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## President Mills recovers

*Mills overcomes prostate cancer and prepares for a successful academic year*

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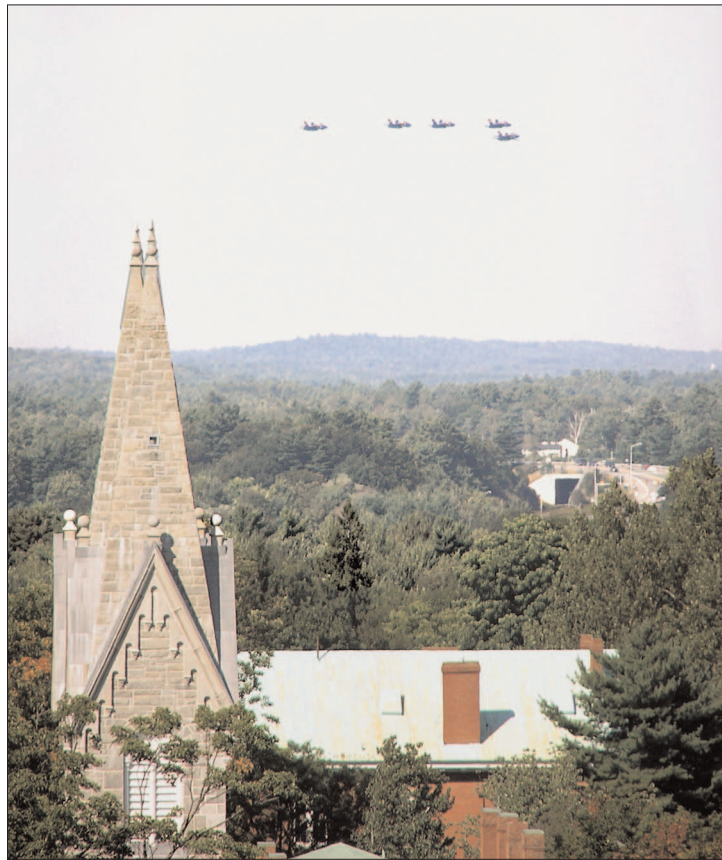
President Barry Mills has been told he is healthy and cancer-free. After a March 15 prostate cancer diagnosis, Mills underwent surgery this summer to remove the cancer. Beyond the necessary recovery period he took after the procedure, Mills does not expect any further health-related setbacks in his schedule.

After a thunderous applause at Convocation following his announcement of good health, Mills said, "I want to assure you that I have the strength, energy, enthusiasm, and resolve to work with all of you to lead our College as we sustain our path for excellence into the future."

In fact, Mills traveled all the way to Hong Kong for Bowdoin business earlier this week.

"One of the amazing things about prostate cancer is that many options are available to deal with it, and new ones are invented everyday," Mills said. "I talked to a lot of physicians, did a lot of investigation, I made my choice and for me it seems to have been the right choice."

## Blue Angels roar overhead



Evan Kohn, *Bowdoin Orient*

The Blue Angels practiced their formation above the Quad yesterday afternoon. See them perform at this weekend's air show. Details, page 5.

When walking around campus, Mills said he gets the feeling that people are still watching him. "Cancer is a very scary thing and people get appropriately concerned about it," said Mills.

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## Class of 2009 now part of Bowdoin community

by Anne Riley  
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After receiving a record number of applications last spring, the College has successfully matriculated the most diverse class in its history, said Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Richard Steele.

With an unprecedented 5,026 applicants to consider, the Office of Admissions accepted more students this past April than in recent years, resulting in the size of the first year class increasing from 471 to 478 students.

To accommodate the increased number of first years during the renovations of Hyde and Appleton halls (see related story, page 3), the College recently constructed two new first-year dormitories on the corner of College and South Streets.

The dorms, tentatively called East

Hall and West Hall, will be formally named in the near future. Last spring, the Board of Trustees voted to name one of the new dorms in honor of Bernard Osher '48, a Maine native and philanthropist whose San Francisco-based foundation collaborates with universities across the country to increase the quality of education available to adults. Osher has been a generous contributor to the College.

No decision has yet been reached as to the name of the second dorm. "There may be other important alums we may want to name the building after, other historical figures we might want to name the building after—it's too early to say," President Barry Mills said. "This is about people who care about the college, it is not about money."

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## Students respond in Katrina's wake

by Anne Riley  
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For the seven Bowdoin students from New Orleans and a dozen others from surrounding areas, the effects of Hurricane Katrina may last a lifetime. Many members of the Bowdoin community, however, are finding themselves feeling helpless and ineffective in the wake of the natural disaster that left New Orleans and other areas of the Gulf Coast in sheer ruin last week.

"With death tolls over 1,000, at this point, you know that someone you know has been affected," Suni Vaz '09 said. Vaz, a native of Uptown New Orleans, spent her first week and a half of college wondering whether or not her 20-year-old brother ever evacuated the city.

With landlines destroyed and cell phone reception out, it took almost two weeks for Vaz to learn that her brother had reached Houston safely, leaving the family pets behind with as much food and water as he could find.

Sophomore J. Patrick Brown went through a similar period without contact with his family, who refused

to evacuate New Orleans from the start. After talking to his parents on the first night and learning that power was out, Brown went 24 hours without contact. When his parents managed to call again, they were able to tell him that the city was in "serious turmoil" before the connection cut out.

"When my uncle came to pick my parents up from the city, they wouldn't let him in without a firearm," he said. Brown's family eventually evacuated to Baton Rouge and then to Michigan, spending \$4,000 a piece on airfare.

The city they left behind is devastated, both physically and psychologically.

"Piecing the culture back together will be just as difficult as piecing back the structures and buildings," said Dean of Academic Advancement and New Orleans native Kassie Freeman.

"It's absolutely tragic," said President Barry Mills. "We have tried to reach out to our community members to let them know that we are here to support them."

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## Air station marked for closure



Drew Fulton, *Bowdoin Orient*

The Naval Air Station is scheduled for complete closure by 2011.

Brunswick will lose approximately 2,700 military personnel and more than 600 civilian positions, according to testimony given at BRAC hearings. Add thousands of dependents of military personnel, and the economic

effect of closure on the Midcoast region will be significant.

President Barry Mills said the impact extends to Bowdoin.

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## Orient changes printers, order

Readers may notice changes in this year's first issue of the Orient. Most notably, the newspaper will now be printing two additional color pages in the center of the paper.

The Opinion section, previously in the middle of the paper, can now be found in the back. This allows for artful photos in the A&E section to be printed in color.

The change also creates additional distance between news and

opinion, highlighting the Orient's commitment to balanced and unbiased reporting in its news pages.

After years of printing with the Brunswick Time Record, the Orient established a new printing agreement with Augusta's Central Maine Newspapers, the publisher of The Kennebec Journal.

The Orient continues to be designed by the editors with the computer program Quark Xpress on Thursday nights, though the

page files will now be sent digitally to the Central Maine Newspapers when they are ready for print.

Finally, an official editorial board will now be responsible for the content of the weekly editorial in the Opinion section.

The editorial board will consist of the Orient's two editors-in-chief and its managing editor, and each editorial will represent the majority view of the editorial board.