

Dear Peucinian,

Last week, the society voted in favor of the resolution, "Go Forth and Conquer". I sincerely hope that a passion and militarism has invaded your waking lives as a result (as there are always those mysterious hours of sleep for rest and peace). This week, we will be conquering all together the following resolved statement:

Resolved: The Common Good is an Integral Facet of a Liberal Arts Education

Affirmative: Elijah Janka Garrard, '12

Negative: Nathaniel George Houran, '13

'Literary institutions are founded and endowed for the common good, and not for the private advantage of those who resort to them for education." - Bowdoin President Joseph Mckeen, 1802

The "common good", as this founding document of our college will attest to, is the reason that we are all here at Bowdoin, and is the cause for which we are being educated in this peculiar and delightful way. The invocation of this phrase may seem to be merely platitudinal, but if one was to follow the following links, one would learn that the Common Good at Bowdoin has a specific definition:

<http://www.bowdoin.edu/academics/common-good/>
<http://www.bowdoin.edu/mckeen-center/about/index.shtml>

It would behoove you all to give especial care to the second link, and the text of McKeen's 1802 address.

Is the Common Good, as defined in the above literature and present on campus in the form of the Joseph McKeen Center for the Common Good, actually integral to the purpose of becoming liberally educated? Or is the disengagement associated with the "ivory tower" picture of academia, the very definition of irresponsibility?

**Please join the Society in the Faculty Room of Massachusetts Hall at 7:30 PM on Thursday, March 1st.
Please dress with respect.**

Yours in Thought,
John Tanner Horst
Peucinian President