist so wise in the ways of human behavior and so widely cited in the media might possess a know-it-all attitude. Not so. What sets Joe Tecce apart, besides his deep wisdom, is his warm human spirit. He still savors life’s small offerings, delighting in new learning, exploring new ideas.”

This first-generation college student, this son of an Italian immigrant, this tireless worker who once held down eight jobs in a single semester at Bowdoin, has carved out an uncommonly productive career. And he has many truths yet to discover.
Early each semester the staff of WBOR conducts the college radio equivalent of an open casting call: They invite anyone who’s interested – students, faculty, staff and community members – to apply for a DJ time slot. WBOR airs live most days from 7 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.; that’s more than 120 hours to fill each week, and they rarely fall short. In fact, they often have to offer a shorter shift in order to squeeze in another aspiring DJ.

The only artistic restriction they impose is that DJs break the mold of commercial radio. The one format they might reject out of hand is one that emulates pop radio drivel. This fall, listeners were treated to hours of jazz, hip-hop, heavy metal, Renaissance music, nothing-but-Frank-Zappa, soccer roundups, politics and everything that can be considered “indie.”

“We are an independent college radio station, and we want our programming to reflect that,” music director Sarah Wood ’10 told the 80 applicants who packed Daggett Lounge in September. “Be creative. We listen to all the music and play what’s great. This is college, a time for experimentation.”

The whole idea of “college radio” feels like a throwback to another generation. Napster burst on the scene when these
COLLEGE RADIO VERY MUCH ALIVE.

Peter McLaughlin ’10
students were just becoming aware of music in middle school. Twenty-somethings download their music more often they buy it on disk, and many of the DJs confess that they’d pretty much stopped listening to the radio by the time they got to high school, except when they could find a good college station. Now that they have a chance, they can’t resist getting behind a microphone and sharing their tastes – musical and otherwise – with a decidedly limited but loyal audience.

“Radio is ubiquitous, and it’s extremely cheap,” said station manager Tucker Hermans ’09. “As great as the Internet is for finding the next niche genre, it’s not good at local content.”

WBOR doesn’t shun the Internet; the broadcast streams live on WBOR.org, where families, friends, and Bowdoin students studying abroad tune in and sometimes call or email requests.

Peter McLaughlin ’10, the jazz music director, grew up in the Boston area, surrounded by enough college stations to satisfy his taste once it veered from the mainstream in middle school.

“I found those stations kind of cool,” he said. “You get to know the personality of the DJ, or their lack of personality, and I could listen to something I’d never listened to before. That’s what makes what we do so important and special.”

I t’s a Sunday afternoon, and Wood and Sean Weathersby ’10 sit hunched over their laptops on a ragged couch at the station in the basement of the Dudley Coe Building. The walls are lined with shelves of record albums – big and dusty and pressed of glorious black vinyl – made obsolete by CDs before the current batch of Bowdoin students was born. Yet the station is equipped with two turntables that still get plenty of use.

Audrey Chee ’09 mans a CD player, methodically playing snippets from the 40 new releases the station received that week, as Wood and Weathersby type one-line reviews of the ones they will recommend to the DJs. Weathersby is also compiling the top 30 most-played song and albums from the previous week to submit to CMJ, the College Music Journal.

“We’re here for two-and-a-half hours every Sunday, and we’re basically multi-tasking the entire time,” Chee said.

Wood mocks a lyric as it flies past them: “‘We take our clothes off in the dark and put them back when we’re done.’ That’s artistic.”

“We have enough with this sound already,” she said about another CD. “I decided no to ‘A Tribute to the Cure,’” Chee said.

“We try to make a nice mix of things people will like listening to,” Wood explained. “Two-to-one it’s music people don’t know.”

“A lot of it is people’s first album, so no one’s heard it,” Chee said. “Stuff we don’t like goes in a box and the DJs are free to take it.”

There are six other music directors who do the same thing each week for releases in specific genres: jazz, blues, hip-hop, electronic, heavy metal.

McLaughlin loves jazz. In addition to reviewing all the new jazz music each week, he does a show called “Jazz is a Spirit” on Friday afternoons. A music major who plays percussion and composes music, McLaughlin was so interested in radio that he made a point of checking out the radio stations at each college he considered applying to.

“I was big into music in high school, I did a bit of acting and was on the speech and debate team,” he said. “Radio is a combination of my two great loves. I applied for a show as soon as I got here. I had a very specific idea for my show: I wanted it to have mostly modern jazz and also other types of music that either influenced jazz or were influenced by jazz, music with a spirit of improvisation and creativity through performance. I’m not so pigeon-holed into ‘this is jazz and this is not jazz’ like the Marsalis brothers like to describe it.”

He arrives for his show with his backpack stuffed with CDs.

“Some people plan their entire show,” he said. “I tend to do it on the fly.”

Yet somehow, the music flows together. He starts with “Opening,” by Philip Glass, an airy number that’s “not really jazz at all,” he concedes. He follows that with music from the title track from Miles Davis’s Nefertiti, which he describes as a repetitive, minimalist jazz piece. From there he moves to a couple of “old school” tracks from Bill Evans – “Gloria’s Step” and “Alice in Wonderland” – before returning to Nefertiti and the song, “Fall.” Next come two tracks from local drummer Steve Grover, one of which is called “Portrait of Tony Williams.” Tony Williams, McLaughlin notes, was the drummer on “Fall.” After 90 minutes, he brings the show full circle and ends
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SARAH WOOD ’10

Clockwise from top left: Sarah Wood ’10; Images from the WBOR studio including part of the extensive collection of CDs; Carolyn Williams ’10; Tucker Hermans ’09
Forty-nine years after WBOR recorded a Pete Seeger concert at Pickard Theater, the Smithsonian Institution is releasing the entire recording in a two-CD set with full credit given to the station and the College. Tom Holland ’62 couldn’t be happier.

Holland was station manager at WBOR in 1960 when Seeger performed at Bowdoin. Seeger refused to sing unless the concert was recorded, and the tapes immediately handed over to him without anyone copying or even listening to them.

“He was a very demanding guy, really hard-nosed,” Holland said. “He was a very crusty character.”

Holland clearly remembers the performance, which was the highlight of the Campus Chest weekend. It was a beautiful Sunday – sunny and unusually warm for mid-March. Pickard Theater was packed, and Seeger brought the house down.

“This was a pure solo act, just him and his instruments,” Holland said. “He did a version of ‘D-Day Dodgers,’ a very satiric WWII song that I’d never heard before, but it made a terrific impression. He rarely ever sang that song.”

Students at WBOR broadcast the concert live and filled eight reel-to-reel tapes with all 30 songs. Holland hand-delivered the tapes to Seeger that night, and never gave them a second thought.

Years later, Holland was living in New York and browsing a record store when he came upon a Seeger album that included “D-Day Dodgers.” Holland was sure it was recorded that night at Bowdoin, though the liner notes didn’t say so.

“I really didn’t think about the tapes again until I bought that record,” he said. “I was annoyed that we didn’t get credit for recording it.”

According to Jeff Place, head archivist for the Smithsonian’s Folklife Archives, that was typical Seeger, working outside the system to create his own recorded legacy. For much of his career, Seeger, now 90, was a pariah for his outspoken anti-government beliefs, and occasionally faced imprisonment for contempt of Congress. Major record labels would have nothing to do with him, and live performances had to be arranged on the sly with little advance notice to avoid organized protests. So Seeger collected recordings of his concerts and handed them over to Moses Asch, founder of Folkways Records, who pieced tracks from different performances into compilations of live music and released them on albums with scant information in the liner notes.

“I remember the concert being on really short notice,” Holland said. “We didn’t know about it until a week or two before. I never really understood that at the time.”

The original tapes spent the next four decades on a shelf in the Folkways New York office. After Asch died in 1986, the Smithsonian bought the entire collection of more than 4,000 tapes – more than 300 of Seeger alone – and Place has been poring through them ever since.

“I’ve listened to thousands of these things over the years, and the most stellar sound quality of them all was from the Bowdoin College tapes,” Place said. “It is so striking. (Seeger) is banging on the guitar, and things are bouncing across my desk from the vibration.”

The only information Place had was written on the tapes: “Recorded by WBOR, March 13, 1960.” A quick Internet search led him to Mike Halmo, blues director at WBOR. Halmo researched the concert and the radio station in Archives and Special Collections, and asked the Alumni Office to locate Holland for him.

Holland, who now lives in New Jersey, got rid of all his vinyl records years ago and, though he still remembers most of the lyrics to “D-Day Dodgers,” hadn’t thought much about the Seeger concert until Halmo contacted him early this year. He was shocked to hear that the tapes still existed, but was not surprised that they were such good quality.

“They refixed the station in the late 1950s, when it switched to FM,” he said. “Everything was brand new in 1958 when I got there. It was all first-class Ampex equipment.”

The tapes recorded at 15 inches per second, twice as fast as most reel-to-reel recordings, which resulted in much higher-quality sound, Place explained.

“It has been a dream of mine to put this record out since the first time I heard it,” he said.

Place is hoping for a fall release, which he promises will include mention of both Bowdoin and WBOR in the liner notes.

“I can’t wait to hear it,” Holland said.
with “Closing,” another Philip Glass piece.

As he begins each number, he types the song title and artist into his laptop and sends it to the station’s website, which promises on the live stream to be showing what is “most likely playing.” (Not all DJs are as faithful with that part of the job.)

Bowdoin has been “broadcasting” in one form or another since at least the 1920s, when communication was limited to Morse code but reached destinations around the globe. A later iteration was called “Bowdoin on the Air,” which consisted of 15-minute taped performances sent to WGAN in Portland and aired each Sunday at 1:45 p.m.

In 1947, College President Kenneth Sills approved the formation of a committee to study the creation of a campus radio station, which he touted as a way to bring publicity to the college and train future broadcasters. The cost to convert the offices of the Orient on the second floor of Moulton Union to an AM radio station, estimated to be $5,000, was covered largely by a $4,000 gift from the Class of 1924. The committee decided not to install a wireless system, because that would require an FCC license and the installation of costly special equipment. Instead, they installed a dedicated telephone line directly to WGAN.

The college catalogue described the station as being “equipped with every modern device, including a console board, transmitter, two record turntables, and three tape recorders. (It) is finished in an attractive blend of sky blue, neutral gray and salmon red.”

The first live broadcast from Moulton Union took place on April 16, 1950, on the new WBOA (Bowdon in the Air): A dramatic workshop performed “The Pot of Broth,” a one-act play by William Butler Yeats.

The college radio station serves multiple purposes: It’s a training ground for aspiring broadcasters, a community service for listeners and a means of expression for DJs, said Roosevelt “Rick” Wright, Jr., an associate professor at the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University, who is writing a book about college and university radio station operation.

Free expression, however, has taken a hit in recent years as more stations adopt what Wright calls “the NPR model.” College radio stations can form an affiliation with the Corporation for Public Broadcasting in order to raise money through sponsorships. In turn, CPB imposes restrictions on how the station is operated by increasing the level of professionalism. In some cases, that reduces student influence and participation.

“The influence of the NPR model has taken a lot of the wind out of the sails of college radio stations,” Wright said. “They should be haven for innovation and experimentation, a place to make all the mistakes.”

At WBOR, that spirit is still very much alive. WBOR is funded through student activity fees, and students control
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every aspect of the station, including contributing about two-thirds of its programming. The rest is provided by retirees, high school students and music buffs from the community, as well as Bowdoin faculty and staff. While Bowdoin students and their varied tastes cycle through year after year, participation from community members offers a level of continuity that local listeners have come to expect, and expertise that students rely on.

The Maine Jazz Alliance, for example, began broadcasting from WBOR in 1992. Mike Halmo, a 57-year-old guidance counselor at Brunswick High School, launched his blues show – “The Blues Highway” – in 2002, the first year the station stayed on the air during the summer.

“That seemed like a good time to break in,” Halmo said. “I’m a classic wannabe rock musician. I don’t really play an instrument; I don’t sing. The next best thing is DJ-ing if you really love music.”

Halmo grew up listening to Led Zeppelin and the Rolling Stones. He got into the blues when it occurred to him that much of the classic rock he loved was borne of that genre.

“When I started at WBOR, there was no new blues on the shelf,” he said. “I started writing letters to blues labels, and every week I’d get these packages of CDs. It was like Christmas. Blues was becoming a lost art, but there’s a resurgence of people listening to the blues and writing the blues. I hope I’m educating some of these young college kids.”

“We’re so lucky to have Bowdoin as an institution that gives so much to the community and really lets the community in,” he said.

The feeling is mutual. Students are particularly grateful to Bill Morse, a 50-year-old Bath Iron Works employee who single-handedly took over programming during mid-year breaks and over the summer so that WBOR is never off the air.

“I’ve been listening to WBOR since 1977, because we have a real affinity for new music,” he said. “Ten years ago, I saw an ad in the paper for DJs, and I was elated. I’ve been doing it ever since. My show is always the fastest two hours of the week for me, and I was always devastated when school breaks came. I’d go into withdrawal, so I became the summer manager six years ago. It’s not a paid job; it’s a labor of love.”

College radio DJs sometimes seem to compete for the smallest musical niche. Margaret Allen graduated from Bowdoin in 1986 and now works as the College’s assistant director of institutional research. For eight years, she has hosted an hour-long program of Frank Zappa music. Allen initially did the show as a way to work on her public speaking skills, but now it’s all about the music. She has no idea how many people tune in each week, but she concedes that she’s targeting a narrow niche of listeners who love and appreciate Zappa as much as she does.

“Frank Zappa is a bit strange,” she said. “It’s a particular audience that’s going to listen to him. People do call me at the station, but most of the people who call me are very weird. It’s the odd ducks who would listen.”

Akiva Zamcheck ’11 produces a show with the unlikely title, “Renaissance Dance Party.” He doesn’t mean dance music for the Renaissance man; he means 500-year-old Renaissance music, something which stirs in him the same passion as Frank Zappa does in Allen. He spends hours planning the playlist of each show, tying the music to a particular theme or the anniversary of a composer’s birth or death.

“I put too much time into it,” he confessed. “It gets ridiculous. It’s an obsession. But radio is a live performance. I’m required to be prepared. People are presumably listening.”

Despite his preparation and almost professorial air, he sometimes goofs. One Sunday this fall, he attempted to trace the entire history of sacred music from Gregorian chants through Duke Ellington. Shortly after introducing the first piece – “The Lamentations of Jeremiah the Prophet” by Thomas Tallis – Zamcheck realized that a true Gregorian chant would not contain those harmonies. “Someone’s going to call me on that,” he sighed as he cued his next selection, “a Gloria you can really dig on.” Zamcheck’s father, a professional musician, has notified him of similar mistakes in the past, but Zamcheck takes it in stride.

“Radio gives me my own pulpit from which I can express my views of the world. I take it as a given that my views are worthwhile. I suppose it’s always possible that no one is listening. Well, I know my parents listen. And my sister. And one friend in Queens.”
Parker Cleaveland, called the father of American mineralogy, taught chemistry, geology, mathematics, and natural philosophy at Bowdoin from 1805 until his death in 1858. His *Elementary Treatise on Mineralogy and Geology* (1816), some six-hundred pages in length, proved a groundbreaking work that soon met with international acclaim. It was expanded and reprinted in 1822, when Nathaniel Hawthorne was a sophomore at Bowdoin, and was no doubt much talked about on the local scene. According to Leonard Woods, Cleaveland’s first biographer, this weighty tome soon became “the standard American authority in this branch of science, and was used as a textbook in all the colleges.” During his final year at Bowdoin, Hawthorne studied under Cleaveland, whose notable eccentricities included fear of dogs and the dark, gephyrophobia (fear of bridges) and an even more pathological fear of thunder and lightning. If a storm broke out during class, he would immediately send the students away, run to his home on Federal Street, and hide under the bed until the weather cleared. Hawthorne, rumored to have been enamored of Cleaveland’s maid and perhaps warned off by the professor, satirized him as Doctor Cacaphodel in “The Great Carbuncle” (1837). What Hawthorne remembered most about him twelve years after his graduation from Bowdoin, however, was not Cleaveland’s idiosyncrasies but his excessive zeal for scientific experimentation.

Set in the Crystal Hills in the middle of the seventeenth century, Hawthorne’s tale is a moral allegory which, in a series of thumbnail sketches, skewers various characters’ motives for pursuing an elusive gem or carbuncle. The latter, according to legend, was supposedly protected by an evil spirit, and mysteriously appears and disappears at random in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. This bit of folklore originated with the Indians, but Hawthorne read about it in James Sullivan’s *History of the District of Maine* (1795) and was intrigued by its susceptibility to didactic treatment. The aptly named Seeker is possessed by a compulsive desire to obtain the unobtainable and is a caricature of relentless ambition. An avaricious New England merchant, Isaiah Pignort, wants to sell the stone for an outlandish profit. An unnamed poet hopes to find stylistic inspiration in its beauty, while Lord de Vere, an English cavalier of “earthly pride and vainglory,” covets it as an emblem of his illustrious genealogy. A character identified as the Cynic denies that the carbuncle even exists and persistently attempts to disillusion all the others in their quest. Matthew and Hannah, types of Adam and Eve respectively, ultimately reject the sought-after carbuncle on the grounds that for those of humble heart, the post-lapsarian world, with all its woes, is paradise enough.

Doctor Cacaphodel, a chemist who seeks it for the purpose of advancing scientific knowledge, is also made fun of, though he is also the only character who ultimately derives a positive benefit from the rock. Hawthorne’s fable excoriates vanity and excess, including love of science for its own sake, as personified by the obsessive-compulsive Doctor Cacaphodel. The name seems to have been borrowed from “Cacafogo,” the apothecary in Oliver Goldsmith’s *The Citizen of the World* (1760-62), and is a composite made up of the Latin “cacare” (to discharge excrement) and the Spanish “fuego” (fire). Hawthorne also knew that the Latin “foedus” can signify a foul stench and derives from a Sanskrit word meaning “smoke” or “fumes,” of the kind sometimes produced by chemical apparatus employing high temperatures. Like Cleaveland, Cacaphodel is also a geologist, so Hawthorne may also have been thinking of the Latin “effodio,” meaning “I dig up ______.”

Established initially as a figure of Faustian curiositas, Cacaphodel can also be seen in light of Hawthorne’s numerous fictional scientists whose presumed faith in material progress compromises their humanity. Such characters, in turn, are also doubtless derived at least in part from the foolish professors deftly lampooned by Swift in the grand...
not a narrow specialist but a true polymath, so Hawthorne's own fragile ego played a role in his fashioning of Cacaphodel. When "The Great Carbuncle" appeared in his first collection of short stories, *Twice-Told Tales* (1837), Hawthorne was thirty-three years old and far short of the literary fame he craved. His only previous book, *Fanshawe* (1828), was self-published anonymously at the cost of one hundred dollars and was subsequently thought by him to be a total failure. He never told his wife that he was its author, and even asked his friend Horatio Bridge to destroy his copy. In light of the monumental success of Cleaveland's treatise, the phrase "one of the heaviest folios of the day" seems ambivalent, combining, as it does, both mockery along with a note of grudging admiration. It also smacks a little of the humanist's envy of science which deals in the certainty of empirical truth.

A caricature whose medical symptoms are emblematic of his spiritual deficiencies, Cacaphodel is the only seeker of the carbuncle to profit from the quest, in what amounts to a brief moment of authorial largesse extended by Hawthorne to his former instructor. Significantly, his interest in stratigraphy leads him to prize the matrix as highly as the precious gem embedded in it:

> He returned to his laboratory with a prodigious fragment of granite, which he ground to powder, dissolved in acids, melted in the crucible, and burned with the blow-pipe, and published the results of his experiments in one of the heaviest folios of the day. And for all these purposes, the gem itself could not have answered better than the granite.

The Doctor's seemingly misguided value judgment clinches the identification of Cleveland with Cacaphodel. Cleaveland's treatise correctly classifies granite as a crystalline structure comprised of feldspar, quartz, and mica, but Cleaveland was also embroiled in a creationist debate involving the granite found on the ocean floor. The so-called Plutonists, James Hutton (1726-1797) and his followers, believed, correctly as we now know, that granite was formed by magma from volcanic eruptions which eventually cooled into igneous rock. The Neptunists, on the other hand, among them Cleaveland, championed the idea that granite was formed in the ocean all at once by the hand of God as recounted in *Genesis*. Identifying Cacaphodel with conservative religious doctrine would obviously have undermined the materialist premise on which Hawthorne built his comic character, so on this point the logic of fiction rightly takes precedence over biographical accuracy.

Historical evidence makes it clear that Cleaveland was
Windega Ann Solange Tarpaga (who turned one on April 10, 2009), daughter of Olivier and Esther Baker-Tarpaga ’97, on daddy’s shoulders at the Taj Mahal in India last spring.
Richard McCann wrote on June 1: “Recently, my first great-grandchild arrived and was named in memory of my late wife, Helen.”

Dan Pettengill wrote on June 1: “Am slowing down some as I turned 93. I became a great grandfather in December 2007, with the birth of Joshua David Petersen.”

Philip Gates wrote on November 18: “I am feeling good and living well. Still in touch with some of my old classmates Hack Webster and others.”

Charles Edwards wrote in mid-November: “I cherish my memories of Bowdoin.”

Lendall Knight wrote in early December: “I am saddened to report the death of my wife, Mary T. Knight, on August 19, 2008, in Portland, Maine, after two years of declining health. She enjoyed attending our class reunions and alumni gatherings. She was a graduate of Mount Holyoke. During WWII, she was stationed in Washington, D.C., as a Lieutenant in the WAVES. Naval honors were rendered at her funeral. She is survived by her husband, three sons: Baston, Daniel, and Capt. Lendall S. Knight, U.S.N. (Ret.) and seven grandchildren.” The Class extends its sympathy to Lendall and his family.

Omer McDuff wrote last winter: “Will be 91 on January 9, going to the gym three mornings per week and feeling great! Lost my dear wife last November 4, but have three very supporting and loving children, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. I’ve been very blessed. Would love to hear from ’41 classmates still around! Email me at omerduff@hotmail.com. Attended ’08 commencement with my youngest daughter last May and hope to attend again this year.” The Class extends its sympathy to Omer and his family.

Bob Page wrote on October 31: “Moved to Scottsdale, Ariz., from Carefree, Ariz. Nice city with many enjoyable amenities. Remained a member of the Boulders in Carefree, but the number of times I play golf have been drastically reduced. Skip and I are well, although Skip has spent some time in the Mayo Hospital, where she has been a volunteer these last 14 years. I miss the volunteer work I did in Russia, Czech Rep., and the Ukraine during the last five years. I now enjoy a less active life; oil painting and carpentry work to keep me busy. I did write an article for ‘Echo,’ a small periodical, about a climb up Mt. Katahdin in February when I was 15 years old! Hopefully, I’ll be alive and able to join what’s left of my classmates for our next 5th Reunion. Hasta Luego.”

Eula Shorey, widow of Hank Shorey, reported on their granddaughter: “Patricia (Trish) Shorey of Bridgton, graduated summa cum laude from Hartwick College in Oneonta, N.Y., on May 24, 2008. She received a bachelor of science in accounting with a double class news BOWDOIN

Different Strokes

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 nearby Bowdoin pool.

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2008-09 ALUMNI FUND AWARDS

SPECIAL RECOGNITION, CLASS OF 1959

In honor of their 50th Reunion, the Class of 1959 gave more than $2.24 million to the College through combined Alumni Fund, capital and planned gifts, reaching an 86% participation rate. Since graduating, their total gifts to Bowdoin have totaled more than $4,336,006. Twelve classmates made life income gifts in honor of the 50th Reunion, and 31 are now members of the Bowdoin Pines Society. An impressive 44% of the class returned to celebrate their recent 50th Reunion.

This remarkable 50th Reunion performance happened under the able leadership of Gift Co-Chairs David Olsen and Gene Waters, Class Agents Peter Fuller and Ted Sandquist, Planning Co-Chairs Reid Appleby, Mike Brown, and Bruce Chalmers, and Gift Planning Agent Al Ramler. The College extends its warmest thanks to these leaders and their incredible class.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION, CLASS OF 1984

In honor of their 25th Reunion, the Class of 1984 gave more than $617,495 to the College through multi-year Alumni Fund gifts. A record 33% of the class returned to celebrate their recent Reunion. This 25th Reunion performance happened under the able leadership of Gift Co-Chairs David Olsen and Gene Waters, Class Agents Peter Fuller and Ted Sandquist, Planning Co-Chairs Reid Appleby, Mike Brown, and Bruce Chalmers, and Gift Planning Agent Al Ramler. The College extends its warmest thanks to these leaders and their incredible class.

LEON W. BABCOCK PLATE

Awarded annually to the class making the largest contribution to the Alumni Fund, the Babcock Plate was presented in 1980 by William L. Babcock, Jr. ’69 in honor of his grandfather, Leon W. Babcock ’17.

Class of 1964
Reunion Gift Committee Chair: Howard Hennigar
Class Agent: Michael Wood
THE ALUMNI FUND CUP
Awarded annually since 1932, the Alumni Fund Cup recognizes the reunion class making the largest contribution to the Alumni Fund unless that reunion class wins the Babcock Plate; in that event, the cup is awarded to the non-reunion class making the largest contribution.

Class of 1976
Class Agents: Anne Ireland
Stephen Maidman

CLASS OF 1916 BOWL
Awarded annually to the class with the greatest improvement over its Alumni Fund performance of the preceding year, the original Class of 1916 Bowl was presented to the College by the Class of 1916 in 1959.

The Class of 1964
Reunion Gift Committee Chair: Howard Hennigar
Class Agent: Michael Wood

ROBERT M. CROSS AWARD
Established in 1990, the Robert M. Cross Award is awarded annually to the Class Agent or Agents whose outstanding performance, hard work, and loyalty to Bowdoin, as personified by Robert M. Cross ’45, H’89, during his many years of association with the Fund, are deserving of special recognition.

Steve Rose ’79

CLASS OF 1929 TROPHY
Established in 1963 by the Class of 1929, the Class of 1929 Trophy recognizes that one of the ten youngest classes attaining the highest percentage of participation.

Class of 2000
Class Agents:
Jeffrey Busconi
Elizabeth MacNeil Woodcock
Katherine Ragosa
Gretchen Selcke
Jennifer Kirby Tanney
Brian Williams

ROBERT SEAVER EDWARDS TROPHY
Awarded annually to that one of the ten youngest classes making the largest contribution to the Alumni Fund, the Edwards Trophy honors the late Robert Seaver Edwards, Class of 1900. It was presented to the College in 1965.

Class of 1999
Reunion Gift Committee Chairs: Stacey Baron ’99
Robert Craft III ’99

HARRY K. WARREN TROPHY
Awarded annually beginning in 1998, the Harry K. Warren Trophy recognizes the two reunion classes achieving the highest percentage of participation.

5th–25th Reunion: Class of 1999
Reunion Gift Committee Chairs: Stacey Baron ’99
Robert Craft III ’99

30th–50th Reunion: Class of 1959
Reunion Gift Committee Chairs: David Olsen ’59
Eugene Waters ’59

Class Agents & Reunion Gift Committee Members:
Peter Fuller ’59
Ted Sandquist ’59

FUND DIRECTORS’ TROPHY
Established in 1972 by the Directors of the Alumni Fund, the Fund Directors’ Trophy is awarded annually to the class or classes that, in the opinion of the Directors, achieved an outstanding performance that deserves special mention.

Class of 1979
Class Agents:
Mark Bayer
Daniel Lannon
Steven Rose

THE CLASS OF 1976 TROPHY
Established in 2004, the Class of 1976 Trophy is awarded annually to the class agent, associate agent, or team of volunteers whose energy, creativity and leadership in a non-reunion year are deserving of special recognition.

Class of 1947 volunteers:
Bob Morrell
Widge Thomas
major in political science. She is a member of Sigma Beta Delta Honor Society, Phi Sigma Alpha Honor Society, and Hartwick College Honor Society. She received awards for her participation in varsity soccer and varsity softball. In her junior year, she was elected Hartwick College Sportswoman of the Year. She is a graduate of Lake Region High School. Patricia is now attending University of Maine School of Law in Portland.”

Richard Bye “recently had an art show in the Matson Gallery in Borrego Springs, Calif. There were 34 paintings in the show, which was titled ‘East Meets West.’ Half of the paintings were of New England and New York City, and the other half, western landscapes. He has painted since he was a teenager. After retirement from the book publishing business in ‘83, he built a studio adjacent to his house and has painted seriously and professionally since then. He has sold over a hundred paintings to clients nationwide.” See accompanying photo.

This past spring, the Matson Gallery in Borrego Springs, Calif., featured a show called “East Meets West,” paintings by Dick Bye ’42. Part of the “East” portion of the show, this is Second Avenue at 53rd Street, New York, acrylic on canvas, 36”x24”, 2002.

John Dale wrote on December 16: “Am now living in an apartment connected with a senior community and enjoying a great life here volunteering and meeting many new friends. Am now president of a resident council that serves as liaison with the administration. I now have eight great grandchildren scattered from Boston to San Francisco.”

Barry Zimman and his son Michael ’71 were the subjects of an article about the 100-year anniversary of Zimman’s, the Lynn, Mass., furniture and textile store that Barry’s father started in 1909. From a Daily Evening Item article, March 6, 2009. For more, visit www.zimmans.com.

Frank Calderwood wrote in mid-December: “Health still good and able to meander to Ariz. and Colo. to visit the grandkids and great grandkids.”

Henry Maxfield e-mailed on December 30: “Just released The Survivors: 8th Air Force Bombing of Germany WWII, a non-fiction novel by the author, navigator, and former POW.” Henry e-mailed again on June 5: “Pre-publication of The Weltschmerz Plan. How Adolph Von Weltschmerz tries to get the Russians to install an atomic bomb of his design – and manufacture – in a NYC subway. For its history, my blurb, visit my website, southwickhouse.com.” See Bookshelf this issue and online.

C. Lennart Sandquist wrote on June 15: “Missed our 60th in 2005, but hope to be there next year for the 65th. Betty is unable to make the trip, especially sorry, since we met there when she was in high school. Much time now spent downsizing after 53 years in this home.”

William Blaine wrote on May 6: “Working on my ninth novel—mysteries and love stories. In golf, I can’t break 100 anymore.”

Ralph Hughes wrote on November 5: “Looking forward to winter because that’s our community orchestra’s season. Nancy plays violin, and I play cello. Also looking forward to Board of Visitors visit.”

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Kristin Wright-Ottman, Class of 1991, Executive Director
last November, and the Virgin Islands last month. Planning a barge trip in France in August with my four offspring and spouses.”

Widge Thomas wrote in the spring: “In August last year I lost my wife to a sudden stroke; what a change that has made in my life after over 59½ years of marriage. I am at the correct place, Piper Shores, a retirement community in Scarborough, [Maine]. It is just right for me—nothing like being in the right place at the right time. JoAnn had lived there for six years before she passed away this past summer.” The Class extends its sympathy to Widge and his family.

48 Harold Lusher wrote in mid-December: “Nothing new to report, apart from the usual aches, pains, and dilapidations of old age. But, I can still walk, drive, and live independently, and for that much I am truly grateful.”

Stephen Monaghan wrote on December 7: “Was able to get back for 60th along with wife Bette and a dozen or more classmates. All looked fine, and we had a most pleasant weekend. It was delightful to have my grandson Anthony Blout ’10 act as my taxi driver. Hope to make it again this year.”

49 Edward Guen reported in mid-December: “Amy and I plan to be at the 60th Reunion on May 28, 2009.”

Jim Keefe wrote on December 1: “Since Blanche’s death, I am living in a condo we built attached to my son Raymond’s home in Hollis, N.H. It is completely self-sufficient, but I am fortunate to be invited to my son’s house by his wife for dinner quite often. I also received a nice note from my Bowdoin roommate Barney Barton ’50.”

Bill Wadman wrote: “Looking forward to our 60th Reunion this spring. Hope to see many classmates there. Still alive and well in Cape Elizabeth, busy with church and community activities. Norma and I will celebrate our 60th in June, too!”

50 REUNION

Bernard Barton wrote in early January: “My wife, Doris, died on November 20, 2001. After five years of bachelorhood and bad meals, I married Elsa Carpenter, a fabulous cook and better tennis player, in August 2005. We’ve since sold both our houses (without realtors) and now reside in lovely Plymouth, Minn., a suburb of Minneapolis. I still remember the College songs, so stop by for a beer and a song.”

Norman Rapkin’s family, including Steven ’82 and Hilary ’88, surprised him in April in Montreal with a 50th anniversary celebration for him and his wife Lenore. See accompanying photo.

The dedication ceremony was led by President Barry Mills after the women’s team held Middlebury to a 1-1 tie. The men’s team then proceeded to thrash Williams 8-3. Chet Homer and Carolyn were on hand for the fine afternoon.

“I regret to report the death of seven classmates: The Reverend Canon Lawrence Clarke died October 25, 2008, in Portland, Maine. After Bowdoin, Larry went to General Theological Seminary. He is survived by several cousins. Carl Wilken (Carl Roy) passed away September 22, 2008, in Pontypool, Ontario, Canada. He is survived by six children and twelve grandchildren. His daughter Susan Gillies would be happy to hear from classmates: 15 Maitland Pl., Toronto, ON M4Y 2X3 Canada. csgillies@rogers.com.

Eaton Lothrop died in September 2008 in Miller Place, N.Y. He is survived by a daughter: Susan Fales, 316 Harrison Ave., Miller Place, NY 11764.

Angus Johnston died February 6, 2009 in Westwood, Mass. He was predeceased by his wife and is survived by daughter Eleanor J. Kontrimas, 66 Richards St., Dedham, MA 02026.

Robert Frost died February 5, 2009, in Manchester, Conn. Bob leaves a daughter Rosemary Kops, 169 Metcalf Rd., Tolland, CT.

Paul Pelletier died January 30, 2009, in Atlanta, Ga. He leaves a daughter Rebecca Gershon, 14612 SW 153rd Court, Miami, FL 33196.

Manfred von Mautner-Markhoff died January 8, 2009, in Vienna, Austria. He is survived by Margherita von Mautner-Markof, Stubenring 18/3, 1010 Wien, Austria. His daughter Rebecca Gershon, 14612 SW 153rd Court, Miami, FL 33196.


Class secretary Roy Heely reported in late fall: “There were significant happenings when the College in the Pines opened for business 214 years after its original charter: Our footballers turned in a 4-4 season and for the third straight year captured the CBB (Colby/Bates/Bowdoin) title, a feat not equaled since 1975-1977. And the queens of the hockey field sported a 20-2 season along with a second consecutive NCAA Division III title with a 3-2 win over Tufts. A new must-see is the Sidney J. Watson Hockey Arena, opened January 18, named in honor of a true icon in Bowdoin’s coaching and leadership history. The 1,900-seat facility, adjacent to Farley Field House, is first class and a worthy successor to the 1956 Dayton Arena.

Steven Rapkin ’82, Hilary Rapkin ’88, and their father Norman Rapkin ’50 in Montreal in April, where the family gathered for a surprise 50th anniversary celebration for Norman and his wife Lenore. See accompanying photo.

Our Class extends its sympathy to the families of Laurence Clarke, Carl Wilken, Eaton Lothrop, Angus Johnston, Bob Frost, Paul Pelletier, and Manfred von Mautner-Markhoff.

“There was a recent piece in the Winthrop (Mass.) Sun Transcript that featured an interesting story with photo on lifelong Winthrop resident Norman Hubley, who like virtually all of us, remembers when November 11 was designated Armistice Day to commemorate the ending of World War I, called ‘the war to end wars.’ Norm has attended the town’s...”

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cereMonies since his early years and harbors fond memories of one particular local soldier, Happy Wentworth, who returned from the Great War with shell shock. Included in the article was a poem Norm wrote fifty years ago in tribute to his hero Mr. Wentworth, entitled ‘Thoughts on Armistice Day,’ a well-written and moving remembrance of a man who returned home with permanent war scars who, ‘whatever he was on other days, he was a hero once a year.’ Norm became a First World War buff and traveled with his late wife to European battlefields. The article also noted that his youngest daughter, Pamela Hubley Sullivan, would be inducted November 22 into the Winthrop High School Hall of Fame as a member of their 1983 team. Norm, who played varsity basketball at the Winthrop High, will be similarly honored by Norm, who played varsity basketball at the Winthrop High.

‘It is always a pleasure receiving Christmas newsletters from the Harrisons, in which Keith and Marilyn provide vicarious travel experiences from their excursions both domestic and across the pond. They took their four oldest grandsons to a ranch in Wyoming for a week and were impressed with the way the young ones handled horses with care and safety while the grandparents’ riding showed ‘an even greater understanding of aging bodies.’ There followed a trip to the Grand Tetons and Yellowstone Park that included water rafting and a rodeo. (Did this include riding a bucking bronco?) The next jaunt was to Venice, Padua, Vicenzio, and the Veneto region of the Dolomite Mountains. The local villas were designed by a self-taught architect, Andrea Palladio, whose work in Italy was influential in the design of Monticello, the White House, and the Capitol. After that came a cruise along the Adriatic and Dalmatian coast. ‘The tiled roof villages and central plazas exude old world charm that begs you to stop for a glass of local wines…the camaraderie was joyous and the celebration of 75-85-year-old stamina unbelievable.’

‘I enjoy swapping communiqués with Jack Cronin’s widow Barbara from the North Carolina hills. ‘I get along fine, just slow-ow-ow-er.’ Barb writes of a potential extravaganza she hopes to pull off next summer as ‘the Steinway people have asked me to put together around 100 pianists to play together for their piano sale at the close of the Music Center season. They usually have about 75 pianos but [will] try for 100 and make the Guinness Book of World Records… it should be one fantastic sound [as] I heard 80 or so played at Symphony Hall Boston in ’49 or ’50… not much room for an audience so you’ll either have to play or be a page turner to attend.’

“Our Class was distinguished recently by Al Miller with the creation of the Alvin H. Miller ’51 Scholarship Fund in honor of all that Bowdoin means to him, with preference given to students from rural areas of Maine. After forty years of lawyering in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, Al lives in Arizona, golfing and exploring the Native American culture and history of America’s southwest.

“Tom Casey notes that ‘we should start thinking of our 60th in 2011; it’s not too soon. Many of us arrived in Brunswick by train. I remember it was a Sunday, and the conductor made us put away our playing cards when we crossed into New Hampshire—sinful! We might try to organize something to do with a train, if there is one.’ I doubt if train service to this vicinity will return soon, but let’s think of some ideas for this momentous occasion. Tom adds a quip that will bring knowing smiles of self recognition to us all: ‘Still get up every morning and strokes.”

A combination of Alzheimer’s, coronary heart disease, and strokes.” The Class extends its sympathy to Charles and his family.

David Marsh wrote on February 9:
“The enclosed article by Jackson Diehl of The Washington Post describes a man who is blessed if ‘Blessed be the peacemakers.’ Namely, George Mitchell ’54, who has many more accomplishments. These include U.S. Senate Majority Leader, Peacemaker in Ireland, and U.S. Army Service ’54–’56, something not many in Congress or glitzy network anchors can claim. Believe I met him at the Bowdoin Club of Washington (D.C.) during one or both of my two terms as president. Here’s wishing this outstanding individual continued success! Regards to all.”

George Murray wrote on March 19: “The Sidney J. Watson rink now after (Danny) Dayton Arena. Sounds like the NHL compared to Delta outdoor rink. I remember Jim Fifé and other mere mortals like myself shoveling the snow afternoons before a home game.”

Roger Pinette wrote on May 16: “It took nearly five years to write a book, On Modes of Communication, and nearly that long again to find a publisher. Stay tuned. Happy landings!” See Bookshelf this issue and online.

Claude Bonang wrote last winter: “Ann and I are grateful for being relatively healthy, which enables us to be active in a number of ways. Ann continues to maintain our extensive flowerbeds and shrubs, which the public enjoyed [last] summer as a result of us being on the garden tour for the benefit of the local Hunger Prevention Program.

“We play bridge periodically. Ann belongs to two bridge groups, and I belong to one.

“I’m still involved with music—guitar, musical saw, bones, spoons, and harmonica. During the past year, I performed at the Topsham Fair, farmer’s market, Bowdoin alumni house, assisted living facilities, respite, and nursing homes.

“During the past couple of years, I’ve devoted much of my time making marine motifs (marine mobiles and quahog people), for which I make the boxes and paste on the box cover the picture of the motif with the various marine specimens identified by their scientific name and common name. Many of these items were sold last fall at the Christmas fairs, one of which was the Sunsplash fair at Bowdoin.

“After selling out of the two printings (525 copies) of the first edition of my book, Memories in Verse, which I self-published in 1996, I decided to write a second edition rather than have a third printing of the first edition. I made some minor revisions in the first edition and added additional sketches and pictures. The second edition contains twenty-eight new anecdotal stories in verse (with sketches and pictures) having to do with Bowdoin, events and changes that the Town of Brunswick experienced over the years, things that pertain to my siblings and me, and six stories in prose involving some of my life experiences. Because of the added prose, I changed the title of the second edition to Memories in Verse and Prose, and self-published it in December 2006. There was an article about poetry in the June 18, 2007 issue of Time magazine. It mentioned that to hit the bestseller list for verse, a book has to sell only around 30 copies. Thus far, I’ve sold 450 copies, so according to Time magazine, I guess I have a bestseller.

“Son Tim is manager of investor relations for REIT in Newton, Mass. His wife Courtney teaches fifth grade at the Park School in Brookline, Mass. They have two daughters, Ainsley (5), who is in kindergarten at the Park School, and Payton (3), who attends day care. We enjoy our visits with them at their home in Natick, as well as their periodic visits with us in Brunswick.

“Son Chris still lives in San Diego, where he operates his hair and other fashion accessories business (www.luminence.com). We enjoyed [last] Thanksgiving in Natick, for which Chris flew in from San Diego to join us.”

John Campbell reported on January 14: “How the College in the pines has thrived! I continue in the firs and cedars of Orcas Island, Wash., designing and developing little self help housing projects (with lots of help).”

John Handy wrote on November 5: “Still living in St. Louis and keeping busy with my sales agency business. My wife died a few years ago, but my children and grandchildren live in the St. Louis area. Recently visited Bob Wray, who showed me all around Nashville, Tenn.”

Peter Race wrote in mid-May: “Another fun trip to Belize (number 10), and made reservations for 2010. Let’s hope it stays somewhat undiscovered. Had a bad span of health April–June, but hoping for a full recovery. Just learned that Ed Elowe’s son [Ken ’78] attends our church, but have yet to meet him.”

John Rowe wrote on November 7: “Lost my wife Gerry in 2007. We had been married 58 years.” The Class extends its sympathies to John and his family.

William Seffens wrote in mid-January: “Ruth and I have had another good year. In fact, we have gotten into better shape this year despite several illnesses we have had in previous years. We now walk a fairly fast two miles about three times per week. Retired, of course, so our main duty now is interfering with the raising of our five grandchildren and one great grandson.”

Stuart Cooper wrote in early December: “Jane and I just celebrated our fourth anniversary. Traveled to Chile, Argentina, and Brazil last February and are planning a trip to Israel in March. Feeling reasonably well. Still playing tennis and golf. Very best to all.”

Charles Davis recently reported: “Pretty good health considering the mileage. Good year for travel; western national parks in May, N. Italy and Switzerland in October, and Japan/Korea in October/November. Later trip with Barbara and Tom Sawyer. They are fine travel companions, based on several trips with them.”

Tony Kennedy wrote in mid-May: “Economic times are tough when my pharmaceutical concern has regretfully decided to cease matching educational funds to retirees after this year! Wish I had a few thousand to toss in as a last gasp! Carol and I are waiting for the 56th after a wonderful fall Homecoming and a memorable Meddie Reunion!”
Ed Lyons wrote in March: “Recent surgery on my right foot went well, but limited my skiing [last] season. Playing the clarinet in the New Horizons Band is a great pleasure.”

54 Tim Greene wrote on late December: “Debbie and I spent a week in London this past October. The Saengerfest Men’s Chorus of Weston, Mass., participated, along with 15 choirs (900 singers) from around the world in the London Welsh Festival of Male Choirs at Royal Albert Hall. Along with me were Pres Keith, Bob Forsberg ’53, and Tim Borchers ’80, representing former Bowdoin Glee Club members. Bob Ferrell ’62 and Peter Fenton ’64 would have been with us but attended the Meddie reunion in Brunswick.”

Alan Werksman wrote in early May: “We hope to leave at the end of April in the motor home and to arrive in Maine timely for the Reunion weekend. We are very much looking forward to seeing and greeting all our friends.”

55 REUNION Robert Delaney e-mailed on January 21: “Charlie Christie and I spent a very enjoyable weekend in Brunswick (12-plus inches of snow) attending the first games played at the new hockey arena dedicated to Sid Watson (Jan. 18). It was a great occasion, and we saw lots of old friends, and as usual the College was a wonderful host. I’m looking forward to seeing some of you at our fourth ‘off-year’ reunion in May, along with the guys from 1954.”

LAUDABLE Camille Sarrouf received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys last fall. “His commitment to both his clients and to the preservation of the legal system in this country have made him a leader and a mentor to all who are fortunate to know him.” From a Belmont (Mass.) Citizen Herald article, October 2, 2008.

56 Harold Beacham writes: “We are living in Aiken, S.C., on a 30-acre farm for most of the year with the farm animals: horses, donkeys, chickens, dogs, and one cat. I spend a lot of time on the John Deere maintaining the property, more time doing trustee work and traveling to the Turks and Caicos Islands and Georgian Bay during the summer. Aiken has a wonderful historical significance, having been founded by northerners as ‘the winter colony.’ Many southerners still fighting the Civil War, which they call ‘the War of Northern Aggression.’ All nine horse disciplines here in Aiken and a huge social life.”

Ros Bond wrote on April 20: “Completed five years on Alumni Council this year. After participating in Alumni service trip to New Orleans last fall, my wife, Jill, and I are now scheduled for a service trip with a local Seattle group to Guatemala and Mexico in May.”

Paul DuBrule wrote on December 5: “Pat and I spend our winters in Avon Park, Fla., and summers in Bridgton. Would be pleased to see old friends anytime.”

Ron Golz recently wrote: “Turned 75 this year. In another 25 years I might be able to shoot my age in golf. Life continues to be kind to me and my wife, Noel; winters in Carefree, Ariz., summers in Harpswell, Maine. Last year, visited with Bama Prater and his lovely wife Joyce. They live in Fayette, Ala., which is like living in a time warp. Expected to see Ozzie and Harriet. Had a wonderful visit. I was seriously thinking of joining the astronaut program, but when I read they now have a process where you can drink your urine (in space), I passed on it. Probably tastes like milk punch at the PSI U house on Sundays! Play a lot of golf with Link, Doug Morton ’55, and Rod Collette. I like to play with people who are either older than I am or shorter.”

Steve Morse reported on early January: “I’m officially retired from the law but not from our bed and breakfast in Brookline, Mass. Deanne is continuing in development at her alma mater, Wheelock College. Our daughter Kathy is director of environmental studies at Middlebury College. (She has grad school colleagues teaching at Bowdoin.) Our son Peter, his spouse and children, live in Annapolis. We hope to be both at Bowdoin with our classmates for another reunion as soon as possible.”

Aaron Shatkin e-mailed on May 17: “Sadly, Joan A. Shatkin, my wife of 52 years, lost the battle with cancer on May 2. She fought with great courage, strength and dignity and without complaint. Joan was a wonderful, caring person who will be deeply missed by the many people whose lives she touched. For more information, please see www.fanwoodmemorial.com.” The Class extends its sympathy to Aaron and his family.


Steve Colodny wrote on October 23: “Enjoyed our first Reunion as ‘Old Guard’ [last year while attending] 25th of son Jeff ’83. Next adventure was Baltic cruise in July and then our 50th anniversary celebration in Vail, Colo., with children and grandchildren in early August. Back to Denver early September to perform ritual circumcision on newest grandson, Zachary, born August 27, 2008. Should get a ‘mileage cup’ for circumcision having officiated for all three grandsons in Chicago, London, and now Denver.”

Dietmar Klein reported on November 23: “The Bowdoin Club of Germany celebrated its annual meeting at the home of Bill Haas ’53 to enjoy giant lobsters flown in from Maine. Unfortunately, the guests of honor, Ambassador and Mrs. Thomas Pickering ’53, had to call off their Football captain Tim Keeher ’09 and Ted Parsons ’57 in Waterville, just after Bowdoin defeated Colby to repeat as CBB champions last season.
trip to Germany. Hopefully, the visit can be made in the course of next year. For photos of the event, see www.bowdoin57.net.”

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“Fall events were blessed with dry weather and game attendees included: Ted Parsons, David and Barbara Ham, Bruce McDonald, Bill and Ann McWilliams (plus a number of family members here for his Sports Hall of Honor induction). Bill Cooke, Tom and Carol Needham, Daisy Crane, Hal and Marcia Pendexter, Steve Lawrence, John and Ann Snow, and Art and Jill Perry. Also joining the Class tailgate were Roy Heely ’51, Bill Markell ’54, Dave Humphrey ’61, Kate Chin ’08, Steve and Lois McCabe ’56, Hugh and Carol Hulett ’55, Katie Coyne ’08, and Tony Belmont ’60. Certainly a Whittier highlight was the 55-14 victory over Bates (most points scored in 57 years) and awing many of us who did not realize the scoreboard could register that high a number. On the travel circuit, realize the scoreboard could register that and awing many of us who did not realize the scoreboard could register that high a number. On the travel circuit, Bates (most points scored in 57 years) and awing many of us who did not realize the scoreboard could register that high a number.

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and Reed Chapman presented a framed enlargement of our gathering in 1982 on the deck of the Alumni House. An initial impression is 'more hair and fewer eyeglasses.' Ed and Nancy Langbein enjoyed luncheon with them in Brunswick and plan to bring the picture to tailgate gatherings and the Old Guard HQs during reunions. Congratulations to Miles and June Waltz who were wed [last] August and celebrated with two honeymoon trips—to Stowe, Vt., overlooking Mount Mansfield and, in November, the Samoset Resort on Penobscot Bay. From their letter is appears that the major marital decision was, 'Where shall we live?' followed by the challenge of merging their food stocks (it is rumored that Miles finds it difficult to resist a food sale). Earlier, in June, their family was enlarged by the birth (to Miles’ daughter Martha ’95) of a granddaughter to join four grandsons. Congratulations, also, to John and Ann Snow who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. John is heading the Camden Conference, an annual foreign affairs symposium. Paul McGoldrick journeyed south for Christmas with his New England relatives (who have all moved to warmer climate) and celebrated the 97th birthday of Linda’s mother. In contrast, Bob and Lois Estes made it back to Maine for a family Christmas gathering, Bill and Ann McWilliams back from a great trip to Croatia and the Adriatic coastline. In September, Jack and Shirley Woodward journeyed to western Canada, going from Calgary to Banff through the ice field to Jasper and then took the Rocky Mountaineer train to Vancouver, winding up in Seattle with Shirley’s family. Harry and Vicky Carpenter have yet to slow down, spurred by family moves which had them baby-sitting in Alaska, unpacking umpteen boxes in Boise, Idaho, and transporting furniture from there to Maine with a pause to enjoy hiking in Utah’s Arches National Park. Unfortunately, no fresh venison this year, as last year’s harsh winter reduced the herd. (Note: I’ve asked him to come to Brunswick and stake out my garden). Jim and Mary Lou Millar’s year included time in Hawaii, Florida (with his brother Bob ’62), Denver for the Frozen Four NCAA hockey finals, Ohio for their grandson’s high school graduation, Memphis, and San Antonio. In April or May, Mary Lou is to ‘officially’ retire, which will permit them to mark both that milestone and their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Brussels and Paris. It was good to see them in Brunswick for the new arena festivities…unfortunately, [the] heavy snow marooned them in Freeport and they missed the dedication ceremonies.

Jack and Sherry Thomas continue involvement at the San Diego Zoo and at home where they have been joined by a Newfoundland dog (from Newf Rescue) and now ‘have two big black hairy creatures roaming the house.’ They made it back to New Hampshire and Maine [last] summer and then up to Alaska in September to enjoy Katmai National Park, Mendenhall Glacier, and Mt. Roberts. Jay Dings spent a chunk of 2008 on the road. In May, he was in China: Beijing (Tiananmen Square,

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Forbes and Peking Opera, Temple of Heaven, Shanghai (Museum, Bund, ride on the Maglev train (280 mph), and a 17-course meal with a local family); a cruise on the Yangtze River (Three Gorges Dam); Chongqing (Stillwell Museum and zoo with many pandas); Xian (Terra Cotta Carury) and ended up in Hong Kong. A wonderful trip despite taking 29 hours and 11 flights to return home to rest up for an October tour of Sweden, Denmark, and Norway. David and Janie Webster journeyed to the Galapagos Islands, which included a sighting of a Blue-footed Booby with an hour-old baby. David continues to lead bike adventures; this past year included Holland, Quebec, N.H., and Vt. David and Barbara Ham continue to divide their time between North Reading and Bridgton, Maine, while asking themselves how much longer they should own and maintain two full houses. Their 2008 travel was within continental boundaries from Chicago to Cheyenne, which permitted them to get ‘their ticket punched’ in six states (only one more to go) and enjoy Milwaukee, the Badlands, Black Hills, Mt. Rushmore, and the Cheyenne Rodeo. Russ and Mimi Longyear both enjoyed their 55th high school reunions before settling in the Berkshires for the summer. Returning to Dallas in October, their activities include a weekly French history and culture course. Dietmar and Gisela Klein spent time in Lenzerheide, Switzerland, around Easter, and in the early autumn enjoyed the seaside of eastern Crete. With the Bowdoin Club of Germany, they enjoyed a memorable annual meeting (with lobsters flown from Maine) hosted by Bill Haaws ’53, during which Dietmar passed the presidential gavel on to Jeannette Papendick-Glinski ’85. Steve and Shirley Colodny write that Steve is still working two days per week at the Bayside Medical Center in Springfield and occupies the balance of his time with golf, gardening, and yard work, and serving as sous-chef (i.e., dish and pot washing) for Shirley. Dick Fickett provided a ‘look back’ at past Christmases, which refreshed memories, from tree lights hung in series (i.e., one bulb goes, the string is dark) and family celebrations that featured board games (remember them?). As he wrote,’one doesn’t realize until you grow older that family reunions at Christmas were increasingly precious events.’ Also sharing changes in lifestyles and memories, Art and Jill Perry report that they have gone nano and digital. Jill’s walkman has shrunk from something the size of a pack of cigarettes to that of a postage stamp. Her camera no longer has film. There is a dish on the rooftop and the plasma TV has something called ‘HD.’ With all of these modern conveniences, living in Farmington still allows them to stay close in touch with nature. Sometimes they are too close. One lovely summer evening when Flint (son-in-law) was giving them lessons on navigating through the displays of the new satellite TV, an absolutely prime black and white skunk sauntered through the kitchen and joined them in front of the screen. (Note: the drawbacks of watching Wild Kingdom.) Jill grabbed Pepper (a dog) and headed in one direction, Flint had Millie (the other dog) and went in another. Art was left with the critter, no backup, and no sense of what to do. With few alternatives available, he threw a blanket over the disoriented visitor, tucked it tightly under the hind quarters and headed for the door where he tossed the entire bundle as far as he could into the bushes. The skunk walked away, but the blanket could not be saved. If you would like to hear more about adventures with toads, chipmunks, field mice, or birds, ask them during the year.”

Ed Langbein reported in April: “Ted Parsons has been elected vice president of the Saints’ Medical Center Medicine Staff, Lowell, Mass. Paul and Eileen Kingsbury provided a recap of last year’s trip to Prince Edward Island, sailing on Lake Cayuga, and a full year of birthday parties and grandchild events. Steve and MaryEllen Lawrence are back from Fla., having guided the Red Sox and Bowdoin softball teams through spring development. Dick Fickett announced the recent purchase of a chain saw, which should dispel any suggestion that he is aging and slowing down. As I write this, looking forward to our (John Howland, Steve Lawrence, Bruce McDonald, and I) spring excursion to Pittsfield for a visit and lunch with Jay and Louise Dow. Positive signs for a reasonable turnout to mark our 52nd reunion—the locals, plus Dave and Barbara Ham, Clem and Mary Lou Wilson (to keep an eye on their son, David ’84, who is marking number 25), and Daisy Crane. And, hopefully, many more. Ed and Nancy Langbein enjoyed meeting Nate and Marsha Winer in Kittery when they came east (from Calif.) in March.

Thanks to an article in the [last] Bowdoin magazine, we had an excellent meal and visit at Robert’s Maine Grill. Pleased, too, to meet proprietor Michael Landgarten ’80, who also owns Bob’s Clam Shack (a ‘must-stop’ institution) just across Route 1.”

LAUDABLE The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court appointed Erik Lund to its Board of Bar Overseers. He “is senior counsel and co-founding partner of the Boston law firm of Posternak, Blankstein & Lund LLP. Before forming the firm in 1980, he was a partner at Burns & Levinson for ten years, and from 1961 to 1969, he was an associate at Choate Hall & Stewart. He is a member of the Boston, Massachusetts, and American Bar Associations, a director of WalkBoston, the pedestrian advocacy group, and a member of Mayor Menino’s Rose Kennedy Greenway Completion Task Force. During the past two years, he has served as a member and as Chair of Board of Bar Overseers Hearing Committees.” From a Massachusetts Public Information Office, Supreme Judicial Court news release, February 2, 2009. Also see Bookshelf this issue and online.

Ed Parsons wrote in June: “Daughter Bliss has been accepted at and will attend Mt. Holyoke College in the fall.”

Hal Pendexter wrote on June 16: “Marcia and I are delighted to divide our time between Illinois and Maine. Our three children and six grandchildren live in greater Chicago but eagerly anticipate their Maine visits. What a special treat to have the Maine State Music Theater present Broadway
musicals in Pickard Theater in the summer. What could be better than Bowdoin football games in the fall and hockey games in the winter? Ed Langbein (supported by special wife Nancy) does a terrific job as ’57 Class Agent!”

Robert Wishart wrote in mid-June: “Dale and I continue to thrive here in the land of (almost) unending summer. Tennis and golf seem to devour most of our time. Recently travelled to Easter Island. Otherwise, travels surround kids and grandkids. If anyone desires to change their retirement location, come see us on Dataw Island and we’ll show you a great place.”

David Gosse wrote in April: “We’ve had a busy year. Traveled to the Amazon with the Semester at Sea ship for three weeks at Christmas, skied in Colorado in March, and in May we’re going to Costa Rica and the Panama Canal again with the Semester at Sea ship. In between, continue to fill in for math at the Governor’s and Pingree Academies. We will be on our sailboat in Maine all summer.”

Dick Michelson recently wrote: “Judy and I traveled in Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua for the month of November. We enjoyed the natural beauty of the region. This winter the Dolomites had more snow than in the past decade, and skied there for a month in the Sella Mountain (Val Gardena, Alta Badia, Arraba, Marmalade), Cortina, Alta Pusteria, and Madonna Di Campiglio. Great time!”

Bob Packard wrote in early December: “Still aggressively pursuing my hiking/climbing/high-pointing goals both domestically and abroad. 2008 has seen 160 summits and 30 other high points, 850 miles hiked and 300,000 feet of elevation gain. Recent foreign summits include the high points of Greece, Bulgaria, Sicily, Sardinia, Corsica (July ’08) as well as Yu Shan and Syue Shan in Taiwan (Nov ’08). On the horizon are climbs of Ritacuba Blanca in Colombia (Feb ’09) and Damavand in Iran (Aug ’09).”

Stephen Rule e-mailed on May 17: “As I send my annual contribution, I always reflect on my past year, which has been good, indeed. A couple of trips and a couple of cruises are just what keeps me going! The latest cruise included my daughters and their husbands. I think I made four converts to cruising as a pleasurable vacation!”

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Steve Burns wrote to the Physics department in December: “A late July CT scan found many small metastasized melanomas in me, and their treatment has necessitated many trips to Boston. Fortunately, they found them early, and I am among the 10% who respond to the treatment with IL-2. Two days after we heard that the October CT showed that the IL-2 was working well in me, half our house burned. They were able to save the eII and the barn. So far, our medical and home-owner’s insurance has provided well for us and so have the people of Friendship and Cushing.”

Carol Bonazzoli, widow of John Millar ’60 wrote on May 8: “Fred and I continue to enjoy having our large combined family nearby! Grandson John is a freshman at Bryant University in R.I., and granddaughter Lindsay graduates from Westboro High School in June. Had a great visit with Bob ’62 and Chris Millar at their lovely home in Englewood, Fla., along with Ed and Judy Fillback and saw Jim ’57 and Mary Lou Millar for dinner in April.”

Carl Olsson wrote on November 1: “I have finally retired from academic medicine, leaving Columbia (where I still hold a named professorship, emeritus) in April of this year. Decided I wanted to continue working and took the position as Chief Medical Officer of the largest urology group in the USA, Integrated Medical Professionals, PLLC. They allow me one clinical day per week, so I am keeping my surgical schedule busy with especially large cancer cases which I have always enjoyed the most. Feels strange to finally

Dr. Thomas Crocker ’59
Retired Professor of Environmental Economics

As a high school student in Maine, Thomas Crocker ’59 intended to pursue forestry at the state university. Instead, the headmaster at Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield pushed him to apply to Bowdoin, where he was accepted: “much to my surprise,” he says. Thus began Tom’s academic career, which would take him to the University of Missouri, where he earned a Ph.D. in agricultural economics, and later to teaching positions at the University of Wisconsin, UC Berkeley and UC Riverside, and the University of Wyoming. “I have enjoyed school,” Tom jokes. Former Bowdoin Professor of Economics Albert Abrahamson helped mold Tom’s interest in economics, encouraging him to consider a natural resources approach to the topic. Tom has published numerous papers on the subject and received awards for his research in 2001 and 2008 on behalf of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists. Despite the many accolades for his independent research, teaching has brought Thomas the greatest satisfaction. “The most pleasing thing is seeing what some of my doctoral students have accomplished over the years,” he says. Tom currently splits his time between Maine and Wyoming, where he continues to publish his research on environmental economics.
Newt Spurr wrote on December 18: “During 2008, I played golf with two fellow golf team members from 1959-61 teams, Jack Huston, Bill Mason, and I played at Jack’s course in Ariz., in April and had a return round at Bill’s course at The Kittansett. We were rained out for a third round at my course, Bass Rocks, in Gloucester, Mass.”

Jim Watson e-mailed on May 1: “I was invited to give the December ’08 Commencement address in my fortieth year at the University of Tulsa. I spoke about books and the book (Faulkner’s As I Lay Dying) that Dave Kranes ’59 gave me to read in the Bowdoin infirmary fifty years ago. It brought me all the way to Tulsa, where I’ll teach one more year before I retire. As the poet Emily Dickinson wrote, ‘There is no frigate like a book / to take us lands away.’”

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David Luce “finally moved to Harpswell full time on May 1, 2009. It is great to be back in Maine and see so many friends on a full-year basis, attend many a basketball game with Webster and Prinn ’61. Drop by anytime, we are in the phone book.”

Fred Rollinson reported in late December: “Nancy and I visited the College [last] homecoming weekend. It was two beautiful days, weather-wise, and it was just great to be back on campus. We attended a wonderful dedication honoring 50 years of men’s varsity soccer. Shortly before the event, the men’s soccer team appropriately won a come-from-behind game. It was an exciting game and a brand of soccer superior to the early-on games of the ’50s and ’60s. At the dinner, we were entertained by the reminiscing and good humor of the honorary speakers. Seeing coaches Bruce Bockmann and Charlie Butt and teammates Ted Sandquist, John Evans, Paul Constantino, and Peter Best was extra special. We were so happy we didn’t miss this event. Nice going, Bowdoin Alumni Relations and outstanding planning, Elizabeth Mengesha ’06!”

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Harrison M. Davis III ’60 (left), new president of the New England Society in the City of Brooklyn, presents a silver tray to Franklin Giacio ’63 (right) in appreciation of his service for seven years as Harrison’s predecessor. Also pictured is Judy Hazen (far right), widow of former New England Society board member and Bowdoin College board member Bill Hazen ’52, at the home of L. Blakeney Schick ’04 (front left), under the gaze of her great, great, great grandfather Charles N. Ordway (Maine Medical School at Bowdoin, Class of 1837).

become a private practice urologist after 40 years in academic medicine, but the challenges are quite similar and the new position is quite enjoyable!”

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Dave Cole e-mailed on April 6: “On December 19, 2008, I was married to Virginia Kraft Payson of Lexington, Ky., and Indiantown, Fla. Fortunately for me, she is the greatest woman that I have ever known. She is currently best known as an owner and breeder of top-level thoroughbred horses that race primarily as an owner and breeder of top-level thoroughbred horses that race primarily for a third round at my course, Bass Rocks, in Gloucester, Mass.”

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attended the celebration. “A wonderful evening with many nice things said about my dad, and a neat opportunity to get a great Bowdoin group together.”

**See accompanying photo previous page.**

**LAUDABLE** Last fall, Samuel Ladd, “Chairman, President & CEO, Maine Bank & Trust received the National Boy Scouts Award for Distinguished Eagle Scout (DESA). He is only the second Mainier in the DESA Award history to receive this honor.” In addition, Sam was recognized by Junior Achievement of Maine as a 2009 Laureate at the 20th Anniversary of Junior Achievement’s Business Hall of Fame Recognition Dinner in May. From a Maine Bank & Trust News Release. See accompanying photo.

Frank Ronan e-mailed on April 26: “Sometimes being as old as a member of the Class of ’63 brings me unanticipated benefits. I reminisce more and recently found myself marvelling at a statistical implausibility. After graduation some of us went off to serve in “our war;’ unfortunately one was Al Loane. Not all of us wound up in ’Nam. Cappy Ladd, John Lawson and I spent our war in the Divided City in Germany. To think that there were well over 500,000 in uniform at that time and three of us were assigned to the Berlin Brigade, a force of less than 5,000, is mind boggling to me. Anne Mary and I would love to have the opportunity to see more of our seven grandkids there.”

Johannes Tromp recently wrote: “I have done some traveling since our 45”. Jore and I saw all of New Zealand in December and January, and in February we sailed around the islands of Cabo Verde on the three-masted schooner Oosterschelde. For sightseeing my own country and for conditional reasons, Jore and I cycled around the Zuiderzee 300 miles in seven days (there is so much beauty just around the corner!). We will do a hiking trip in northwest Scotland in September. That’s it for this year, and besides, my hometown Utrecht is the place to be during the summer. And, it gives me the opportunity to see more of my latest grandchildren Bente (Dec. ’08), daughter of Noor ’99, and Sara (daughter of Maite, April ’09).”

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Walter Christie writes: “I’m enjoying my post-practice life as a psychiatric consultant and teacher. Ellie and I are fortunate to be a party of a southern Maine social group of Bowdoin grads, largely 1963-65. We enjoy cocktail parties before music theater performances and share other special events. A terrific group!”

Fred Filoon wrote on December 16: “After buying a home in Hailey, Idaho, in 2004, Randi and I became legal residents there in 2007. We also sold our home in Conn., and have rented an apartment in Boston. It is a long commute, but we love both places and have children and grandchildren to visit in each.”

Arthur Ostrander wrote in mid-December: “I retired in May after 37 years serving on the music faculty at Ithaca College and spending the last 23 years as Dean of the School of Music.”

John Pope e-mailed on December 13: “I am still employed by the Department of Homeland Security, while my wife Beverly is teaching at the Pembroke Elementary School. Son Ian, a Border Patrol Agent, has recently been transferred to St. Albans, Vt. Ian and wife, Roseanne, are now the proud parents of a one-year-old baby Sophia Surae Pope. Daughter Allison is a medical doctor practicing in Concord, N.C. Our youngest, Eric, and wife Hannah, are living in Cambridge, Mass., while Ian is employed by Harmonix, the creator of ‘Rock Band,’ a very popular game for the younger generation.”

William Thwing wrote in late November: “Joy and I recently visited our son Mike ’97, his wife Ninna, and our first grandchild Molli in Fairbanks, Alaska. Mike is now Chief of Pediatrics at Fort Wainwright. We skied every day in sub-zero weather and sat by the fire playing with Molli every night. Mike recently returned from a tour in Iraq, where he supervised a medical clinic at Camp Victory in Baghdad.”

Steve Weiss reports: “I spent a lot of time in 2008 volunteering for Obama in various locations and capacities. Among the many rewards and pleasures was getting to know Katherine Grand ’09, my field organizer boss for canvassing in Loudon County, Va.”

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Paul Lazarus writes: “Bad year for boatbuilding. Likewise, publishing about MONHEGAN ISLAND HOME FOR SALE

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boatbuilding. But I’ve been in the marine industry since 1975, and can’t stop now. Son Eli is in Maine again after being away at schools for over a decade. Last March he got his Ph.D. in coastal geology, then added a post-doc, both from Duke. When he first left home, I restarted my swimming career (such as it was), which keeps me in shape; I only wish I’d brought this training ethic to the old Curtis Pool, back when.Vickery and I look forward to the 45th.”

Jim Lister wrote in mid-December: “Susan and I celebrated our 40th anniversary with a fun dinner for 90 guests, entertained by live music and open mic singing (that included several of our grandchildren). We extended the celebration by spending a week in Sedona, Ariz. I was supposed to take my second retirement at year end but volunteered to stay with Korea Economic Institute for another year after the succession plan fell through.”

Patricia Mages, widow of Gilbert Mages e-mailed on January 4: “Gil passed away December 11, 2008, after a nine-year battle with colon cancer. He retired from UWSP in 1999 as a professor of mathematics. He received his master’s degree in 1965 from Bowdoin and his doctorate in mathematics education from the University of Northern Colorado in 1975. He is survived by his wife, Pat, and three daughters, along with five grandchildren.” The Class extends its sympathy to Pat and her family.

Steve Putnam e-mailed on March 31: “I have moved from EVP at Raymond James Financial to part-time to concentrate on increasing mediation business and my advising of clients. I hope to spend more time at Old Orchard Beach, and maybe even take in some campus events for a change.”

LAUDABLE Dick Whitmore “became the 52nd coach in NCAA men’s basketball history and just the seventh in NCAA Division III to win 600 career games after he and his Mules took a 65-55 victory over Bowdoin College in a New England Small College Athletic Conference opener before 2,000 fans at Wadsworth Gymnasium at Colby. Whitmore was mobbed by his team and given the game.

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ball after the win over his alma mater. He is in his 38th year of coaching at Colby. Whitmore has a 600-318 career record with the Mules.” From a Colby College press release, January 17, 2009.

66 LAUDABLE Dr. Edwin Bell, “a Winston-Salem State University professor of education, is one of 17 faculty members in the UNC system to be given an Excellence in Teaching Award. The award is presented by the UNC Board of Governors. Each winner receives $7,500 in cash and a bronze medallion. Over the course of his career, Bell has won awards for his teaching and research and has secured grants to train elementary and secondary teachers in techniques to improve student learning. From a Winston-Salem Journal article, May 1, 2009.

Dick Forté and Bowdoin classmates Fred Friedman, Charlie Roscoe, Ben Soule, John Lord, Jeff White, “Jeff’s parole officer,” Bill Allen, Frank Yule, and Al Ayer played golf together in May. See accompanying photo.

Doug Hotchkiss recently wrote: “Am retiring as of May 31, but will keep busy as a church sexton and volunteer work.”

Arthur Kress recently wrote: “Still practicing internal medicine, but plan on cutting back. Enjoy keeping track of our six grandchildren.”

Margot Timson Sullivan, sister of Barry Timson, wrote in mid-December: “My brother Barry S. Timson died April 15, 2007, (yes, he would be smiling—income tax day!). He was the Mayor of Hallowell, Maine, and former just about everything else in Hallowell, including City Council, Planning Board, Old Hallowell Day Committee, and even Santa Claus. He was the founder of the Hallowell Food Bank. He was active on Monhegan Island with ecology and geology. Barry believed strongly in education and often visited the school classrooms or took students on hikes to learn about the geology of their town. We established the Barry S. Timson Scholarship fund (c/o Dawn Gallagher, 27 Union Street, Hallowell, Maine 04347) to give an annual $2,500 scholarship to a Hallowell High School graduating senior going to college in Maine and majoring in either science or government. We feel it is a great way to honor Barry and all he did for Hallowell and Maine.” The Class extends its sympathy to Margot and the Timson family.

Jeff White wrote early in January: “Continue to work three days per week in healthcare consulting based in Concord, N.H. Given the 2008 market downturn, no plans to fully retire for foreseeable future, although we will vacation for February and March in Fla. Jane works as a per diem RN at a local visiting nurse agency.”

67 Bruce Found recently wrote: “In September I will be entering my 30th year of coaching and teaching at Hebron Academy. In my leisure hours I continue to enjoy activities on (or in) the water, as well as playing with my granddaughter! ‘Retirement’ is on the horizon!”

Stephen Rand reported in mid-December: “I recently completed my tenure as President of the New York Allergy of Asthma Society. The job was very challenging but quite worthwhile.”

John Scholefield “still doing poverty pediatrics. Finished an administrative stint—not worth the power, nor the bonus. Maybe the future will bring a Peace Corps-type endeavor for Kristene (bilingual fifth grade teacher) and myself.”
Harvey Wheeler recently wrote: “Business as usual here in Cumberland, Maine. My incredible wife Roxanne continues to help care for my 88-year-old mother, who has been living with us since 2000. I am still enjoying my seasonal work, which alternates between guiding fly fishermen and coaching Bowdoin divers.”

LAUDABLE Dave Wilkinson was “nominated for an Emmy Award for director of incredibleMAINE. Only three directors were nominated in all of New England, and the other two work for WBZ-TV in Boston. The award ceremony was held May 30th in Boston. It is a major honor to be nominated (whether one wins or not). The nomination is the only nomination for Maine Public Broadcasting.”

Bill Botwick e-mailed on May 4: “After 37 1/2 years, including almost 24 years outside the U.S., I retired from General Motors. Ruth and I decided it was time to move back to the U.S. For the time being, we will still be living in Central Michigan in our home on Lake Huron. I am not staying totally retired and will teach at Michigan State Law School in East Lansing, starting in May. We are planning to ultimately move to Alexandria, Va., but have decided to defer that for a while.”

Bob Corey wrote on June 18: “I had hoped to have some news about the ‘BBCS’ foursome at the Kullen golf tournament on June 22 (Noel Bailey ’68, Bob Butkus ’66, Bob Corey, Newt Spurr ’61), but my class agents have the patience of a liberal with unspent funds and I could wait no longer. The BBCS will again be chasing the elusive 59.”

David Doughty e-mailed on May 23: “Our 40th class reunion was terrific, with a very good turnout that included a number of folks who were attending their first one. I am already looking forward to the next one. We are still living in Fort Collins, Colo., from mid-October through mid-June with summers spent in Lanesville/Gloucester, Mass. Our second granddaughter, Cirie Alice Doughty, was born in August, 2008, in Acton, Mass. We recently completed a one-day driving tour of five national parks, two state parks, and two national monuments located in Utah and highly recommend such an adventure — what a beautiful state! Retirement is certainly agreeing with us. We look forward to seeing a number of our New England classmates this coming summer. Last summer Howie Munday and I were able to re-connect with Rich Benedetto at our summer place in Lanesville, Mass. Along with Jack Despres, the four of us were roommates in 10D of the senior center.”

Robbie Hayes “had a great time at the Reunion; renewed old friendships, made new. In Michigan, being able to say you are still employed is a major plus—Yes!”

John Isaacs wrote on October 22: “Mira bal and I had a great time at 40th. Great to see Tom Roulston again and Nat Harrison flying in from Paris. Give a call if you are near Barre, Vt.”

John Mogabgab “just began a new job as architect of an XML repository. If anyone out there knows what this means, please contact me immediately!”

George Nicholis wrote on December 1: “Barbara and I are still well in Kansas. Still working for a great hospital, Children’s Mercy doing medical informatics full time. Six grandchildren (11 to 17 years).”

Gary Towle wrote in early December: “I am still enjoying working at Yosemite National Park. Our family is healthy and happy. Life is good.”

Bob True reports: “I’m enjoying retirement, volunteering at the North Carolina Zoo, and watching my granddaughter and grandson grow!”

Geff Yancey announces: “I married Cindy Straitiff this past October. We are moving to a new home on Lake Ontario this summer!”

Barry Chandler reported on December 29: “Debbie and I just welcomed grandson number four to son Nathan ’97. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our 40th.”

Bill Georgitis recently wrote: “We enjoyed seeing old friends and regret not reuniting with those classmates who
missed the reunion.

Jack Keene “retired in late 2007 from Anne Arundel County, Maryland, (after 25 years as Chief, Planning & Construction for the Department of Recreation and Parks). Have spent the last year as Trail Program Coordinator for the East Coast Greenway Alliance, promoting a Calais, Maine, to Key West, Florida, multi-use trail.”

Tom Sheehy wrote in early November: “Betsy and I hope to return for my 40th! We are now in our 19th year at Canterbury School, New Milford, Conn. It has been a great journey. We now have four grandsons (5, 3, 1½, and 1½). Daughter Sara ’93 and Jim Finnerty ’92 are parents of Jimmy, Tommy, and Charlie; and son Tom ’96 is the father of Quinn (1½).”

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Joel Bradley wrote on December 17: “It has been another busy year at Cambridge Isotope Labs. Among other things, we have been supplying our isotope labeled melamine standards to hundreds of labs all over the world who are trying to prevent more poisonings from the toxic additive in Chinese food products.”

Laudable John D. Delahanty “was recently selected by his peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2009. Mr. Delahanty is recognized for his work in administrative law and government relations law at Pierce Atwood LLP. From a Pierce Atwood LLP news release, December 23, 2008.”

Mike Denoncourt reports: “Following his passion, our son Mickey is building and selling road, cycle-cross, and mountain bikes under the brand Spooky Bikes. Enthusiasts are encouraged to visit his website. These bikes are 100% USA made!”

Stephen Devine writes: “Cardiology practice goes well, very busy and still doing call. Retirement seems still in the future. Glad to have our daughter Kelly ’06 back from two years of Peace Corps in Niger, West Africa.”

Clark Irwin e-mailed on January 20: “After three years of the professional staff of the U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, I have been named director of communications for the Federal Commission on Wartime Contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan, based in Arlington, Va.”

John McGrath wrote in mid-December: “Completed our retirement move to Northampton, Mass., and life is slower and better. Carol and I celebrate our 40th anniversary in ’09, followed by the 40th Reunion in ’10. Enjoyed seeing Tom Walker and George Turner and spouses this past summer while in Portland.”

Steve Plourde wrote on November 1: “Fully retired on California’s north coast since 2005, thanks to Agent Orange from Vietnam (1971). Gives me time to spoil my seven grandchildren (who live in Kansas and Minneapolis) and to work with my two teenage sons as they prepare for college. I make an annual Christmas pilgrimage to visit my family in New England and see the snow!”

Jeffrey Waring and Dr. Candace L. Croft “were married November 23, 2008. It was a private ceremony with their children in attendance at the Lucerne Inn, Lucerne, Maine. Officiating was the Reverend Robert Carlson. Mr. Waring and Dr. Croft continue to be at home in Holden, Maine.”

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For news of Michael Zimman, see Barry Zimman ’42.

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Alan Campbell wrote on October 7: “I’m hoping to retire in the next two years now that both kids are out of college. Daughter Tamara married in May. Son Douglas works in the office of Senator Susan Collins in Washington, D.C. Beth and I celebrated our 35th anniversary two days after Tamara got married.”

Peter Cross wrote on January 15: “Our daughter Emily (Mt. Holyoke ’00)
is in her eighth year of teaching elementary school. Our son Eben (Connecticut College ’03) received his Ph.D. in physical chemistry from Boston College in November ’08. And, Candy, who did an exchange year at Bowdoin in 1971-72 and celebrated her 35th Wheaton reunion this past year, is being honored as a Massachusetts Literacy Champion! I hope to absorb some of this high-achieving magic before I retire from the Massachusetts Department of Mental Retardation, where I’ve been employed as a psychologist for almost 31 years.”

Mark Detering wrote on October 21: “Daughter Meghan ’07 is now working at Colorado Rocky Mountain School; enjoyed my visits there to hike and ski. Son Ryan is running PGA tournaments in Fla. Ed Keazarian ’73 and Ed Stewart ’73 were recently here for a get-together.”

LAUDABLE Michael A. Ryan, an attorney in the Florida law firm of Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A., “has been selected by The Best Lawyers in America 2009 in the areas of banking law, public finance law, and real estate law. This publication chooses the attorneys and areas of practice based on recommendations from clients and other attorneys. Inclusion in Best Lawyers is based entirely on peer review.” From a Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A. news release, July 7, 2009.

LAUDABLE “At this year’s 2008 Junior Achievement of New York Gala on October 23rd at the World Financial Center Winter Garden, Kenneth Chenault, CEO and Chairman of American Express, was honored as the Business Leader of the Year. JANY’s mission to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy, and Mr. Chenault remains committed to encouraging our youth to achieve. As a result of his leadership, the American Express Company has become JANY’s largest corporate Bowl-A-Thon fundraiser.” From a DJC Communications release, December 2, 2008.

JoAnn Chrisman wrote on October 10: “I was sorry to have missed this year’s big Reunion. This year didn’t

Marty Van Santvoord ’73 hosted a 60th birthday celebration for husband Buzz ’71 at their home in Orange, Va. Polar bears celebrating with them were (l to r): Bill Bayer ’74, Eric Baxter ’75, Chape Whitman ’74, Glenn Bachman ’74, Cynthia George Gilliam ’73, Steve Carter ’71, Buzz, Norman Johnson ’74, Marty, Andy Wiswell ’71, and Tom Wheeler ’71.

work out, but I’m hoping to make a trip back to Bowdoin and New England for either a spring or fall trip in 2009!”

Saul Greenfield, MD, “was designated as President-elect of the Society for Pediatric Urology.”

Peter Healey reported in early November: “Retirement has facilitated travel. Hawaii, the big island, in February; Seattle in July where we caught a Sox-Mariners game; Alaska in August with son Sean ’11 for salmon fishing; and Sonoma/Napa in October, where my wife and I caught the fall harvest. Aside from that we’re taking courses at UTexas and I’m still bass fishing.”

Don Hoening wrote on December 16: “At the 50th anniversary celebration of men’s soccer at Bowdoin, Belfast, Maine was well-represented as Alex Turner ’70 and I attended the event and made a lame, futile, attempt to distinguish ourselves during the alumni game. Cheering us on were my wife Lynn, daughter Sarah ’02, and friend Greg Lovely ’01.”

Edgar Rothschild reported in the spring: “Susan and I are leaving for Germany in May, 2009, to meet up with John Weiss ’70 and his friends from the Mayo Clinic to bicycle through Germany. We thoroughly enjoyed reunion last spring and look forward to returning to Maine for more lobster soon.”

In May, Marty Van Santvoord hosted a 60th birthday celebration for husband Buzz Van Santvoord ’71 at their farm in Orange, Virginia, “and were lucky enough to gather a few Polar Bear alumni to celebrate.” See accompanying photo.

LAUDABLE The Big L Club, the Livingston High School sports booster organization, inducted Thomas Hoerner into its Hall of Fame last fall. A member of the class of 1970, Hoerner earned varsity letters in football, hockey, and track. Recognized in hockey as an All State skater, he served as captain of the Lancer hockey team in 1970. He continued to win athletic awards, including the Charles Winders Award and the Yearbook’s Best Athlete. He played hockey at Bowdoin, where he earned additional letters in football and track.” From a West Essex Tribune (N.J.) article, October 23, 2008.

Allie Middleton “is a yoga educator and therapist/coach with a strong background in mind-body approaches to health and healing, including wilderness adventure training. I now work in not-for-profit behavioral health as a clinical rehabilitation division director and also see private clients. I specialize in transpersonal change modalities, and am strongly influenced by nature, ecopsychology, the creative arts and transformative action research, Theory U. Deployed to New York City after the 9/11 disaster as a mental health first responder to work with the rescue workers as well as families, I am well-versed in trauma and recovery practices. I am an avid hiker, cyclist, and kayaker, and live and work with my husband in an old house with small garden in Center Square, Albany. alliemiddleton@mac.com”

Chape Whitman e-mailed on May 12: Bowdoin friends gathered for the 60th birthday of their good friend Buzz Van Santvoord ’71. The party was “thrown by his most excellent wife Marty ’73 at their farm in Orange, Va., Saturday night. A splendid time was had by all.”

REUNION Douglas Buckley wrote in early December: “Visited Bowdoin last fall with Nick, my oldest, but he decided it
was too cold and too far. So, now he’s a freshman at CalTech in Pasadena. I still have one more chance with Jacob, who’s a sophomore this year and seems to be much more cold tolerant. I’m now V.P. of Biochemistry at Excelixi’s in South San Francisco, and Shelley continues to thrive at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, working with Bill Jensen ’75.

John Danaher reported: “As the last of my three daughters graduates from college, I am turning my full-time attention (resources) to completing my straw bale home in the Sangre do Cristo mountains in Southern Colorado.”

Celeste Johnson recently wrote: “Turning 55 this year was a huge disappointment—can we really be so old? I am very enthusiastic about the idea of 2010 and our reunion—hope everyone’s lives make it possible for many to attend and, as usual, I love hearing from Leo!”

Francis Mardulier recently wrote: “Living in Florida, and teaching honors chemistry and IB environmental systems at Cocoa Beach Jr./Sr. High School. Get up to Cape Cod during July for some fishing. Wife Dot is also showing Egyptian Mau cats across the U.S.”

NEWSPRINT “For more than 20 years, Dan Shapiro has played along with National Public Radio’s weekend brain teaser for wordsmiths, the ‘Sunday Puzzle,’ hosted by Liane Hansen...Sunday, he aced it. He had the correct answers for all 10 pairs of puzzle clues given by ‘puzzle master’ Will Shortz, the editor of The New York Times Crossword Puzzle—although he had an assist on the last one. Shapiro was selected to play on air from among the people who correctly answered the May 17 challenge: ‘Think of a six-letter word in which the third letter is S.’ Remove the ‘S’ and you’ll be left with a five-letter word that means the opposite of the six-letter one. What is it? Clue: The six-letter word has two syllables. The five-letter one has one. The answer: Reign, reign. Shapiro said he spent five minutes pondering the challenge. ‘The next day it came to me in 12 seconds,’ he said during the broadcast. On Sunday’s program, Shapiro was given this on-air challenge: ‘Each clue is a pair of four-letter words. Each can be found inside the first and last names, respectively, of a famous person. For example, given ‘rend’ and ‘rase,’ the answer would be ‘Brendan Fraser,’ the actor...Shapiro said he was ‘in the zone’ when he answered one challenge after the next with barely a pause. Clearly impressed by his stellar showing, host Hansen joked, ‘Do you want my job?’ Shapiro won a dictionary, a number of crossword puzzle books by Shortz, the deluxe edition of Scrabble, and a ‘Weekend Edition’ lapel pin marking his win.’ From an Albany Democrat Herald article May 28, 2009.

Mary Van Arsdel wrote on December 3: “Mary is creating the role of the ‘bird woman’ in the first national tour of the Broadway show ‘Mary Poppins,’ beginning 2009 in Chicago.”

Peter Bing wrote on May 18: “Despite being on leave from Emory, it’s been a busy year. A new edition of my first book appeared, I finished editing the section on Greek literature for the new Oxford encyclopedia of Ancient Greece and Rome, and saw to press a volume of my collected essays old and new, which will appear soon with the University of Michigan press under the title The Scroll and The Marble: Studies in Reading and Reception in Hellenistic Poetry. My wife Mary is busy combating tuberculosis at the Centers for Disease Control. Daughter Anna is about to finish eighth grade. She makes beautiful music both on the cello and the trombone, and was selected for All State on both instruments.”

LAUDABLE The Harvard Extension School presented William Clark with the Thomas Small Prize, “awarded annually on the basis of ‘academic achievement and character’ to outstanding master of liberal arts degree recipients.” From a Harvard University Gazette article, June 10, 2009.

Betty Anne Hoehn wrote in the spring: “Two grandsons; Garrison (21 months), and Leeland (two months). Having so much fun!” Also, Betty and Deborah Waugh spent time together in Paris in April. See accompanying photo.
psychology and dance. Caitlin ’11 is enjoying her time at Bowdoin, undecided major with minor in dance. With both kids there, Mark and I have had many more visits to Bowdoin.”

Glenn Perry e-mailed in mid-October: “Ebo and MJ huddle cozily around a wee bonfire of 401(k) statement, dreaming of a day when Gwen, UMaine Farmington junior, and Faye, Deering High School junior, are outside the groves of academia. Then the Perrys will jet around the globe scattering cumshaw to the astonished natives and reviving the ugly American stereotype. Glenn’s band, Misspent Youth, plays regularly in greater Portland to general consternation. If you want to start something, call the Perrys at 207-try-wine.”

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Blair Johnson recently reported: “After 26 years in the corporate world, I’ve finally combined my vocation and avocation. In April, I joined the National Wildlife Federation’s staff in Boulder, Colo., to handle communications on public lands issues and help prevent the oil and gas industry from drilling the entire west.”

LAUDABLE Abbot Kominers “was elected National President of the Society of Federal Labor & Employee Relations Professionals (SFLERP), a national non-profit membership organization created in 1973 to promote cooperative relations between labor and management professionals in the federal sector.” From a SFLERP news release, February 9, 2009.

Beth Logan reports: “I was back on the College campus in April 2008 with my son and daughter. It was an absolutely beautiful day and I could not believe all of the new buildings and improvements. It truly is a very small world as I ran into my freshman roommate, Sally Clayton Caras. She was there exchanging cars with her son who was a senior. It was really special to see her. I have such fond memories of my years at Bowdoin!”

Sue Willey McKay writes: “I started my 27th year in the insurance industry as an agent, and for the past 14 as an association exec for an insurance trade association. This year the Bangor Band, in which I play trumpet, celebrates its 150 anniversary. I picked up the horn again a few years ago, having last played with the Bowdoin Band in 1976!”

David Towle “received a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Clinical Neuropsychology from The Fielding Institute in 2006. More importantly, he hasn’t had to hear it from Yankee fans since 2004.”

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Fran Jones Philip wrote in the spring: “I continue to love my role as chief merchandising officer at L. L. Bean. Living on the Harraseeket harbor in South Freeport isn’t bad either. George and I enjoy skiing, cycling, and paddling among other activities.”

Marcia Barinaga ’77 Ranch owner, cheesemaker

Marcia Barinaga has worked as a molecular biologist, journalist, and now, as a rancher and cheesemaker: “I’m trying to use my biology degree in as many different ways as I can before I die,” she jokes. Currently retired from her job as a writer for Science magazine, Marcia is busier than ever managing an 800-acre ranch in Marin County, Calif., that she and her husband purchased in 2001. Although the couple never planned on raising sheep, they wanted to start a business that would use the land to benefit the local economy. “We became quite passionate about being a sustainable part of the community,” Marcia says. Their first barn was raised in 2007 and Marcia visited other sheep farms and attended cheesemaking classes to learn about her soon-to-be trade. “It was brand new to me. My skills have all been acquired on the job.”

Marcia’s first batch of raw milk sheep cheese—aged for 60 days—was ready for the market in late July. When she’s not busy making cheese and caring for her flock, Marcia designs the labels for her product. She is also crossing her East Friesian dairy ewes with Katahdin rams, known for being hardier. Marcia welcomes the many challenges that come with more than one hundred animals to look after: “I’m a big believer in lifelong learning,” she says. “Every minute I’m working with the animals I’m so happy.”
“Leslie McGrath’s poem about butter graces Cabot packages. No, she did not rhyme ‘butter’ with ‘udder.’ And, yes, she’s written poems about butter before. Several, actually. Food is a favorite subject for Stonington poet Leslie McGrath, so the fact that she has churned out an ode to butter for the product from Cabot Creamery is, you might say, poetic justice. Now, her poem called ‘Butter Taps’ graces the sides of Cabot pound packages along the East Coast, from here (Groton’s Big Y) to Delaware (her sister-in-law reports seeing them there). ‘They make two million packages. Never again in my career will I have two million people reading what I write,’ says McGrath, who has a great sense of humor and punctuates this line, like many others, with laughter.” From a New London, Conn., The Day article, February 2, 2009. McGrath, the winner of the 2004 Nimrod/Hardman Pablo Neruda Prize for Poetry, is a well-published poet and managing director of the online art and literature journal Drunken Boat (www.drunkenboat.com). Her first full collection of poems, Hunger, Opulent Rage, won the Main Street Rag contest and will be published later this year.

“Former Seattle City Council member Peter Steinbrueck will spend a year in Cambridge, Mass., as a Loeb Fellow at Harvard University’s Graduate School of Design beginning September 2009. The Fellowship year at Harvard will provide him the opportunity for concentrated research on U.S. urban policy and global environmental challenges at the national level.” From an AiA Seattle news release, April 17, 2009.

Doug Stenberg’s ‘Our Farm’ is a supplementary feature in Bryn Mawr’s Alumnae Bulletin (November 2008) at http://www.brynmawr.edu/alumnae/0bulletin/nov08/farm.html.”

“Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates announced Feb. 10 that the President has made the following nominations: Navy Rear Adm. (lower half) Michael J. Connor has been nominated for appointment to the rank of rear admiral. Connor is currently serving as commander, Submarine Group 7, Yokosuka, Japan.” From a US Navy Press release, February 10, 2009.

Kim MacDonald writes: “I am preparing to deploy to Ramadi, Iraq, within a day of writing this note. My family resides in Baltimore, Md., where husband Don is busy in community development and writing. Son Julian (17) is completing high school and a pre-professional program in dance and daughter Kester (22) is a happily employed Goucher College graduate (2008) working as a researcher in the field of immunology. I would love to hear from friends while overseas. I’d welcome partnership in the work I will be doing in community development and infrastructure transitioning. My email: kim_donahue@yahoo.com. Blessings!”

Richard Meyer wrote on December 19: “Published a book in August 2000, Why We Hate Us: American Discontent in
Jocelyn Shaw e-mailed on January 1: “Life continues on in Muskegon. Megan graduated from Smith [last] May and is currently working for RDR Publishing. She is looking for a job with a larger publisher. Zachary has changed tracks and now wants to teach calculus instead of being an engineer. He is hoping to transfer to the University of Michigan for the Fall 2009 semester. I’m just hanging in and being a supportive mom. Nothing particular new with me; I’m still working at the library.”

Jordan Van Voast is an acupuncture clinic, CommuniChi, is now in its third year and utilizing an innovative community based model providing affordable access to acupuncture, was featured on the evening news in Seattle: http://222.king5.com/video/index.html?nvid=347089.”

John Miklus and Kathleen Fogarty (Fairfield Univ. ’85) “were married on October 11, 2008, at St. Patrick’s Church in Bay Shore, N.Y., followed by a reception at Southward Ho Country Club in Bay Shore.” See photo in Weddings section.

For news of Steven Rapkin, see Norman Rapkin ’50 and accompanying photo.

Linda Nelson e-mailed on May 25: “The summer of 2009 is a double milestone for me: the 10th anniversary of Opera House Arts in Stonington, Maine, the wonderful community arts organization I helped to found; and the 10th anniversary of my marriage to my partner Judith. We still don’t have the legal and economic rights that go along with this marriage, so we all need to keep on working for this basic social justice, especially in our great state of Maine.”

Madeline Hutcheson wrote late last winter: “In June, Clay Mayhood (Miami University/Ohio ’79) and I were married in Charleston, S.C., and then celebrated with friends and family at my family summer home in July. I was thrilled that Bowdoin classmates Linda Copelas Jones, Wendy Arundel, and Elizabeth O’Brien Ward, her husband Jaime ’83, along with their three boys, Andrew, Ben, and Sam, headed to Dixie and joined us for a grand time along the banks of the Chesapeake. Clay and I are having a ball merging our homes and lives—I’ve happily joined the ranks of step-motherhood (and rather painfully, too), though I heartily acknowledge the steep learning curve involved. Earlier in the year, Clay and I made a trip out west and stayed with Bill Zell, his wife Margot, and their daughter Twyla (3) in Bozeman, Mont., where the Zells run the amazingly successful Montana Whitewater rafting company. If anyone’s curious, Bill hasn’t changed one inch since our Bowdoin days—I suspect a little less hair is involved, but the hat (same one from the ’80s courtesy of the Brunswick Goodwill) kept it all a mystery. I still spend my time writing about gardens and the landscape; much of my focus has been on historic garden restoration. I sail whenever I can—Tahiti to Hawaii was

Sandy Woodhouse Drayton ’83
Vice President of Communications, The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research

When a former Bowdoin roommate hooked her up with a communications position at Time Inc., Sandy Drayton ’83 was just pleased to have a full-time job. “I never thought it was a long-term thing,” she says, “but I ended up settling in and being very happy there.” In her 21 years with the company, Sandy oversaw public relations for several magazines including LIFE and Entertainment Weekly, which she spent 12 years developing into one of industry’s most widely read publications. She credits part of EW’s success to the emergence of the Internet, which revolutionized the entertainment world. “It was a very exciting time,” she says. “I was fortunate to be at EW during its prime.”

In 2008, Sandy left publishing to head the communications team at the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research, a position well suited to her experience with communications as well as the world of celebrity. Working for a non-profit also allows Sandy to use her skills for a cause that she believes in and has a personal connection to. Her father-in-law lived with Parkinson’s for many years. “It’s fantastic to be able to take my experience and channel it into something so meaningful,” she says. “We’re a group that comes to work every day determined to find a cure.”
a recent trip (on a 65-foot former Whitbred winner), followed by the Azores to Ireland (aboard a 48-foot sloop). Both Clay and I are travel fiends and are scheming our next adventure—maybe to Australia for a (belated) honeymoon.” See accompanying photo.

Liz Peters Kaiser wrote on June 4: “My husband and I have three children, ages 14, 13, and 2. I’m working full-time as a radiologist at Emerson Hospital in Concord, Mass. We would welcome any visitors.”

Melissa Cotton wrote on October 7: “In March, I started a new career in the foreign service as a diplomat with the State Dept. Though specializing in public diplomacy, my first position will be as Vice Consul in Guatemala. I’ll be in the U. S. Embassy in Guatemala for two years, starting in December. Hope to see Bowdoin folks who find themselves traveling in those parts; though, hopefully, not in a professional capacity!”

Paul Dyer wrote in late October: “I recently accepted the position of Director of Admissions for an American boarding school in the French part of Switzerland. My wife, ten-year-old daughter, and I will be moving there next summer. Look us up if you are ever in the Alps. Here is the website for Leysin American School: www.las.ch.”

LAUDABLE Donna Bibbo Mastrangelo’s husband Frank wrote last winter that Donna was “selected as the first woman to receive the Alumni Faculty Appreciation Award at Lawrence Academy, where she has worked since she graduated from Bowdoin.”

Jodi Mendelson Feeney recently wrote: “I am still coaching at Milton Academy; soccer in the fall, fitness in the winter, and lacrosse in the spring. Sue Sorter O’Malley and I are coaching the teams together. We recently had a new addition to our family; Elvis, our second Bernaise mountain dog.”

Wrenn Compere reports: “I have been running and teaching Mad River Valley music together for two and a half years, and shipping away at a master’s degree in music therapy. Enjoying the bittersweet moments of parenting teens. Life is full!”

LAUDABLE Mona Golub is the “second annual choice for The Griffin Report of Food Marketing Women Executive of the Year. Ms. Golub’s official title is vice president of public relations and consumer services for Price Chopper. She handles public and media information and customer relations for the company while overseeing promotions and several
Tamara Risser ’87
Regional Continuous Improvement Manager, Poland Springs

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While some people claim to have known their career paths as mere toddlers, that was not the case for Tamara Risser ’87. “I didn’t play ‘water factory’ as a child,” she jokes. Now a 14-year veteran of the Maine-based bottled water company, Tamara splits her time between the Poland Springs and Hollis plants, figuring out ways to streamline production and lessen costs while maintaining eco-friendly practices. One of her recent projects resulted in a 42% cut in oil use at the Hollis plant.

Tamara’s foray into the world of water quality testing began with the Maine Drinking Water Program through an EPA-funded grant on drinking water disinfection by-products. She enjoyed her interactions with various municipal water treatment organizations throughout the state and gained an appreciation for all the professionals engaged in ensuring the public has safe drinking water. “I find the whole engineering/water chemistry aspects of water treatment fascinating,” she admits. Working for a private company presents different challenges but Tamara considers herself fortunate to work for an organization that takes environmental issues seriously and recycles 96% of its waste. “The whole ethos is that we have to take care of the land,” she says. “You have to take it seriously.”

E. B. Brakewood reported to the physics department that he “has been working for the last two years on a new secret assignment at Merk exploring the emerging biologics market. They have recently gone public with Merk Bioventures and he has been busy working on their first product.”

Cynthia Latham and Mark S. Allison “were married on April 4, 2009, at the Raleigh Hotel in South Beach, Miami Beach, Fla.” See photo in Weddings section.

Kelly McKinney-Brakewood reported to the Physics department that she “continues as PTA president for the Tewksbury (NJ) schools and was also busy helping with all the eight grade activities for Harrison. She also got to accompany the eighth grade on their trip to Washington, D.C., which for a government major was so much fun!”

Phil Morin and his wife and Lynda welcomed their new daughter Juliette Aine Cordelia Morin on July 22, 2008. Juliette was 8 lbs and 19 inches. Philip also reported to the Physics department that he “took the California bar exam in late February, passed in May, and was sworn in to the California bar in June.”

LAUDABLE Navy Cmdr. Gregory J. Smith “has been decorated with the Defense Meritorious Service Medal. The medal is awarded to individuals for non-combat meritorious achievement or service that is incontestably exceptional and of a magnitude that clearly places them above their peers. Recipients are assigned to or have served with numerous joint activities in the Department of Defense, joint chiefs of staff, joint, specified and allied commands, military agencies, and other joint activities as designated by the secretary of defense. Smith received the medal for his service as a deputy staff judge advocate for U.S. Pacific Command from April 2007 to February 2009. He now serves with the Multi-National Force Iraq Staff Judge Advocate’s office. The commander has been in the military for 16 years.” From a Armed Forces News Service release, April 30, 2009. Also see Kristen St. Peter-Hoffman ’96 and accompanying photo.

Jessica Kaplan, a Maine Prep SAT teacher and a South Portland High School English teacher, has been chosen to UNUM’s Maine Educator’s Hall of Fame. According to South Portland High School, her recognition is based on the success that she has had with her students in Testwise, the school’s free curricular SAT prep class. This year, Kaplan’s students experienced an average 178-point increase between PSATs and SATs. Jessica, a graduate of Stanford University Law School, has taught for Maine Prep, the Brunswick-based test preparation company, for five years. Before joining the faculty of South Portland High School, Kaplan worked for the Justice Department as a prosecutor for white collar crimes and also as a tax attorney.” From a South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Sentry article, December 12, 2008.

Tiffany Poor Lynch e-mailed on May 14: “In March of ’09 we traveled as a family to Birobidjan, Russia, to adopt our new son, Jack Ivan Lynch (age 6). In the summer of ’08, Jack (then Ivan or Vanya) came to spend four weeks with us through a summer camp program called Bridge of Hope. This program was set up thirteen years ago to get older children adopted from Russia. After a successful summer with him, we began our paperwork for the adoption. In February of ’09 we were informed of our court date. We spent two weeks visiting his orphanage in Birobidjan (eight time zones east of Moscow); we spent one week in China; and then one week in Moscow before returning home in April. Every day is an adventure now, as we teach him to speak English, ride a bike, use a computer, learn to swim, and so on. This has been a life-changing experience for all of us. Our family now feels complete!” See accompanying photo.

For news of Hilary Rapkin, see Norman Rapkin ’50 and accompanying photo.

Lisa Bossi ’87, sister of Michael Burnett e-mailed on January 15: “On December 6, 2008, Michael coached his high school football team to its first-ever state championship in the Virginia AA Division. This feel-good ending, complete with record snowfall, was the culmination of a stunning turnaround for the Broad Run Spartan football program. When Michael left his head coaching position in Santa Monica, Calif., for Ashburn, Va., in 2005, he undoubtedly had his work cut out for him. The Spartans had just finished a series of losing seasons, the last one ending at 1-9. Over the course of three years Michael’s vision of building more than a winning team, but an enduring program, resulted in three winning seasons, two undefeated and a dedicated following of passionate players and coaches. He is this year’s recipient of seven Coach of the Year awards, including the Washington Redskins Coach of the Year, which honors achievements on and off the field. Most notably, Michael and his team have been instrumental in starting a successful conflict mediation program at Broad Run. Michael left a successful law career over a decade ago to pursue his dream of motivating young athletes and students. He is equally committed in the classroom, where he teaches AP economics and world history. For in-depth coverage of the season, visit: http://spartangameday.com.”

Bruce Campbell and Tessa Hadlock wrote in mid-October: “Life continues at a dizzying pace. Our four children keep us running from activity to activity. Lucky to have Paul Nelson ’90 coaching McKenzie’s hockey team. Bruce is busy running the executive and international health program at Lahey Clinic, while Tessa runs the Facial Nerve Center at Mass. Eye and Ear Infirmary.”

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Shaun Cooney’s novel Spreading Ashes is available in paperback. It is the story of a man honoring his older brother’s dying wish by spreading his ashes across Europe. Signed copies are available at www.shauncooney.com.” See Bookshelf this issue and online.

Alan Parks wrote on October 22: “I started my own insurance consulting/brokerage firm, Integrated Benefit Solutions, and based it in Portland, Maine. Things are going very well, and I keep in touch with many Bowdoin friends. My kids, Mason and Connor, are keeping me very busy as a coach of their numerous sports teams, which is always the best part of any week.”

Petra Platt wrote on December 16: “Life has been great lately. I married Michael Platt in December 2007 and completed an ironman triathlon in July 2008. Plus, my brother Craig and his wife just had a baby boy, whom they named Christopher.”

Sherin and Lodgen LLP announced “that Sara Jane Shanahan has joined the firm as a partner. An experienced litigator, Sara represents national retailers, pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers, insurers and insureds, and shareholders of closely-held corporations.” From a Sherin and Lodgen LLP news release March 5, 2009.

Yunhui Singer wrote on December 29: “We are in our third overseas assignment and are living in Abu Dhabi, UAE, right now. The girls are growing up fast. Lulu is eight and Charlotte is five.”

Shaun Cooney’s, a Verrill Dana LLP news release May 4, 2009.

NEWSPRINT Serena Zabin, an
assistant professor of history at Carleton College, was awarded tenure by Carleton last spring. She “joined the Carleton history department in 2000, where she spent her first two years as a Mellon postdoctoral fellow. Appreciated for her intellectual and pedagogical rigor and ingenuity, Zabin’s excellence in teaching is matched by her scholarship. Her published work is considered sophisticated, ambitious, and a distinct contribution to the field.”

From a Carleton College Web site article, March 17, 2009.

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Doug Beal wrote on February 9: “Emily Scott ’04 has been passing through Amman, Jordan, for work and used PolarNet to look us up. On December 5, Emily delivered a Jolly Jumper for the new Beal, son David, born August 16. We met up for breakfast at the Four Seasons Amman—nice! Thanks PolarNet!” See accompanying photo.

Annalisa Hillis-Ravin e-mailed on June 19: “I spent the past year as a stay-at-home mom with my son, Zander, who my husband and I adopted and traveled to Guatemala to pick up in February 2008 (on his first birthday). Next fall, I will go back to work at Pembroke Community Middle School as an eighth grade social studies teacher.” See accompanying photo.

Eva Nagorski “lives in New York City with her husband and their daughter, working as a freelance writer/producer. Her book, The Down and Dirty Dish on Revenge: Serving it up Nice and Cold to that Lying, Cheating Bastard (St. Martin’s Press/Thomas Dunne) [came] out June 9.” See Bookshelf this issue, and online.


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professionals and youths. Some of their clients include Harvard Business School Executive Education Program, The Bank of New York Mellon, and Turner Construction. In addition to her role as company president, Hinds is the author of four business books targeted young professionals and youth workers.” From an Orca Communications for Make Mine a Million $ Business news release, November 12, 2008.

Carolyn Russell and Glen Brock (Washington & Lee ‘87) “were married on September 22, 2007, in Houston, Texas.” See photo in Weddings section.

LAUDABLE “St. Lawrence University Associate Professor of Fine Arts Melissa A. Schuilenberg has been named the Frank P. Piskor Faculty Lecturer and will give a presentation on campus next year titled “Manufactured Landscape.” The Piskor Faculty Lectureship was established in 1979 to encourage original and continued research among St. Lawrence faculty members, to recognize and honor distinguished scholarship and to afford the opportunity for faculty to share their learning with the academic community.” From a St. Lawrence University news release, April 20, 2009.

Elisabeth Sperry wrote on October 7: “I am well—living in Providence, R.I., with husband Thad, two children, two dogs, and a cat. I am a veterinarian, working part-time, doing a lot of surgery. Work and Vera (4) and George (almost 2) keep me busy!”

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Jaclyn Cohen wrote on December 19: “Married Adam Cohen (Tufts ’97) in

Airami Bogle Bentz ’95 and husband Michael Bentz welcomed Jessa Katherine Bentz on March 20, 2009.

April, 2006. Son Harry was born September 15, 2007.”

Lucie Garnett e-mailed on March 4: “After ten years of teaching first grade in Saint Louis, I decided I needed a break, so I quit my job and have spent this year traveling. While on the Milford Track in New Zealand, I met Bowdoin professor Bill VanderWolk. Small world!” See accompanying photo.

Trelawney Goodell e-mailed on April 1: “Life is wonderful in Seattle. It’s hard to believe I’ve been here over 10 years! I continue to balance contract work at Microsoft with freelance writing and editing for agencies, small companies, and individuals (www.nwxne.com). It’s spring, which means lacrosse. I play for Barracuda Lacrosse, a fun group of women who travel and play throughout the Pacific Northwest. As the weather improves and the snow level drops, I plan to do a lot of hiking with my Maine-raised boyfriend, Bill.”

Brooke Mohnkern and Amy Carlin (Boston College ’92) were married at the Portland Yacht Club in Falmouth, Maine, on April 30th, 2005. See photo in Weddings section.

Mary O’Loughlin-Hobson writes: “We are so happy to announce that Coleman James Hobson was born on July 18, 2008. He is such a delight and keeping us very busy. He enjoys spending time with his friends Jake Silk (son of Karin Granneik Silk) and Lauren and Brianna Ropacki (Susan Legendre Ropacki’s daughters). We are all very excited to have Alison Behr join us out in Southern Calif. this summer!” See accompanying photo.

Anathea Powell e-mailed on March 31: “I am finishing up my three-year surgical oncology research fellowship at the NIH, and will returning to NYC for a July 1 start back in my general surgery residency at NYU (three more years to go). Also, I am racing my second Ironman triathlon in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, on June 21, 2009 (I finished my first there last year). I am racing this year in honor of the people and patients of Doctors Without Borders/ Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF). I have been writing about MSF’s work (and a little bit about Ironman) at my fundraising site: http://imcda09formsf.blogspot.com/. Anyone in NYC after July 1, please keep in touch! Anathema.powell@gmail.com.”

Stephen Smith and Jacquelyn Crawford (UC-Berkeley ’96) were married on January 12, 2008 in Santa Barbara, California. See photo in Weddings section.

Joe Fontaine “is a post-doc research fellowship at Murdoch University Perth, Australia, at least through 2010. Look me up!”

Kristen St. Peter-Hoffman e-mailed on April 27: “Greetings from Baghdad. The arrival of the Hon. Christopher Hill ’74, U.S. Ambassador to Iraq, prompted a Bowdoin alumni photo with CDR Greg Smith ’87, an attorney with the Multi-National Forces Iraq Office of Staff Judge Advocate at Victory Base, Baghdad, Iraq. He is an active duty Navy JAG, and is in Iraq for a one-year deployment. I am an attorney with the MNF-I Office of Staff Judge Advocate at the U. S. Embassy, Baghdad and a civilian attorney with Navy Office of General Counsel in Iraq for an eight-month deployment.” See accompanying photo.
Janet Kane wrote in early April: “On November 5, 2008, we welcomed Maura Elizabeth Kane into the world. She's a very happy, easy-going baby. Her big brother Conor just adores her, and she can’t get enough of watching him play. We're all adjusting to the new happy chaos and couldn't imagine life any differently.” See accompanying photo.

Sandra DiPasquale Walker, husband Alec, and big sister Isabella are proud to announce the birth of their alum notes

Coleman James Hobson was born on July 18, 2008, to Mary O’Loughlin-Hobson '95 and husband John.

Alexandra Hunt, at age three months. Alexandra was born to Lauren Wise ’96 and Matthew Hunt on November 15, 2007.

On November 5, 2008, Janet ’96 and Patrick Kane ’96 welcomed Maura Elizabeth Kane into the world.

Julianna Trinity Walker, pictured with big sister Isabella, was born August 4, 2008, to Sandra DiPasquale Walker ’96 and her husband Alec.

On April 27, 2009, (l to r) CDR Greg Smith ’87, Ambassador Christopher Hill ’74, and Kristin St. Peter ’96 met up in Baghdad.
Esther Baker-Tarpaga e-mailed in April: “I was recently hired as a tenure-track faculty member in the dance department at Ohio State University, and we will be moving from Los Angeles to Columbus in the fall. We performed at the International Festival of Sacred Arts in Delhi, India, in February and are currently on tour with David Rousseve/REALITY dance theatre company. We will be performing at Jacobs Pillow, Mass., in July 2009, and at Danspace in NYC in October ‘09.” See Alumnotes cover.

Celeste Rayner Best “and husband welcomed their daughter, Vivian Marie Best, on November 25, 2008. She is a bundle of joy and we love every minute with her.” See accompanying photo.

NEWSPRINT Courtney Worcester “is a member of Pepper Hamilton’s Commercial Litigation Practice Group and concentrates her practice on corporate governance and shareholder litigation, including associated federal securities law issues. She has defended companies, financial institutions and individuals in securities and consumer class actions, and has represented clients in litigation matters ranging from contractual disputes to the protection of trade secrets and other business torts. Courtney is a 1999 graduate of Boston University School of Law and joined Pepper in 2008.” From a Pepper Hamilton news release, February 12, 2009.

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Lauren Wise “and Matthew Hunt (Miami University ’90) joyfully announce the birth of their daughter Alexandra Rachel Hunt on November 15, 2007.” See accompanying photo.

NEWSPRINT Ryan Dunn was recently promoted to Senior Vice President, Regional Commercial Lending Manager at Enterprise Bank. He “began his career at Enterprise in 1997 as a Leadership Development Participant, and was the first graduate of the program. He joined the Commercial Lending team and was promoted to Bank Officer in 2000, and was named Vice President in 2004. Ryan is a trustee of the L. Wyman Trull Bowdoin Scholarship Fund, Treasurer of the Trustees of Westford Academy, and Co-President of the Lowell Art Association, Inc.” From an Enterprise Bank news release, April 28, 2009.

Kate Fahey e-mailed on June 15: “I recently had a BBQ with a bunch of Bowdoin alums and their families.” See accompanying photo.

Bryan Knepper e-mailed on February 11: “My wife Jennifer, daughter Sutton, and I were excited to welcome Margaux Loren into the world on January 2. As well, I am pleased to be able to support ‘the common good’ by joining the External Advisory board of the Charles Bronfman Institute for Personalized Medicine at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York and the Board of Governors at The Johns Hopkins Hospital Heart and Vascular Institute.”

Mark Patterson wrote in mid-December: “I am currently living and working in Durham, N.C. I am a health services research analyst at Research Triangle Institute (RTI).”

LAUDABLE Chad Rowley was inducted into the Dover (N.H.) Sports Hall of Fame last fall. From a fosters.com article, November 30, 2008.

Ben Small “and Katie Krein (University of Richmond ’03) were married on September 27, 2008, at the Wequassett Inn in Chatham, Mass.” See photo in Weddings section.

Kate Kabey ’97 and her family recently had a BBQ with a bunch of fellow alums and their families (back row, l to r): Brian Fitzgerald ’99, Mike Fahey, Steve Kernissey ’98, Mike Nakashian ’98, Lisa Nakashian, Jenny Post, Jed Severson ’95, Dave Morales ’97, Lucy Santos, Tony Teixeira ’97, and Mason Bagg ’98. (Front row, l to r): Lauren Abernathy Fitzgerald ’00; Mike Sinclair ’97, with son Cameron; Kate, with daughter Ella and son TJ; Tyler Post ’99, with daughter Anna; Dave Morales ’97, with son Anthony; Michelle Dunn, with daughter Payton; Jed Severson ’95, with sons Colin and Timothy; and Ryan Dunn ’97, with daughters Madison and Emma.

Palmer Emmitt wrote early December: “I was married on August 16, 2008, at Lake Tahoe to Michelle Marie Cardona (University of Southern California ’02).”

Emily Villagio Grant welcomed new daughter Matilda Jean Grant on May 18, 2008. She joins her big sister, Cassidy. See accompanying photo.

NEWSPRINT A mysterious light show in the Prospect Heights apartment of Trevor MacDermid is illuminated in the column, “Brooklynhenge,” in the March 30, 2009, issue of The New Yorker magazine.

Willyanne DeCormier Plosky, “Daniel Plosky and big sister Ella, welcomed baby Evan Takemitsu Plosky to the world September 29, 2008.” See accompanying photo.

LAUDABLE Tim Ryan was inducted into the Wells (Maine) High School Athletic Hall of Fame last...
November. Ryan was a quarterback and linebacker for the football team and a second baseman in baseball. As a football player, he helped lead the Warriors to the state championship his senior year when Wells lost to Winslow. He was a tri-captain of that team. In baseball, Ryan led the team in home runs his senior season while posting a .440 batting average and earning a spot in the state's senior all-star game. He is now Associate Athletic Director at Bowdoin. From a Seacoastonline.com article, November 13, 2008.

Joanna Tyler “married David Hale on October 11, 2008, a gorgeous autumn day, in Alton, N.H.” See photo in Weddings section.

Tim Baird and Kiyah Duffey ’01 “welcomed their first-born, Eleanor Linden, into the world on March 9, 2009.” See accompanying photo.

Abigail Greene Goldman e-mailed on January 29: “Jeff and I are thrilled to announce the birth of our healthy and beautiful daughter Mira Lewis Goldman on August 22, 2008. She is constantly on the move, with more energy than her parents combined (which is saying a lot!), but her constant smiles and cuddles more than make up for the sleep deprivation. Mira is very excited to meet everyone at the Reunion in May!” See accompanying photo.

Courtney Brecht and Chad MacDermid “were married on August 13, 2008, in New York City.” See photo in Weddings section.

Laudable “President Obama named Kendall C. Burman to be Associate Counsel to the President. Ms. Burman most recently served as Chief Staff Counsel to the Obama for America campaign. Earlier in her career, she served as an Associate at Latham & Watkins, LLP.” From a White House Press release, January 28, 2009.

Shanna Gagnon and Nathan Curtis (Carnegie Mellon ’05) “were married on August 22, 2008, at the Freeport Hilton Garden Inn in Freeport, Maine.” See photo in Weddings section.

Tobey Horn “has graduated from medical school at Wake Forest and is excited to return to New England for his residency in Psychiatry at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. If you’re in the area, look me up!”

Raegan LaRochelle e-mailed on January 7: “Mercer L. Wilkinson and Alden L. Wilkinson were born to Dr. Jared Wilkinson and Raegan LaRochelle on September 26, 2007. Jared works as a podiatric surgeon in Augusta for Foot and Ankle Associates of Maine. Raegan, who received her MBA (Yale ’06), is currently self-employed consulting on business and economic development projects.” See accompanying photo.

Ferris Lawrence e-mailed on May 6: “After four-and-a-half years in Sao Paulo, Brazil, developing projects to fight climate change, I will be returning to the States to attend the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University. While I am sad to be leaving Brazil, my girlfriend and I will be backpacking through Brazil for two months to visit the best Brazil has to offer before we head to the States.”

Leah Muhm and Kevin Lin (John Hopkins ’98) “were married March 7, 2009, at the Wright House in Mesa, Ariz.” See photo in Weddings section.

Katie Davis Westreich and husband Daniel welcomed their son Elijah David Westreich on February 27, 2009, in Chapel Hill, N.C. Katie “will be graduating from UNC School of Medicine in May of 2010, after taking a year off with Eli. Daniel (Yale ’98) is currently a post-doc in infectious disease epidemiology at UNC.” See accompanying photo.

Wayne Chung wrote to the Physics department in December: “I finished my Ph.D. in computer engineering at Dartmouth in August 2006. I am now working for the Institute for Defense Analysis/Center for Computer Sciences as a researcher. IDA is a Federally Funded Research and Development Center located just outside Washington, D.C.”

Peter and Sarah Curran had twins Grace Addison and Toby Finn Curran on November 15, 2008. These future Polar Bears are excited to visit campus and check out the Bowdoin scene!” See accompanying photo.
LAUDABLE Alex Ellis received a prestigious Dean’s Award from the Harvard Business School. “Typically, Harvard Business School courses emerge from faculty research, but the second-year field study seminar Building Green Businesses is an exception. A team of four graduating students, [including Alex], created this new offering, which debuted in the school’s curriculum this year.” From a Harvard University Gazette article, June 10, 2009.

NEWSPRINT Sports Illustrated featured a bit on Kit Hughes last spring. Kit, N.C. State’s director of football operations, organized a group of NC State football players to travel to New Orleans on a spring break service trip to continue the post-Katrina cleanup. For more, see the Bowdoin News Archive, “Football Team Inspires Others to Flex Community Service Muscle”: bowdoin.edu/news/archives.

Melissa Goodrich and Will Lyons (Dartmouth ’00) were married on April 19, 2008, in Pinehurst, N.C. See photo in Weddings section.

Sarah Mountcastle ’05 sent in some news about her brother Andrew and the Ph.D. research he’s currently doing on moth flight. “He studies it through high-speed photography, and the pictures are pretty cool.” Check some out on the University of Washington news site, in an article titled “Straighten up and fly right: Moths benefit more from flexible wings than rigid”: http://uwnews.org.

Lauren Nassiff e-mailed on January 5: “My husband Andy and I welcomed our son, William Timothy Nassif (Class of ’30?!) born to Lauren Fitch Nassiff ’01 and husband Andy on December 16, 2007. We are looking forward to Will’s first visit to Bowdoin and meeting some of his fellow Polar Bear cubs!” See accompanying photo.
Lovey Oliff and Matthew Oliff '02 welcomed their son Elijah Oliff on November 16, 2008. See accompanying photo.

Kirsten Partenheimer and Christopher Chesla (University Minnesota Duluth '07) “were married on September 13, 2008, at the Gibbs Museum in Saint Paul, Minn.” See photo in Weddings section.

Erik Pletcher and Kate O’Phelan (University of Wisconsin '01) were married on August 9, 2008, in Dana Point, Calif. See photo in Weddings section.

Jenny Slepian “married James Begg (University of Tasmania '02) on June 6, 2008, overlooking the Pacific Ocean in Lahaina, Maui. Shaun Golding and Kelly Lawrence were fantastic bridesmaids and the only Polar Bears who could make it, keeping all of the Aussie and Kiwi guests very entertained.” See photo in Weddings section.

Alex Tatum e-mailed on December 4: “I got married [last] June in Rye, N.H., at the Wentworth by the Sea Country Club to Marcia Ingraham (Colby '02). We are currently living in Beacon Hill in Boston. I am working for a private equity fund in Andover, Mass., called Constitution Capital Partners.” See photo in Weddings section.

Samantha Saffir and Seth Barnes '01 were married on August 16, 2008, in Park City, Utah. “We live near the beach in Santa Monica, Calif., where Seth works in search marketing for Edmunds.com, and Samantha is the founder and culinary coach of Kitchen Kid (kitchenkid.com), a cooking school for kids and families. You can read about my adventures cooking with kids on my blog, GrowingUpGourmet.com.” See photo in Weddings section.

Shaun Golding and Kelly Lawrence were fantastic bridesmaids and the only Polar Bears who could make it, keeping all of the Aussie and Kiwi guests very entertained.” See photo in Weddings section.

Megan Wardrop and Grant Morgove (Berklee College of Music '02) “were married on March 14, 2009, on Azedinha Beach in Buzios, Brazil. Bowdoin friend Apolka Totth '01 traveled down to join the celebration.” See photo in Weddings section.

Yen-Ching Wu wrote on May 4: “I married my husband Justin Francis Thomas (Class of 2002 Maryland Institute College of Art) on September 27, 2008, at the Historic Oakland Manor in Columbia, Md.” See photo in Weddings section.

Real Bowdoin alum Dottie Chalmers ’03 met Patrick Dempsey, who plays a Bowdoin alum on TV in Auburn, Maine, last winter. The Grey’s Anatomy star and Maine native was in town for a benefit for his foundation at Central Maine Medical Center.

Twins Grace Addison and Toby Finn Curran were born to Peter and Sarah Curran '01 on November 15, 2008.

Alison McConnell ‘04
Financial reporter, founder and editor of The Humble Gourmand

By day, Alison McConnell ’04 covers the complex world of financial markets, reporting real-time news out of the U.S. Treasury, Congress, and the White House for a Washington, D.C., wire service. The economic turmoil has made Alison’s job exciting, to say the least. “It’s a great time to be a financial reporter and a bad time to be an investor,” she says.

An economics major and Orient editor, Alison interned after graduation at Staeteline.org, a politics and policy news service, but never planned to enter the world of financial reporting. “I had only a vague sense of combining the two,” she says of writing and economics.

Alison’s after-hours work involves writing and something easier to stomach these days than financial news. She is the founding editor of The Humble Gourmand, an online food and wine magazine that offers recipes and advice to aspiring foodies. The e-zine includes a blog and restaurant reviews, and also features the work of fellow alums Lauren McNally ’03, Jackson Wilkinson ’05, and Sam Chapple-Sokol ’07. For Alison, it’s a creative outlet conveniently centered on one of her favorite topics: “I’ve definitely always loved good food,” she admits. Visit www.humblegourmand.com.
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Michael Wood ’06
Stage actor

As a junior studying abroad in Paris, Michael Wood ’06 was a member of the audience for two shows put on by the renowned Théâtre du Soleil. Just a few years later he was on stage himself auditioning for a chance to become a part of the company, an experience Michael compared to a reality television show, in which contestants are eliminated after every round. Over the course of two months, nine hundred actors were whittled down to just eighteen. Although he wasn’t selected to join the company, contributing to the creation of the theater’s upcoming production was ultimately the grand prize. “It gave me a huge appreciation and a sense of pride that doing theatre isn’t something you do in your spare time,” Michael said. “It enhanced my own life and the lives of the people and the community around me.”

Now back in Maine, Michael is working in Bar Harbor and unwinding after such an exhilarating experience. He intends to pursue theater in the future and is considering teaching and directing in addition to acting. Having the Bowdoin community to come home to was comforting after leaving behind his Boston life for the Paris-based workshop. “Bowdoin was the place that gave me the courage to go do something like that.”

Toussaint (St. Michael’s College ’99) were married in Woodstock, Vt., on December 31, 2008. See photo in Weddings section.

Josh Police and Betsy Hayes ’04 “were married on September 20, 2008, in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, with a reception following at the Eastland Park Hotel in Portland.” See photo in Weddings section.

Eric Walker reported to the Physics department in December: “Two years ago I moved to Maryland. With my company here in Maryland (R2integrated) I was promoted to Director of Technology. I manage a team of several programmers and several designers.”

Kara Oppenheim and Simon Gerson ’02 “were married on August 31, 2008, in Sebasco Estates, Maine.” See photo in Weddings section.


Paul Hastings and Debbie Wissel ’03 were married on August 23, 2008, at the Stonehouse Manor near Popham Beach in Phippsburg, Maine. See photo in Weddings section.

Alexandra Ogata and Timothy McIntire were married on September 27, 2008, in the Bowdoin chapel. See photo in Weddings section.

Last winter, Blakeney Schick hosted a gathering where Harrison Davis III ’60, new president of the New England Society in the City of Brooklyn, presented a silver tray to Franklin Ciaccio ’63 in appreciation of Frank’s service for seven years as Harrison’s predecessor. The society’s scholarship committee, chaired by Harrison for the last thirty years, awards supplementary scholarships to students from Brooklyn who attend college in New England. See photo on page 57.

Chelsea Peters and Matthew Peters “were married on August 30, 2008, in West Hartford, Conn.” See photo in Weddings section.

Caitlin Connolly writes: “I am currently
Brad Gillis ’08
Co-owner, Homegrown Sustainable Sandwich Shop

Brad Gillis ’08 is hoping to “turn back the clock,” at least when it comes to sandwiches. A self-confessed foodie, Brad and longtime friend Ben Friedman have recently opened Homegrown, a sustainable sandwich shop in Seattle, Washington, that serves local and organic meals with “ingredients you can pronounce.”

Opening in late March, Homegrown was a project years in the making. A mutual love for good sandwiches and sustainable agriculture inspired Brad, an environmental studies/geology major at Bowdoin and Ben, a Boston University grad, to discuss the possibility of going into business together, and when senior year rolled around, they were ready to put their plan into action. Appropriately, the two held their first business meeting at Frontier Cafe in Brunswick, where they drew up a business plan and discussed the funding they would need for their venture.

For two recent college grads with no managerial experience, getting a restaurant up and running was no small feat. The toughest row to hoe was figuring out where to purchase each ingredient, which involved many trips to local farms and bakeries and contacting distributors that specialized in local and organic products. Each day, Homegrown receives six or seven separate deliveries. “It’s a juggling act,” Brad confesses, but says ordering from individual suppliers is crucial to ensuring that each ingredient is of the highest quality and comes from responsible origins.

The practice is quickly paying off, and in only a few months of operation, Homegrown has received accolades from several Seattle publications and culinary Web sites. A steady flow of regulars enjoys wild crab cakes, local bacon, and avocado on a locally baked brioche roll (Brad’s favorite) and blackened cod sandwiches with vegetable fries. Homegrown keeps the menu constantly changing to reflect seasonal ingredients, although some favorites remain on the list year-round. A demand for take-out orders and catering has prompted Brad to begin expanding the basement into a full kitchen. The restaurant already employs 15 part-time employees in addition to a full-time executive chef. “It’s definitely turned into a bigger operation than we thought it would,” says Brad.

But despite the long hours (Homegrown is open seven days a week) seeing their plan come to fruition has been an exciting experience for the two young entrepreneurs. “Sometimes we look at each other and say ‘is this really happening?’” says Brad. Homegrown’s location on the famously bohemian Fremont Avenue has also provided both Brad and Ben, who are Seattle natives, with an opportunity to reach out to a new part of their city. “Getting to know the community has been really rewarding,” Brad says. “We love serving food to people.”
in my third year of medical school at UMass and living in Worcester.”

Leo Landrey wrote on October 2: “Leo is currently a third-year graduate student at Brown, working towards a Ph.D. in Classics. Perhaps unsurprisingly, he is enjoying academia tremendously.”

NEWSPRINT Marissa O’Neil “was named head women’s ice hockey coach at Williams College. O’Neil spent last season as an assistant for Division III national champion Amherst College.” From a New Hampshire Union Leader article, June 6, 2009. See Bowdoin Insider this issue.

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Ahron Cohen “was named an editor of the Arizona State Law Journal and will be a summer associate with Dorsey and Whitney LLP in Minneapolis for the summer of 2009.”

Rachel Kaplan and Benjamin Caldwell ’03 “were married July 12, 2008, in Newport, R.I.” See photo in Weddings section.

Kelly Frey wrote in early October: “Currently finishing last year of law school at Emory and accepted an offer to work with Mintz Levin in Boston next year. Now have a bulldog (Buddy). Currently working hard as part of Emory’s National Moot Court team.”

Katie Swan e-mailed that several ’06ers gathered in May for an “Ivies in Central Park.” See accompanying photo.

LAUDABLE Luke Wilson, “a third-year JD student at The George Washington University Law School, was selected by the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in The Hague to serve for one year as a law clerk under the ICJ’s University Traineeship Programme. Luke has also been named the first Gruber Foundation International Law Fellow at GW Law.” From a George Washington University Law School news release, April 2, 2009.

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LAUDABLE Alexandra Knapp “entered the KeyBank Vermont City Marathon free from high expectations. The 24-year-old Shelburne native had a modest goal for Sunday’s race: to finish. So much for simply finishing. Knapp was crowned the top Vermont woman Sunday, breaking the line in 3 hours, 2 minutes and 35 seconds…Knapp is a relative newcomer to the marathon world. Her first marathon, a race in Sugarloaf, Maine, was last year.” From a BurlingtonFreePress.com article, May 23, 2009.

Katie Forney wrote on May 7: “I got married on July 5, 2008, to James Petronio (Ohio State ’07) in Gettysburg, Pa. We are both presently in Iraq, so that is why it took me almost a year to submit my photo.” See photo in Weddings section.

Rob Reider wrote on December 16: “My band, The Friday Night Boys, signed with Fueled By Ramen Records in September ’08. We have been touring the east coast and have plans to record our full-length album in Los Angeles in January ’09. After that, we will be touring nationally and internationally full time! I’m very excited!”

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Mattie Cowan e-mailed on January 24: “I have accepted a position at the International Republican Institute which is the democracy-building arm of the party, on the EurAsian desk. This will utilize my Bowdoin education in International affairs and Russian language.”
Kara Oppenheim ’04 and Simon Gerson ’02 were married on August 31, 2008, in Sebasco Estates, Maine. Bowdoin friends in attendance were (back row, l to r): Doug Stowe ’99, Arlyn Davich ’03, Peter Eichleay ’04, Peter Carter ’04, Austin Branson ’04, Mike Fensterstock ’04, Ryan Naples ’04, Jack Woodcock ’02, Eileen Schneider ’04, Rob Percarpio ’02, Patrick Woodcock ’04, Elizabeth MacNeil ’00, Brian Matthews ’02, Hunter Walter ’02, Josh Jones ’04, Ed Pierce ’03, Keith Baxter ’00, and Sam Devens ’02. (Front row, l to r): Samantha Hall ’04, Ben Peterson ’04, Hillary Fitzpatrick ’04, Shoshana Kuriloff ’04, Hilary Abrams Kallop ’04, Leah Chernikoff ’04, Kristin Pollock ’04, Molly Dorrcky ’06, Nora Dowley ’04, Kara and Simon, Elise de la Selle ’05, Julie Laumont ’05, Travis Buchanan ’02, Jason Pietrafitta ’02, and Zoe Zeichner ’02.

Jenny Slepian ’01 married James Begg (University of Tasmania ’02) on June 6, 2008, overlooking the Pacific Ocean in Lahaina, Maui. Friends who attended were (l to r): Matthew Will (Tasmania ’02), James Slepian (Vanderbilt ’02), Jeff Stanley (Tasmania ’02), James and Jenny, Kelly Lawrence ’01, Shaun Golding ’01, and Kirsty Begg (U of Melbourne ’98).

Chelsea Spector ’04 and Matthew Peters ’04 were married on August 30, 2008, in West Hartford, Conn. Bowdoines in attendance were (l to r): Amanda Burage ’04, Jarred Mcateer ’04, Nick Walker ’04, Chelsea and Matt, Alison McConnell ’04, Mike Mavilia ’04, and Jane Cullina ’04.

Kinga Gawron ’02 and Brian Akerley were married July 6, 2007, in Riviera Maya, Mexico. The ceremony was held on the Punta Brava Beach and the reception at the El Dorado Royale Spa Resort.
Rachel Kaplan ’06 and Benjamin Caldwell ’03 were married July 12, 2008, in Newport, R.I. Bowdoin friends, and family, in attendance were (front row, l to r): Brooke Haley ’03, Sara Wiltshire ’03, Fariha Mahmud ’06, Ben and Rachel, Alyssa Kaplan ’12, and Justin DeGeorge ’01. (Middle row, l to r): Adam Caldwell ’06, Marie Masse ’06, Leigh Heglund ’03, Joanna Caldwell ’10, Adam Kaplan ’09, Jonathan Crowley ’07, Megan MacLenman ’07, Allison Farmer Russo ’01, Jamie Russo ’01, and Thomas Ryan ’01. (Back row, l to r): Edmund DiVito ’02, Joe Henderson ’10, Michael Schindelar ’03, William Loverme ’02, and Jacqueline Templeton Loverme ’03.

John Miklus ’82 and Kathleen Fogarty (Fairfield University ’85) were married on October 11, 2008, at St. Patrick’s Church in Bay Shore, N.Y., followed by a reception at Southward Ho Country Club in Bay Shore. Bowdoin family members and alumni in attendance were (l to r): Howard Courtemanche ’83, John Corcoran ’82, Mark Luz ’82, Greg Schumaker ’82, Matt Burridge ’82, Rick D’Auteuil ’82, Kathleen, Lisa Rouillard Miller ’83, John, Stephen Miklus ’85 (best man), Linda Miklus O’Brien ’83, James Miklus ’96, and Mike Quinlan ’82.

Alex Tatum ’01 and Marcia Ingraham (Colby ’02) were married in June 2008, in Rye, N. H., at the Wentworth by the Sea Country Club. Bowdoin friends attending were (back row, l to r): Mike Farrell ’01, Sydney Asbury ’03, Reeves Livesay ’01, Mike Stevens ’04, Colin Robinson ’01, Kim Mimnaugh ’01, Brian Losier ’01, Laura MacBride Surdel ’01, Seth Barnes ’01, Paul Delaney ’00, Rob Surdel ’00, Joe Doyle ’01, Jeff Busconi ’00, Tom Casarella ’00, John Perry ’00, Joshua Clifford ’00, Brian Shuman ’02, Patricia Bohannon Clifford ’00, Melissa Goodrich Lyons ’01, Scott Golding ’01, and Alex Ellis ’01. (Middle row, l to r): Katy Ranere Hughes ’01, Mike Foley Doyle ’01, Mike O’Leary ’01, Marcia and Alex. (Front row, l to r): John Glynn ’01, Kit Hughes ’01, and Dave Rush ’02.

Courtney Brecht ’00 and Chad MacDermid ’00 were married on August 13, 2008, in New York City.
9 Lauren Axelrod '02 married Matt (Cal) Callahan (University of Wisconsin '99) on August 23, 2008, in Madison, Wis. Friends attending were (l to r): Finley Alsobrook, Nathan Alsobrook '97, Melissa Tansey '02, Andy Shaw '02, Jessie Poulin Buckley '02, Lauren and Matt, Elizabeth Chew '02, Cassie Flynn '02, Sarah Mockler (Colby '02), and Shannon Gilmore '02.

10 Joanna Tyler '98 and David Hale were married on October 11, 2008 in Alton, N. H. Pictured in photo (l to r): Melanie McCoy Gillig '98, Joanna, Aileen O'Connell '98, David Loehwang '98, Mollie Mulligan '98, Amy Cameron '98, Sarah LaChance '98, Emily Villagio Grant '98, and Laura Dominici '98.

11 Ben Small '97 and Katie Krein (University of Richmond '03) were married on September 27, 2008, at the Wequassett Inn in Chatham, Mass. Bowdoin friends included (back row, l to r): Ford Gurall '04, Bruce McDonald '57, Peter Small '64, Hayes MacArthur '99, Dave Cataruzolo '98, Ben Chaset '97, Eric Darci '97, Jim Cavanaugh '98, Chris Pachios '98, Tyler Sutherland '97, Nat Wyson '97, Owen Hall, Scott Fox '99, Mike Morris '03, Lindsay Fox '03, Andy Kenney '98, Elizabeth Small '99, and Abby Daley '06. (Seated, l to r): Katie Hood Ragosa '00, Stu Strawbridge '98, Mark Ragosa '97, Doug Brawn '97, Dan Kittredge '97, Catherine Forrest '99, Shawn Bose '97, Taylor Bose '99, Pat Marx '99, John Whipple '97, Ken Anderson '68, Megan Reitzas '01 and Josh Reitzas '98.

12 Samantha Saffir '02 and Seth Barnes '01 were overjoyed to share their wedding on August 16, 2008, with nearly 30 (!) Bowdoin alumni, and had an incredible week hiking, golfing, and celebrating with our friends and family in Park City, Utah. Pictured (back row, l to r): Reeves Livesay '01, Brendan Wakeham '03, Alex Ellis '01, Colin Robinson '01, Mike Farrell '01, Joe Doyle '01, Meghan Foley Doyle '01, and Tim Lawson '01. (Middle row, l to r): Allison Scaduto '02, Scott Golding '01, Anne Warren '02, Luane Krystyniak McConaughy '76, Sarah Banister '01, Lyndsey Sennott Wakeham '02, Michael O'Leary '01, Mara Sprafkin '02, Beth Sherman Jamieson '02, Whitney Church '02, Sam Margolis '01, Scott Jamieson '02, Scott Van Arsdell '77, and Mitzi Shea Van Arsdale '75. (Front row, l to r): Kristi Perine '02, Kate Labella McGovern '02, Erin Finn-Welch '02, Amelia Stewart '02, Alex Tatum '01, Seth and Samantha, and John Glynn '01.
13 Shanna Gagnon ’00 and Nathan Curtis (Carnegie Mellon ’05) were married on August 22, 2008, at the Freeport Hilton Garden Inn in Freeport, Maine. Bowdoinites in attendance were (l to r): Matthew Needleman ’99, Kathy Miller Needleman ’00, Shanna and Nate, and Carolyn Sages O’Boyle ’00.

14 Kirsten Partenheimer ’01 and Christopher Chesla (University Minnesota Duluth ’07) were married on September 13, 2008, at the Gibbs Museum in Saint Paul, Minn. Bowdoin and other friends in attendance were (l to r): Alison Crossley (Smith ’02), Kelly Roberts ’03, Kirsten, Marie Pahlan ’01, and Ryan O’Donnell ’99.

15 Melissa Goodrich ’01 and Will Lyons (Dartmouth ’00) were married on April 19, 2008, in Pinehurst, N.C. Bowdoinites and other friends sharing in this happy occasion were (front row, l to r): Jed Wartman ’01, Kevin Kendall ’01, Alex Tatum ’01, and Stew Steffey ’01. (Back row, l to r): Jackson Prentice ’01, Phil Lintz ’99, Danny Wong ’01, Katie Dorney Wong ’01, Will and Melissa, Caroline Simmonds ’02, Sarah Hoenig ’02, Greg Lovely ’01, Perrin Lawrence Hicks ’01, Lauren Fitch Nassif ’01, Hilde Steffey ’00, Molly Perencevich ’01, and Jeremy Smith ’00.

16 Paul Hastings ’04 married Debbie Wissel ’03 on August 23, 2008, at the Stonehouse Manor near Popham Beach in Phippsburg, Maine. Bowdoin alumni attending were (left to right): Jessica Farmer ’02, Aryeh Jasper ’02, Charles “Mac” Barr ’02, Kevin Park ’03 (in the back), Sarah Koteen Barr ’00, Jeffrey Riese ’02, Jenna Goldman ’03 (kneeling), Lauren Collins ’02, Meg O’Brien Harding ’02 (kneeling in front), Camilla Yamada ’03, Mason Miller ’05, Nicole Fava ’03, Michael Northrop ’04, Debbie, Andrew Daigle ’04, Paul, Jeff Tillinghast ’04, Jon Staley ’02, Courtney Gribbon ’03 (kneeling), Daniel Tobin ’04, Lily Alt ’03 (kneeling), Ashley Anderson ’03, Marty Brisebois ’04, Joanie Taylor ’03, Nell Richmond ’03, and Prescott Hart ’04.
17 Yen-Ching Wu '01 and Justin Francis Thomas (Maryland Institute College of Art '02) were married on September 27, 2008, at the Historic Oakland Manor in Columbia, Md. Friends attending were (l to r): Matthew Boersma '04, Elisabeth Gruenberg Boersma '04, Yen-Ching and Justin, and Andrew K. Evans ’01.

18 Megan Greenleaf ’03 and Sean Toussaint (St. Michael’s College ’99) were married on December 31, 2008, in Woodstock, Vt. Bowdoin friends attending were (l to r): Wade Kavanaugh ’01, Finley Alsobrook (’29?), Nathan Alsobrook ’97, Shannon Gilmore ’02, Barb Thurston ’01, Sarah Rose ’01, Tim Piehler ’01, Di O’Donnell ’03, Sean and Meg, Anne Barnettler ’03, Leah Christensen Ottow ’03, Julie Dawson Williams ’03, and Brian Williams ’00.

19 Erik Pletcher ’01 and Kate O’Phelan (University of Wisconsin ’01) were married on August 9, 2008, in Dana Point, Calif. Bowdoin friends in attendance were (front row, l to r): Justin DeGeorge ’01, Kate and Erik, Erin McDonough ’01, and Steve Patterson ’01. (Back row, l to r): Brian Bowe ’00, Mike Lieser ’01, and Mike Eaton ’01. Not pictured, but attending: Eric Hinkel ’01.

20 Katie Forney ’07 and James Petronio (Ohio State ’07) were married on July 5, 2008, in Gettysburg, Penn. Friends attending the celebration were (l to r): Trish Carney (Ohio State), Brandon Huffman (Ohio State ’05), Meaghan Tanguay ’07, Ethan Ross ’08, James and Katie, Elisabeth Lauritz ’07, Meghan Gillis ’07, Sheryl Stevens ’07, Kelsey Wilcox ’06, Lauren McGrath ’07, and Lydia Hawkins ’07.
21 Carolyn Russell '93 and Glen Brock (Washington & Lee '87) were married on September 22, 2007, in Houston, Texas. Pictured (l to r): Shana Hunter '93, Kate Roche Hope '93, Alex Grabcheski '92, Carolyn and Glen, Nancy Conners Hill '93, and Charlotte Thebaud Hemr '93.

22 Natalie Handel '04 and Guillaume Meyer (French Fellow at Bowdoin 2003-2004) were married on December 22, 2006, in Paris, France. Laura Tatum '04, Hannah Tucker '04, Sophia Handel '08, Anton Handel '07, Jerome Junisson (also a French fellow from 2003-2004). Front row: Ana Conboy '04, Michael Wood '06, Natalie and Guillaume (French fellow from 2003-2004), and Elaine Johanson '04.

23 Jessica Mayol '02 and Travis Cummings '02 were married on April 23, 2009, in Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands. Bowdoin friends in attendance were (l to r): Mike Mulholland '02, Gina Mulholland '02, Jamie Suzor '02, Tony Small '02, Brett Bowen '02, Andrius Knasas '02, Travis and Jessie, Rebecca Cote '02, Katie Chalmers '03, Kristie Ouellette '03, Jim Chalmers '02, Mike Conlon '02, and Chris Sakelakos '02.

24 Leah Muhm ’00 and Kevin Lin (John Hopkins ’98) were married March 7, 2009, at the Wright House in Mesa, Ariz. Bowdoinites in attendance were (l to r): Dorsey Lockhart ’00, Gretchen Selcke ’00, Kevin and Leah, and Ted Senior ’00.

25 Cynthia Latham ’87 and Mark S. Allison were married on April 4, 2009 at the Raleigh Hotel in South Beach, Miami Beach, Fla. Other Bowdoin grads in attendance were (not pictured): Alex ’87 and Howie Powers ’84.
26 Josh Police ’03 and Betsy Hayes ’04 were married on September 20, 2008, in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, with a reception following at the Eastland Park Hotel in Portland. Friends pictured celebrating the occasion were (back row, l to r): Jenna Posey, Ellen Weaver Berg (Colby ’05), Rachel Police (Penn ’00), Steffany Hodge Chisholm (Middlebury ’04), Alex Watson (Middlebury ’04), Josh and Betsy, Ramsey Ramadan (Trinity ’03), Rich Quincy (BC ’03), Tom May (Brown ’03), David Costello (’03), Justin Gaither (Georgetown ’03). (Front row, l to r): Alicia Magaldi, Savannah Gillie, Nate Labrie, and Joey Labrie.

27 Brooke Mohnkern ’95 and Amy Carlin (Boston College ’92) were married at the Portland Yacht Club in Falmouth, Maine, on April 30th, 2005. Alumni friends in attendance were (l to r): Kent Mohnkern ’68, Kent Lanigan ’98, Amy and Brooke, Stephen Smith ’95, and Daniel Sanborn ’95. (Missing from Photo): John Van Dis ’95, Jamie Gillette ’94, and Carol Mallory ’90.

28 Megan Wardrop ’01 and Grant Morgove (Berklee College of Music ’02) were married on March 14, 2009, on Azedinha Beach in Buzios, Brazil. Pictured (l to r): Bowdoin friend Apolka Totth ’01, Megan and Grant.

29 Alexandra Ogata ’06 and Timothy Mcintire ’04 were married on September 27, 2008, in the Bowdoin chapel. Bowdoin Guests helping them celebrate included (back row, l to r): Alexander Rosati ’03, Jon Knapp ’02, professor Louisa Slowiaczek, professor Samuel Putnam, Alexander Bender ’06, Alison Witkin ’06, Erica Ostermann ’06, Jeremy Katzen ’04, Theo Salter ’07, Paul Buckland (non-Bowdoin), Adam Ringel ’04, and Andrew Fischer ’05. (Front Row l to r): Sarah Clark ’06, Donna Trout (staff), Brendan Mortimer ’06, Vanessa Lind ’06, Alexandra and Timothy Mcintire, Brendan Dickinson ’04, Natalie Craven ’06, Michael LoBiondo ’06, Elizabeth Leiwant ’08, Heather Day ’06, Henry Work ’06, Freeland Church ’05, Katherine Loomis ’06, Meaghan Kennedy ’06, and Luke Monahan ’06.
30  W. Christopher Lee ’00 and Sophia G. Mendoza ’02 were married in Boothbay Harbor, Maine, on September 20, 2008. (First Row, l to r): Matthew Bitonti ’99, Monica Almendarez ’02, Sophia and Christopher Lee, Paul Brountas ’54, Scott Schilling ’00, Timothy Saunders ’00. (Middle row, l to r): India Hill ’02 and Alex Chu ’02. (Back Row, l to r): Andrew Caplan ’00, Jeffrey Molles ’00, Jeffrey Gilberg ’00, and Andrew Gould ’00.

31  Stephen Smith ’95 and Jacquelyn Crawford (UC-Berkeley ’96) were married on January 12, 2008, in Santa Barbara, California. Friends joining them were (l to r): Kent Mohnkern ’68, Daniel Sanborn ’95, Jacquelyn and Stephen, and Archie Lin ’95.

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For a variety of reasons, we have a very long list of people for whom the College has had news of their deaths, but for whom a full obituary has not appeared. Because we feel passing that news on to you as soon as possible is important, we are including all of those names in this issue, while we work to create a better system for reporting on the deaths of your friends, classmates, and associates and for properly honoring their lives and connections to Bowdoin.

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Bertram H. Silverman ’34 July 13, 2009
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Morton P. Trachtenberg ’39 March 17, 2009
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Gilman C. Ellis ’35 died
September 22, 2008, in Manassas, Va. Born in Northfield, Vt., he prepared for college at South Portland (Maine) High School. At Bowdoin, he was a member of the Chi Psi Fraternity and the rifle, track, and swimming teams. After graduating from Bowdoin, he earned master’s degrees from Boston University and the University of Maine, Orono. He taught at UMO, Westbrook Junior College, and South Portland High School, where he also coached track. For many years, he ran an accounting practice in Portland with his father. In 1967, he earned an M.Ed. in guidance and was employed with ManPower Training in Portland schools. An active participant in community affairs and an avid Red Sox fan, his many interests included the Civil War, historic preservation, and gardening. He was preceded in death by his wife, Muriel, who died in December 2007. He is survived by a daughter, Beth-Jayne Ellis; a son, Stanley M. Ellis; four grandchildren; and a great granddaughter.

William A. O. Gross ’37 died
September 24, 2008, in Greenwich, Conn. The son of Bowdoin professor Alfred O. Gross H’52, he grew up in Brunswick, where he accompanied his father on research trips to Panama, Labrador, and other locations, cultivating a lifelong interest in birds and wildlife. After graduating from Bowdoin, where he was a member of Zeta Psi fraternity, he worked for U.S. Steel in Pittsburgh, Penn. During World War II, he served as a sergeant on the War Production Board for the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged in 1943 from the Investigation Intelligence Section 1st Service Command. In 1945, he joined the advertising firm Ted Bates & Co. in New York, where he rose to the rank of senior vice president and handled

Corps Extension School in Quantico, Va. He served in World War II in the Army in the Intelligence Division and retired as a major in the Marine Corps. He owned a foreign car dealership in Italy, was a commercial builder in North Carolina, and sang basso in various operas in Italy and in the United States. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ruth Nantkes Pach; a stepdaughter, Linda Grainger. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Jordan Pach; two daughters, Christina Bowen and Tjodi Orlandino; two sons, Michael and Mark; four grandchildren; a stepdaughter, Sandra Jordan Murray; two stepsons, Bobby Jordan and Randy Jordan; seven step-grandchildren; seven step-great grandchildren; and a step-great great grandchild.

Raymond P. Pach ’36 died
October 2, 2008, at his home in Newport News, Va. Born in New York City, he prepared for college at Chateau Bures, a private school for boys in Paris, France. After his graduation from Bowdoin, he studied at the Conservatory for Music in Paris and in San Francisco, Calif., at the Manhattan School of Music in New York City, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, as well as at the Military Intelligence School in Maryland and the Marine
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Irving R. Pliskin ’49 October 6, 2009
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Jack I. London '41 died December 6, 2008. He worked with his father for 41 years and was the co-owner of Quincy Furniture Company as well as the founder and a member of the board of directors of the Wollaston Credit Union. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Ruth (Robinson) London; three sons, Stephen of West Roxbury, Howard '69 of East Bridgewater, and Kenneth of Weymouth; a daughter, Jayne of Michigan; a sister, Frances Spivack of Connecticut; twelve grandchildren, including Andrea London '89; and two great grandchildren.

W. Bradford Briggs '43 died November 1, 2008, in Vero Beach, Fla. Born in Jamestown, R.I., he prepared for college at Deerfield Academy. At Bowdoin, he was a member of Psi Upsilon. He was a Naval aviator during World War II. After the war, he began a career in magazine publishing, ultimately becoming vice-chairman of Ziff Davis Publishing Co., which published special interest magazines such as Car and Driver, Skiing, and Popular Photography, among others. He was president of the United States Ski Educational Foundation, the governing body of the U.S. Ski Team, and was a skilled golfer and athlete, playing both football and baseball at Bowdoin. He was predeceased by his wife, “Buffy” Briggs, just two days earlier. He is survived by three sons, Scott '75, and Barry '78: eleven grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Norman O. Gauvreau '43 died September 22, 2008, in Portland, Maine. Born on January 16, 1921, in Lewiston, he prepared for college at Lewiston High School and Hebron Academy. He enrolled at Bowdoin in 1939, where he was a member of Chi Psi fraternity, but interrupted his studies to join the Navy as an aviator. He completed his flight training at Pensacola Naval Air Station in Florida and transferred to the U.S. Marines with the rank of lieutenant. During his military service in World War II, he flew over 100 combat missions in the Solomon Islands and Philippine Islands, flying F4U Corsairs with the VMF 222. In 1946, he graduated from Bowdoin and entered the University of Vermont Medical School, where he graduated in 1950. He conducted his internship at Chelsea Naval Hospital outside Boston, and then returned to Lewiston to establish a medical practice with his father. He did specialty training in obstetrics and gynecology at Cambridge City Hospital in Cambridge, Mass., and a cancer surgical fellowship at Pondville Cancer Hospital in Walpole, Mass., after which he returned to his medical practice in Lewiston. He served as Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology at St. Mary's Hospital in Lewiston, was on the courtesy staff and Central Maine Medical Center, and was designated the Maine Section Chairman of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He retired from medical practice in 1990. He was an avid athlete and outdoorsman, an enthusiastic boater, and an excellent bridge player. He had a deep interest in civic and community affairs, and he ran for mayor of Lewiston in 1962. He had continued to fly after the war, serving as a flight instructor in Pensacola and flying P-47 fighter aircraft with the Vermont Air National Guard, and he regularly flew his Cessna to his winter home in the Bahamas. He attained the distinction of serving as a commissioned officer in all four branches of the Armed Services: Marine Corps fighter pilot, Army Air Corps Reserve fighter pilot, Air Force Reserve fighter pilot, Navy physician, and also as a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Dorothy Daniels Gauvreau; a sister, Claudette Doran; three sons, Douglas, Norman, and Kenneth; a daughter, Gayle; and seven grandchildren.

N. Richmond Leach '43 died December 12, 2008, in Little Deer Isle, Maine. Born July 15, 1920, in Needham, Mass., he prepared for college at Needham High School. During World War II, he served in the Army Corps of Engineers until 1946. After the war, he continued his education at the University of Grenoble in France and at Boston University. After serving briefly as an accountant for American Express in Germany, he returned to the U.S. and began a career as an educator, first as an English teacher at Gardiner High School. In 1960, he began teaching at the high school in Lexington, Mass., where he pioneered the formation of a special education department and incorporated a remedial reading program. He taught night courses at Boston University for several years and tutored students privately during the summer months. In 1975, he
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retired to Deer Isle. He was a talented and prolific watercolorist whose favorite subject was the Maine coast. He was predeceased by his wife, Jane (Burton) Leach, who died in 1970, and by a brother, William F. Leach ’37, who died in 1989. He is survived by his brother, Harry T. Leach ’38 and by a son, Burt.

DeWitt T. Minich ’43 died December 13, 2008, in Beverly, Mass. He prepared for college at Malden High School and was a member of Psi Upsilon and the football and hockey teams at Bowdoin. He served in the U.S. Navy as a lieutenant during World War II, where he captained PT Boat No.183 and served as a section leader of Squadron 11 in the South Pacific. After the war he worked in the woolen and shoe business. He co-owned American Stay Mfg. Co. and had been a manufacturer’s representative until he retired. He and his wife moved to Boxford in 1956, and he was active in community affairs as a coach and umpire, a member of First Church Congregational, and where he served as chairman of the Boxford Financial Committee for 15 years and as town moderator for 21 years.

He is survived by his wife, Carolynn “Lynn” Minich; two sons, Peter of Lyndonville, Vt., and Andrew ’79 of Boxford; a daughter, Prudence Pilkanis of Wenham; and a grandson.

Alec D. Penny ’44 died October 11, 2007, in La Mesa, Calif. At Bowdoin, he was a member of Delta Sigma fraternity. Born in Philadelphia, he was a teacher for the Grossmont Union High School District. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Penny; two daughters, Mardi Musick of Encinitas, Calif., and Moira Turner of Mountain View, Calif.; three sons, James and Thomas of Kamuela, Hawaii, and John of London; and ten grandchildren.

John T. Caulfield ’45 died October 20, 2008, in Ashland, Ore. He was a member of Delta Sigma fraternity.

Merton E. Ober, Jr. ’45 died on October 6, 2008, in Burlington, Mass. Born on May 11, 1921, in Salem, he grew up in Beverly and moved to Winchester in 1993. He prepared for college at Browne and Nichols School. At Bowdoin, he was a member of Delta Sigma fraternity.

During World War II, he served as an Army medic, receiving the Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. When he returned from the war, he and his wife moved to Miami, where he owned and operated a TV and appliance store. In 1956, they moved back to Winchester, and he went to work at Raytheon. During that time, he returned to college and earned his degree in electrical engineering from Boston University. He was a member of the Winchester Congregational Church, active in the Winton Club stage crew, and a director and avid sailor at the Winchester Boat Club. He was predeceased by his wife, Charlotte Burr Ober, who died in 1999, and by a daughter, Carol Anne, who died in 1955. He is survived by three daughters, Judith Ober and Merily Swanson of Winchester and Patricia Barr of Enfield, N.H.; a sister, Janet.
Ober Callowhill of Maine; his companion of the last nine years, Ann Miller; and nine grandchildren.

**Richard C. Perkins ’45** died October 30, 2008, in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. Born in Lewiston on Aug. 7, 1922, he prepared for college at South Portland High School and Hebron Academy and was a member of Zeta Psi fraternity at Bowdoin. After retiring from active duty in the Navy as a commander during World War II, he remained with the Navy as a civilian employee with the Naval Defense Investigative Service at the Brunswick Naval Air Station. He was involved in many organizations, including The Navy League, The Pejepscot Historical Society, the Harpswell Garden Club, and the Topsham Public Library, for which he served as treasurer. He is survived by a son, Randall, of Medford, Ore.; two daughters, Sandra and Pamela, both of Portland; and a sister, Margaret Skillings of Holden, Mass.

**René L. Boudreau ’46** died September 19, 2008, in Yarmouth, Maine. Born in Pittsburgh, Penn., on January 25, 1925, he prepared for college in New York City public schools and at the New Hampton School in New Hampshire. He was a history major at Bowdoin, and a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. He interrupted his studies to enlist in the Army, where he was first enrolled in the Army Specialized Training Program in Charleston, South Carolina. When the Army closed the program, he was shipped overseas, where he fought with the 273rd Infantry, Company G. He returned to the States in April of 1946 and re-enrolled at Bowdoin, graduating in 1948 as a member of the Class of 1946. He worked as a sales representative for Stuart Pharmaceuticals, for Barnes & Noble’s College Outline Series, and later in medical publishing for McGraw Hill and Lippincott. He enjoyed camping with his family, one year taking the family all the way from Philadelphia to Yellowstone and back. He ran the Chicago Marathon twice while in his fifties, and he completed a 300-mile bike ride across the state of Wisconsin. He had grown up spending summers in Maine at his family’s “gentleman’s farm” between Newcastle and Boothbay Harbor, and he and his wife retired to Maine. He is survived by his wife Barbara, whom he married in 1947; his sons James Karle and Robert Addison; five grandchildren; and four great-granddaughters.

**Laureston C. Dobbrow ’46** died December 3, 2008, in Westerly, R.I. A third generation Weekapaug resident, his career included working at Xerox, Royal, and Sharp Electronics. He was a member of Alpha Delta Phi fraternity at Bowdoin. A veteran of World War II, he was an active participant in such Weekapaug community organizations as the Foundation for Conservation, the Yacht Club, the Tennis Club, and the Croquet Club. He is survived by five children, John, Aileen, Christine, Matthew, and Annie; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

**William T. Hume ’46** died October 21, 2008, in Syracuse, N.Y. Born August 27, 1924, in Millinocket, Maine, he prepared for college at The Choate School. After his graduation from Bowdoin, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi, he enrolled in Stanford University, but his studies were interrupted when he was drafted into the U.S. Army Signal Corps. When he returned from his service, the veterinary program had ended at Stanford, so he transferred to Cornell University School of Veterinary Medicine. Following his graduation, he operated his own small and large animal veterinary practice, first in Dryden and then in Freeville. He was predeceased by his wife, Dorothy Hume; a son, Scott Hume; a brother, Robert Hume, Jr.; and a grandson. He is survived by three sons, Town Hume of Boston, Mass., John W. Hume of Elkton, Md., and William T. Hume, Jr. of Freeville; a daughter, Jane Hume Short of Baltimore, Md.; a stepson, Eugene P. Moon of Lansing; and six grandchildren.

**Clement A. Hiebert ’47** died July 3, 2008, in Portland, Maine. Born June 7, 1926, he grew up in Lewiston. He was a member of Theta Delta Chi and graduated from Bowdoin magna cum laude and as a member of Phi Beta Kappa, studied at Harvard Medical School, and completed his internship and residency at Massachusetts General Hospital. In 1958, he continued his training by spending a year at the Strangeways Laboratory in Cambridge, England, as a Harvard research fellow, and another in
Bristol, England, training in thoracic surgery. In 1960, he returned to Maine and began a 40-year career as a cardiovascular and thoracic surgeon at Maine Medical Center in Portland. He served as staff president of the hospital in 1984, as chief of surgery from 1986 to 1989, and was chairman *emeritus*, department of surgery, until his death. He served two tours on the hospital ship S.S. HOPE, traveling to Guinea, West Africa, and Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) as part of a program to bring health education and improved medical care to communities around the world. Among the many awards and recognitions of his work that he received were the Surgeon Teacher of the Year at the Maine Medical Center, the Gold Heart Award from the American Heart Association, and the annual Clement A. Hiebert Student Teaching and Resident Teaching Award at the University of Vermont. A highly-regarded speaker and writer, he published an autobiographical book of anecdotes, scores of surgical publications and several chapters in thoracic surgery textbooks, and served as co-editor of the two-volume *Pearson Thoracic and Esophageal Surgery*. He served on the boards of Opportunity Farm, the Portland Symphony Orchestra, and Goodwill Industries. He represented the American Board of Surgery in the inaugural Board of Surgery examinations in Baghdad, Iraq, in 1986, and was permanent vice president of the Harvard Medical School Class of 1951. He is survived by his wife, May Cameron Hiebert of Yarmouth; two sisters, Ruth Hiebert Davis of Brookville and Dorothy Hiebert Odell of Belfast; a brother, Gordon Hiebert of Alexandria, Va.; his children, from his former marriage to Maryanne Tremaine Hiebert of Keene, N.H., Timothy Hiebert ’79 of Providence, R.I., Sarah Hiebert Flowers of Oakland, Calif., Kristi Hiebert Morse of Yarmouth, Amy Hiebert Murphy of Warren, R.I., and Dr. John Hiebert of Wayland, Mass.; and seven grandchildren.

**Joseph F. Holman ’47 died**

October 12, 2008, in Farmington, Maine. Born August 15, 1925, he was the son of Currier C. Holman of the Class of 1906. He prepared for college at Farmington High School, where he was a member of the state championship basketball team of 1942, and at Hebron Academy. He was admitted to Bowdoin as a member of the class of 1947, but volunteered for the U.S. Navy pilot training program in October of 1943 and attended Middlebury College and midshipman’s schools, obtaining his commission. The V-5 pilot program was cancelled, and he was discharged in 1946 as a lieutenant. A member of Delta Sigma fraternity, he graduated from Bowdoin *magna cum laude* and then attended Boston University School of Law, graduating in 1950. He was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of Maine in 1951 and joined his father at the family law firm in Franklin County. He served as president of the Maine Medical-Legal Society, was a member of the Maine Trial Lawyers Association and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, as well as the American Bar Association. A member of the Maine State Bar...
Association executive committee, he served as its president, a position also held by his father and grandfather, in 1971. He served local and state government positions over the years, including three terms as county attorney and service as state senator from Franklin County. He was active leader and member in his community, Old South Church, and the Republican Party. He enjoyed skiing and was an original stockholder of Sugarloaf Mountain and an organizer and director of Saddleback Mountain ski area. An avid fly fisherman and a registered Maine master guide, he was clerk and member of the Megantic Fish and Game Club for over 40 years. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Hart Holman, whom he married in 1977.

Wayne M. Lockwood ’48 died November 30, 2008, in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. He graduated from Deering High School in 1940, worked as a census enumerator, and then entered Portland Junior College. He was called to active duty in March 1943 and served three years in North Africa and Italy with the Headquarter Squadron of the 316th Air Service Group. Upon his discharge from the service, he enrolled at Bowdoin, where he was a member of Alpha Kappa Sigma fraternity. After graduating, he worked for 37 years in the underwriting department for the Travelers Insurance Company in both the U.S. and Canada, retiring in 1985. He was involved in many community organizations, including serving 37 years as a member of the Meetinghouse Choir at the South Portland First Congregational Church, where he also served as president of the church, chairman of the trustees, elder, deacon, and treasurer of the Eskimo’s Club. He sang bass in the Bowdoin Glee Club, Bowdoin Chapel Choir, Meddiebempsters, several church choirs, and Choral Art Society; and was a board member and treasurer of the Friends of the Kotzchmar Organ. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Patricia A. (Melcher) Lockwood; two daughters, the Rev. Diane E. L. Wendorf of Sanford and the Rev. Joyce A. Long of Raymond; two sons, Peter A. Lockwood of Raymond and Bruce M. Lockwood of Cape Elizabeth; eight grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

Arthur H. Showalter, Jr. ’48 died November 24, 2008, in Lockport, N.Y. Born in South Windham, Maine, he served in the U.S. Army Air Forces for four years during World War II. He was stationed in Alaska and reached the rank of corporal. After the war, he graduated from Bowdoin and then moved to Lockport to take a job at the former Harrison Radiator Division. He married Sally Gooding, the daughter of the owner of S.S. Gooding, a printing company that is one of Lockport’s oldest businesses, in 1952. After working at the company for two years, he bought it, continuing as president of the company until 1990. He served on the city Police Board in the 1970s, was a member of the Rotary Club, the Tuscarora Club, and the Lockport Town and Country Club. At Bowdoin, he was a member of Theta Delta Chi fraternity. He is survived by his wife Sally; two daughters, Judy Slabyk and Nancy Clark; a brother Charles; and a sister, Sarah Hubbard.

Robert C. Alexander ’49 died September 4, 2008, in Largo, Fla. He was a member of Alpha Kappa Sigma fraternity at Bowdoin.

Raymond L. Chick ’49 died on his 81st birthday, November 22, 2008, in Tampa, Fla. He prepared for college at Portland High School and was a member of Chi Psi fraternity at Bowdoin. In 1948, he went to work in his father’s business, PS. Chick and Sons, and retired as president and treasurer of the company in 1986. In retirement, he and his wife enjoyed traveling, achieving a goal of visiting all 50 states. A deacon in Riverside Baptist Church in Fort Meyers, Fla., while he and his wife lived there, he was active in Gideon’s International. He was also a member of the Bald Eagle’s Club and the Maine Pilots’ Association. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Marjorie Chick of Palm Harbor, Fla.; a son, Raymond Chick, Jr. of Aurora, Colo.; a daughter, Paula Wehmeyer of Gorham; two step-daughters, Linda Kimball of Portland and Nancy Collard of Saco; nine grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren.

Henry C. Reardon ’49 died October 29, 2008, in Phoenix, Ariz. An aviator in the U.S. Navy, he began his career with General Electric. He left there in 1970 and joined the Arizona Joint Legislative Budget Committee as an economist, retiring in 1999. At Bowdoin, he was a member of Alpha Delta Psi
Arthur R. Bonzagni ’50 died October 8, 2008, in Lynnfield, Mass. Born in Melrose, he prepared for college at Melrose High School and was a member of Psi Upsilon fraternity. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He retired as a district sales manager for Nynex Yellow Pages, where he had worked for 37 years. He served as a Eucharistic minister and lector at Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Lynnfield and was a former member of the Lion’s Club of Hyannis. He is survived by his wife, Trudy (DeWolf) Brown and his two children, Dianne Brown Davis of Boylston and Dana A. Brown of Topsham, Maine.

Robert J. Beal ’51 died May 31, 2008, in Phillips, Maine. After his graduation, cum laude, from Bowdoin, he served in the Army’s Counter-Intelligence Corps in Germany during the Korean War. He studied law at Boston College and then practiced as a partner and owner of Noyes & Beal in Rangeley, and a member of the Maine Bar, for more than 50 years. He was active in many area organizations, including the Phillips Historical Society, the Phillips Library Association, the Mile Square Cemetery Association, and the Sandy River Railroad. He is survived by his brother, Frank S. Beal of Wilton; four nieces and nephews, including Kevin J. Beal ’86; and three daughters of his longtime companion, the late Barbara Romines.

Paul C. Brown ’50 died September 13, 2008. Born December 2, 1925, in Wakefield, Mass., he attended public schools there and joined the Army Air Forces, serving in World War II and the Korean War. While in the Army, he attended East Tennessee State Teacher’s College and Bowdoin, where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He worked in insurance, sales, and merchandising businesses, including General Electric Riverworks Plant in Lynn, where he managed the Employees Store. He served on the planning board in Stoneham, and also on the planning board in Barnstable. In 1973, he was elected selectman-assessor of the town; in his second term in that post, he served as chairman. He was also elected to the Town Charter Commission. When he left office, he continued work in the insurance field and became a respected real estate appraiser and a leading expert on the complexities of Cape Cod’s zoning by-laws. He was a 32nd Degree Mason, a Shriner, a member of the American Legion, the DeWitt Clinton Lodge in Sandwich, and Weary Travelers in Bourne, and a former member of the Lion’s Club of Hyannis. He is survived by his wife, Trudy (DeWolf) Brown and his two children, Dianne Brown Davis of Boylston and Dana A. Brown of Topsham, Maine.

Lawrence D. Clark, Jr. ’51 died October 25, 2008, in Portland, Maine. Born April 9, 1927, he prepared for college at South Portland High School and Portland Junior College. After graduating from Bowdoin, where he was a member of Alpha Kappa Sigma fraternity, he earned a degree from the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church in 1953. He began his career as vicar of St. Barnabas Church in Rumford and was ordained as a priest in 1954. He was elected rector at St. Barnabas in 1966 and remained in that position until 1974, when he was elected rector of St. Dunstan’s Church in Ellsworth, where he served until his retirement. He was a trustee of the Rumford Public Library, a board member and later president of the Rumford Community Center, a director of the Tri-County Mental Health Association, and a member and officer of a local professional men’s literary club. In Ellsworth, he was a member and president of the Hancock County Mental Health Association, was a charter member of the Susan W. Stinson Memorial Scholarships, and served as vice chairman of the Diocese of Maine’s Acadia Regional Council. He also established Merestead summer camp and, later, Camp Bishopwood.

Carl L. Wilcken ’51 died September 22, 2008, in Pontypool, Ontario, Canada. He graduated from Bowdoin cum laude, as a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity.

Henry Lamoreau ’52 died on December 12, 2008. Born in Castle Hill, Maine, he prepared for college at Presque Isle High School. He married Adeline L. Park in 1941, and together they raised 10 children. He worked as a riveter at Bath Iron...
Works, at local textile mills, as a construction laborer, and as a right of way agent for the Maine Highway Department. He served in the Army in France and Germany during World War II. An amateur archeologist, naturalist, rock hound, and local historian, he contributed his knowledge and discoveries to the Maine State Museum and the Bowdoinham Historical Society. He was a lifetime member and past board member of the Maine Archeological Society and a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Maine Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation. Predeceased by his wife, he is survived by two sisters, Elizabeth Lamoreau of Richmond and Lois Tapley of Stratford, Conn.; a brother, Herman “Mike” Lamoreau of Hudson; seven daughters, Elaine Diaz of Bowdoinham, Judith Marden of Weld, Carol Clark of Alameda, Calif., Laurel Lamoreau of Richmond, Constance Jackson of Durham, Cynthia Lamoreau of Bowdoinham, and Sandra Tuck of Oakland; three sons, David Lamoreau of Lewiston, Michael Lamoreau of Manchester, and Malcolm Lamoreau of Livingston Manor, N.Y.; 16 grandchildren; and 19 great grandchildren.

Paul B. Kenyon, Jr. ’53 died September 24, 2008, in North Conway, N.H. Born March 6, 1931, in Newton, Mass., he was proud to have been a Mayflower Descendant on both sides of his family. He prepared for college at Gloucester High School in Gloucester, Mass. After graduating from Bowdoin, where he was a member of Theta Delta Chi fraternity, he attended The University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. He served in the Army Medical Corps and was stationed in Germany before starting his dental practice in Gloucester. He loved to sail and was a lifelong member of the Annisquam Yacht Club. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Sandra (Shigo) Kenyon; a brother, Peter T. Kenyon of Belfast, Maine; a son, Paul B. Kenyon III of Gloucester; two daughters, Ann Seiler Ullmann of Beverly and Sara Tomlinson Kenyon of Gloucester; and five grandchildren.

Donald E. Landry ’53 died September 20, 2008, in Fort Collins, Colo. He was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity at Bowdoin.

Russell J. Folta ’54 died September 8, 2008, in Green Valley, Ariz. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity at Bowdoin.

Louis Schwartz ’54 died September 26, 2008, in West Hartford, Conn. Born in Peabody, Mass., he graduated valedictorian from St. John’s Prep in Danvers. He graduated from Bowdoin summa cum laude, as a member of Phi Beta Kappa and of Alpha Rho Upsilon fraternity, and went on to earn his medical degree from Tufts University in 1957. After an internship at Hartford Hospital, and a residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Maimonides Hospital in New York, he began a forty-year career in private practice in Hartford. He was on the staff of several hospitals and served as a medical director at MD Health Plan until his retirement in 1997. A life-long sports enthusiast, he coached youth basketball and football in the 1960s and 1970s and was a team parent and physician for Kingswood-Oxford boys and Loomis-Chaffee girls lacrosse and ice hockey team in the late 1970s. He was a former member of the Emanuel Synagogue in West Hartford and a member at his death of the Congregation Beth Israel there. He is survived by his wife Judith; two sons, Scott and Jeffrey; a daughter, Amy Bernheim ’86; and six grandchildren.


James M. Murdock ’57 died November 5, 2008, in Port Clyde, Maine. Born July 17, 1935, in Chelsea, Mass., he prepared for college at Reading High School. At Bowdoin, he was a member of Zeta Psi fraternity. Before retiring to Maine in 1989, he was president of The Murdock Corporation, a family-founded business that he owned and managed with his brother, George Jr. He is survived by his wife Beverly of Hampton, N.H., whom he married in 1954; four sons, James Michael Murdock, Jr. of West Palm Beach, Fla., Peter Murdock of Peaks Island, Robert Murdock of Aspen, Colo., and Stephen Patrick Murdock of Gloucester, Mass.; two daughters, Lisa Arnold of Babylon, N.Y., and Leanne Sacco of Andover, Mass.; a brother, George “Bud” Murdock of Port Clyde; a sister, Patricia Ann Murdock of Port Clyde; and twelve grandchildren.
F. Warren Gibson ’58 died December 7, 2008, in Worcester, Mass. Born in Portland, Maine, he prepared for college at West Paris High School. After graduating from Bowdoin, where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, he served in the U.S. Army from 1960 to 1962, then graduated from Williams College school of banking. A banker for all of his career, he worked for several firms in Maine and Massachusetts before retiring from Boston Five Cents Savings Bank. He was predeceased by his wife, Patricia (McWhirter) Gibson, who died in March 2008. He is survived by a daughter, Kathryn Gibson-Torres of Shrewsbury; a son, Paul A. Gibson of North Dartmouth; two brothers, Edwin and William, both of South Paris, Maine; a sister, Joan Wheeler of McKenny, Texas; and five grandchildren.

Carl Mayhew ’58 died September 25, 2008, in Gardiner, Maine. Born in Augusta in 1936, he prepared for college at Gardiner High School. After graduating from Bowdoin, where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, he attended Tufts Dental School, graduating in 1960, and began his 45-year career as a dentist by working in his father’s dental office in Gardiner. He served as a captain in the Army in Korea from 1962 to 1964. In the 1970s, he was active in the Pittston Republican Committee and the town Planning Board. He was a lobbyist for the Maine Dental Association and dedicated much time to campaigning for fluoridation of Maine’s drinking water. A dedicated Rotarian, he cooked breakfasts for the club for several years. In 2003 and 2004, he traveled to Romania to donate his time and dental expertise to children in orphanages. An avid outdoorsman, he spent time building a sailboat, growing trees, hunting, fishing, and working in his garden. He is survived by a brother, Phillip Mayhew of East Machias; a daughter, Abby Elizabeth Mayhew Waddleton; a grandson; and his friend, Mona McKay Stromberg.

Peter D. Lawrence ’58 died November 28, 2008, in Westminster, Mass. Born in Syracuse, N.Y., on November 12, 1935, he lived in Stow, Mass., for 35 years. He had been living with his daughter in Westminster for a year before his death. He served in the U.S. Army and had worked for Digital Equipment Corporation as an electrical engineer for many years. His wife, Caroline (Sibley) Lawrence predeceased him. He is survived by two sisters, Joan Cizek of Va. and Sue Yankowski of Wis.; two sons, Charles K. Lawrence of Fremont, Calif., and David Lawrence of Memphis, Tenn.; two daughters, Barbara Lawrence of Northfield, N.H., and Jean L. Couture of Westminster, Mass.; and seven grandchildren.

Emile R. J. M. Jurgens ’60 died November 29, 2008, in Ottawa, Ontario. Born in Nijmegen, The Netherlands, he served two years in the Royal Dutch Air Force before a Fulbright Scholarship brought him to Bowdoin. He was a member of Delta Sigma fraternity. He emigrated to Canada in 1958 and began a career with Corporation House as a customs and tariff consultant. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Jacqueline (van Leynseele) Jurgens; two children, Philip and Sabine; and three grandchildren.

Lambertus H. A. Quant ’61 died May 15, 2008, in Bilthoven, The Netherlands. He was a member of Alpha Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Robert L. Freeman, Jr. ’62 died in Delray Beach, Fla., on November 17, 2008. Born in Worcester, Mass., on June 18, 1940, he prepared for college at Classical High School in Worcester. At Bowdoin, he was an English major and a member of Delta Sigma fraternity. After graduation, he served several years as an officer in the U.S. Air Force, with postings to Portland, Ore., and Aomori, Japan. Following military service, he earned an MBA from Harvard Business School, and then spent a number of years working in the banking, financial, and insurance industries in Boston and New York, as well as in overseas assignments in the Bahamas and the Dominican Republic. Later, he returned to Maine, living in Saco for many years. He served as the budget director of the Council of Governments in Portland and the chief financial officer of the Administrative Office of the Courts for the State of Maine. Among the benefits of his relocation to Maine was the opportunity to visit Bowdoin more often for homecomings and reunions, as well
as the chance to spend more time at the family summer home on Basket Island near Biddeford Pool. In recent years, he and his wife, Nancy, lived in Delray Beach, Fla., where he was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Delray and served as a Deacon and a Stephens Minister. He also was active in the English Speaking Union of Palm Beach and the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Florida. In addition to his wife of forty years, he is survived by a son, Matthew, of Fort Lauderdale; and two brothers, Richard of Vienna, Va., and Bruce of Akron, Ohio.

Robert C. Fay ’63 died October 20, 2008, in Fitchburg, Mass. Born in Worcester, Mass., he grew up in Worcester and Sterling and graduated from Wachusett High School. After graduating from Bowdoin, where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, he attended the University of Kansas, New York University, and the University of Mainz in Germany. He attended the Monterey Army Language School and served the U.S. Army in West Berlin as an expert in the German language. He was a long-trail hiker, and he hiked the complete Appalachian Trail six different times. He served for a time as a hut staff member in the White Mountains, and he hiked the complete Continental Divide and the complete Pacific Crest Trail. He settled in Fitchburg in the early 1990s, owning and managing two apartment houses there. He is survived by two brothers, Richard Fay of Falmouth, Maine, and Chapin Fay of Garden City, N.Y.

James E. Byrne ’65 died September 19, 2008, in Bath, Pa. Born on November 27, 1942, in Bryn Mawr, Pa., he attended Northwestern University Dental School and Medical School after graduating from Bowdoin. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He was a founding partner of Carbon Oral Surgery Associates. After retiring from his medical practice, he devoted time to his avocation, wood turning. He was known as a superb photographer, a skilled gardener, and a maker of Windsor chairs. He was the secretary of Moore Township Zoning Board of Appeals, past president and newsletter editor of the Lehigh Valley Wood Turners, and served on the board of directors of Gnaden Hutton Hospital. He is survived by his beloved, Judith Rodwin; a sister, Pamela; a stepson, David Austin; a nephew, J. Britton Good; and a granddaughter.

John R. Rapp G’64 died September 25, 2008, in Roanoke, Va. Born in Rochester, N.Y., on January 5, 1923, he prepared for college at West High there. In World War II, he served as a navigator for what was then the Army Air Corps, 390th Bomb Group, flying missions in Europe until his plane was shot down near Dresden, Germany. He crash-landed, was wounded, taken prisoner, and held in Germany until Russian troops liberated his camp near the end of the war. He was awarded the Purple Heart. Upon his return home, he completed undergraduate work at the University of Rochester, later earning a master’s degree at Bowdoin. He was a director of math instruction for the Rochester school system and a teacher of math at Monroe High School. He continued to serve in the Air Force reserve, retiring with the rank of Lt. Colonel. He spent much time in Maine and purchased a cottage in South Harpswell. He was predeceased by his first wife, Elizabeth Ann Vierhile Rapp, who died in 1990. He is survived by his wife, Emily Hickey Rapp, whom he married in 1993; two daughters, Carla Rapp of Victor, N.Y., and Linda Jones of Beaufort, S.C.; two sons, John Rapp of Ionia, N.Y., and Philip Rapp of Hampden, Maine; three stepchildren; six grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Gilbert G. Mages G’65 died December 11, 2008, in Dewey, Wisc. He earned a degree in mathematics and education at St. John’s University in Minnesota and then taught high school math at Eielson Air Force Base in Alaska for three years before earning his master’s degree in mathematics at Bowdoin. He went on to teach at University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and then earned his doctorate in mathematics education at the University of Northern Colorado. He then returned to his teaching career at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, retiring as professor emeritus in 1999. He is survived by his wife, Pat of Stevens Point; three daughters, Lisa Mages-Greene of Wausau, Sherry Houben of Stevens Point, and Darcie Mueller of Plymouth; five brothers; a sister; and five grandchildren.
The beginning of a new academic year – Bowdoin’s 208th – triggers in each of us a personal emotional response, as images, sounds, and memories crowd into our consciousness. Saying good-bye to family members, meeting classmates for the first time, and adjusting expectations to the realities of college-level classrooms leave vivid impressions on memory. Recollections may be jogged by the feel and smell of walking through a pine grove after a rain, or by the audible differences in pitch between shuffling through piles of oak leaves and maple leaves.

Autumn also is the season when many oral traditions about the College’s history (both wildly fictional and factually accurate) are passed along to first-year students. What follows are a few favorite myths that I have heard repeated over the years.

Myth 1: Ivies Weekend celebrates the College’s decision to decline an invitation to join the Ivy League. In fact, the term “ivy league” was first used informally by sportswriters for The Christian Science Monitor on February 7, 1935. The Ivy League was formed for athletic competition in 1954. Ivies Weekend at Bowdoin began as a spring celebration in the nineteenth century, with athletic competitions, awards, speeches, poems, and the planting of the class ivy. Marble markers still identify where ivy once flourished by the Chapel (1876, 1877, and 1881) and Memorial Hall (1894). Ivies Weekend has become one of the major social weekends at the College, and it taps into the excitement for the end of the academic year.

Myth 2: The walkway through the Visual Arts Center was required by the deed of gift of the Class of 1895, which stipulated that the walk from the granite Class of 1875 Gateway to the Chapel could never be obstructed. The walkway itself was rebuilt in 1945, and it replaced an earlier path that connected the gate and the Chapel. There is no evidence that there was a restriction on blocking the walkway, nor is there any proof that the architect for the VAC, the late Edward Larrabee Barnes, was limited in his design for the building.

Myth 3: The Senior Center (Coles Tower) was targeted by the Soviet Union during the Cold War. With the Bath Iron Works shipyard, a North American Aerospace Defense Command radar installation in Topsham, and the Brunswick Naval Air Station nearby, it seems unlikely that a tower filled with undergraduates would be a high-priority target for a military attack. If the tower had been on such a list, then who was the intrepid spy who retrieved the information from the Kremlin’s files?

Myth 4: A regular October tradition is the appearance of stories in local newspapers (including The Orient) about ghosts at Bowdoin, often drawing on information from Internet sites on haunted New England. For those in search of a spellbinding narrative, the Bowdoin stories are disappointing, mostly consisting of disembodied bumps, cold breezes, and voices in the night. While there is a “great hook” at the top of the stairwell in Adams Hall for block-and-tackle hauling of cadavers to the fourth floor for dissection, it is a mechanical device, not a supernatural object. However, there is no question about the use of cadavers; an 1835 letter written to Professor Parker Cleaveland from a Baltimore physician suggests obtaining bodies from Maryland, where laws about grave-robbing were lax. Despite an abundance of raw material for ghost stories – the proximity of Pine Grove Cemetery, a long history of fraternities and secret societies, the Medical School of Maine, and a great literary tradition – there are few, if any, such stories about the College.

While there may be scant evidence for ghosts, there is a presence here – a spirit – of those who have gone before. In his speech at the dedication of the 20th Maine monument at Gettysburg in 1889, Major General-Maine Governor-Bowdoin President Joshua Chamberlain [1852] spoke words that continue to inspire: “In great deeds something abides. On great fields something stays. Forms change and pass; bodies disappear; but spirits linger, to consecrate ground for the vision-place of souls.” The same may be said about the cumulative and collective contributions and sacrifices of the Bowdoin community to make the College what it is today – and what it will be tomorrow.

With best wishes.

John R. Cross ’76
Secretary of Development and College Relations
For Cam Sarrouf ’55, giving back to Bowdoin is the best way to say “thank you” to the professors and mentors he can no longer thank in person. When the Massachusetts Academy of Trial Lawyers recently presented Cam with its Lifetime Achievement Award, the event left him thinking of all the people who have influenced his life and contributed to his success; mentors like Bowdoin Professor John Sweet, who taught public speaking Cam’s first year. Professor Sweet took Cam under his wing after a difficult first semester, and Cam went on to take the freshman prize for oratory and later starred as Richard III in the first production in Pickard Theater. The oratory skills he developed under Professor Sweet’s guidance became central to Cam’s career as one of Boston’s top ranking trial lawyers.

In 1997, Cam and his wife Joyce founded the Sarrouf Family Scholarship Fund in memory of Cam’s parents, providing the opportunity for students from the Middle East to receive the benefits of a Bowdoin education. “I was the first of my family to go to school, let alone college,” Cam explains. “My immigrant parents, who never had an opportunity for even a rudimentary education, instilled in me the value of an education, and I feel an obligation to honor the heritage they passed to me.”

Cam and Joyce have continued to build the Sarrouf Family Scholarship Fund through gifts of cash and appreciated stock. Working with the Gift Planning Office, they also created a charitable remainder unitrust that pays them quarterly income during their lifetimes and will provide a final legacy gift to the College. So far, the Sarrouf Family Scholarship Fund has helped six students attend Bowdoin. Joyce and Cam have supported many other projects at Bowdoin as well, including the renovations of Pickard Theater. Their spirit of giving back has become a family affair, with their children, Camille Jr., Leza ’86, Thomas, and John ’93, all deeply involved in philanthropy.

In a distinguished career of public and professional service, Cam has made Bowdoin a priority for more than fifty years. “Without financial aid and College interest-free loans, I could not have had a Bowdoin education. I have to give back.”

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