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Diversity leader to leave

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Betty Trout-Kelly's upcoming departure from the College means the campus is losing a trusted leader and friend. Now College officials face the challenge of finding a replacement to fill a revamped position of adviser to the President on issues of diversity and equity.

Trout-Kelly steps down as Executive Assistant to the President for Institutional Diversity and Equity at the end of this academic year. She has been at Bowdoin for 15 years, serving as multicultural adviser in the Counseling Office before moving to the President's office under former President Bob Edwards.

During the nineties, Trout-Kelly served on a committee that developed the College's first diversity and affirmative action plan. One step that committee recommended was the creation of Trout-Kelly's position as an advocate for minority students and staff.

While the new post put Trout-Kelly in a more policy-driven position, she maintained her close ties with students, whom she called "a blessing."

"They're doing so well and flourishing," she said.

Over the years, many students have come to view Trout-Kelly as a second mother, some affectionately referring to her as "Dr. T-K." She was at once an academic, social, and

First steps on the Experience



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Tricia Duggan, Helaina Roman, and Julie Jacquat are greeted by Thu-Nga Ho '07 outside of the Admissions Office on Thursday afternoon. The high school students are here as part of the Bowdoin Experience. See story, page 3.

spiritual counselor.

Danny Le '06 called her "a big part" of his success at Bowdoin and "a compassionate person who really cares about each student she interacts with."

Trout-Kelly was an important part

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Bremer, students spar

by Mónica Guzmán
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Ambassador L. Paul Bremer spent more than 13 months under heavy fire as the most powerful administrator in an occupied Iraq. Standing behind a podium in Morrell Gymnasium last week, he became the target of an entirely different kind of bombardment.

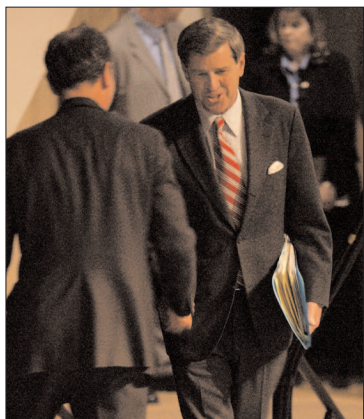
Hecklers in the 850-person crowd occasionally interrupted Bremer's speech on Friday night. But the most intense moments occurred during interchanges with students during a question-and-answer session.

Ben Kreider '05, who protested outside the gym prior to the event, asked about hidden reasons for the war, alleging that the war was a test for the "neo-conservative agenda of advancing American business," and said that "American business is running Iraq."

"How do you know American business is running Iraq?" Bremer responded, eliciting both cheers and sneers from the crowd. "When were you last there?"

Colin Beckman '07 questioned Bremer's assertion that terrorists cannot be persuaded by non-violent means.

Bremer quickly dismissed the criticism. "If my statements sound self-



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Ambassador L. Paul Bremer and President Barry Mills on stage.

assured, it's because I'm sure," he said.

Because the terrorists' "burning hatred of the West" is based on "creed," he said during his speech, "no compromise is possible."

"The root cause of terrorism is a hatred of who we are, not what we do," Bremer said. "And most of all, they hate democracy."

Other questions evoked more substantive responses.

Ben Stranges '05 compared pre-war atrocities in Iraq to the deadly conflicts in the Dharfur region of

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BSG officer hopefuls begin the final stretch

by Adam Baber
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Bowdoin students will go to the polls next week to elect a slate of Student Government officers for the 2005-2006 school year. The election will be held Wednesday and Thursday and students will vote online.

The election comes near the end of a year in which many described BSG as still in a transition period following the introduction of a new constitution at the end of the 2001-2002 academic year.

Two rising juniors, DeRay McKesson and Derrick Wong, are candidates for BSG President. McKesson is currently Vice President for BSG Affairs and Wong currently serves as V.P. for Facilities.

There are seven candidates for the five vice-presidential positions and three candidates for the Treasurer position.

William Donahue '08 and Ted Lyons '06 are vying for the V.P. for Facilities. Carolyn Chu '07 will square off against Katerina Papacosma '08 in the election for V.P. for Student Affairs, while Joshua Cippel '08, Gardiner Holland

'06, and Joe Brazzi '06 are competing for the Treasurer position.

Several candidates are running unopposed for a position—Dustin Brooks '08 for V.P. of Student Government Affairs, Shrindi Mani '06 for V.P. of Academic Affairs, and Molly Dorkey '06 for V.P. of Student Organizations.

McKesson and Wong sat down for wide-ranging interviews with members of the Orient's senior editorial staff this week.

In the interviews, both candidates acknowledged that BSG has a communication problem, and said that they would like to work more closely to monitor changes in the College's academic program.

Wong said he viewed the Presidential role as an opportunity to improve campus life. "Although people don't always see what we do, I just like to give back and I feel like that role is a good way to improve the school and address the ideas that might not otherwise be realized," he said.

McKesson cited his "extensive record of leadership" on campus. "I have a lot of experience in being

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Town plans Maine St. Station

Possibilities for vacant lot include retail space and a train station

The last vacant lot on downtown Brunswick's Maine Street may soon be put to better use. Development possibilities for the land—located by the train tracks next to the Hannaford supermarket—may include some combination of a train station, retail shops, residential units, parking, and entertainment facilities.

The plot, once the site of a passenger train station, has remained empty for decades and was the subject of a previous failed development attempt.

The Maine Street Station Steering Committee has been formed to develop a new master plan for the site. Theo Holtwijk, Director of Planning and Development for Brunswick, hopes to submit a development plan to the Brunswick town council by September.

Bill Torrey, Senior Vice President for Planning and Administration, is serving as Bowdoin's representative on the planning committee.

"The College supports the development of the site for mixed use purposes," Torrey said. "We'd like to see both retail and residential space, along with a train station, should the train be extended to Brunswick."

The possibility of building a train station on the site poses a problem for the planners since it is not yet clear when or if commuter rail service will come to Brunswick. Train service to Brunswick likely will not be a possibility until 2008 at the earliest.

Service cannot extend north from Portland to Brunswick until necessary track improvements are made.

Ronald Roy, director of passenger transportation for the Maine Department of Transportation, said that additional funding is needed before the approximately \$62-million track project can begin.

The Maine DOT is currently performing a study of traffic patterns in the I-295 corridor. Roy hopes the data will help encourage federal authorities to provide funding for the project.

Once the necessary funding is available, the process of upgrading the track will likely take two years,

Roy said. At that point, two services will be a possibility: an extension of Amtrak's Downeaster service to Boston and a more localized service geared towards those who commute south to Portland.

In the meantime, the Maine Street Station Committee will proceed with its planning. The committee will sponsor several public meetings beginning in May to get feedback on what the public would like to see develop on the site. A special meeting for the Bowdoin community will be held on campus on April 25.

Large amounts of coal ash left over from the site's years as a railroad station have earned the site designation as a brownfield—a designation typically reserved for abandoned and environmentally contaminated plots of land. The site's designation makes it eligible for federal redevelopment funding specifically reserved for brownfields.

Such a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency is being used to enlist the services of a team of consultants to help the committee formulate its master plan.

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