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Spring show illuminates the best of dancing talents



Mike Ardolino, The Bowdoin Orient

The Department of Theater and Dance's Spring Dance Concert showcases student works in Pickard Theater. Tickets are free and available at the door for Friday and Saturday's 8 p.m. shows. See story, page 10.

Foster appointed student affairs dean

by Beth Kowitz
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Bowdoin has decided that the best person to fill the shoes of Dean of Student Affairs Craig Bradley is one of its own.

President Barry Mills announced Monday that current Senior Associate Dean of Student Affairs Tim Foster will take on the position when Bradley leaves at the end of the academic year. According to Assistant to the President Scott Meiklejohn, the search committee made its decision last Friday.

"The committee felt he was the strongest candidate in the pool, and if we could land him, that was really the best choice," he said. "It's not just about continuity. There was a sense that he was the best person for the job."

Meiklejohn noted that although over 60 candidates applied, Foster was the only one who had a complete on-campus interview.

The position description that was circulated called for "an energetic, experienced and highly principled individual" who would be responsible for supervising "a wide variety

of offices and programs to enhance and support students' intellectual and personal growth."

"In the end, the committee felt like it really needed to give Tim the first crack at the interview and that would tell us whether or not we needed to bring someone else to campus," Meiklejohn said.

"We looked at some really great people, but Tim just blew us all away," said committee member Taneisha Wilson '07. She said Foster's vision and knowledge of the College was exceptional.

Foster was also being considered for dean of student affairs at Swarthmore College, where he was named one of the five finalists for the position. Foster, who has been at Bowdoin for 10 years as both the dean of first-year students and the associate dean of student affairs before taking on his current role, said he felt as though he was ready for a change.

"Along the way I've always had different projects that kept me where I felt like I was learning and making a contribution," Foster said. "I felt

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Self-study highlights decade of change

Draft of reaccreditation report assesses College's successes and challenges

by James D. Baumberger
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Bowdoin is a drastically different place than it was 10 years ago, according to a draft of a self-study released by the College this week. Changes over the past decade detailed in the report include a complete reorganization of residential life, a significantly more diverse student body, and a larger faculty.

The report was released in anticipation of the College's once-every-decade reaccreditation review next fall by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). The self-study evaluates the College in each of 11 standards set by NEASC, describing changes since

the last study in 1996, assessing current successes and weaknesses, and projecting the future.

The draft was compiled under the guidance of the Self-Study Steering Committee, a group led by Dean for Academic Affairs Craig McEwen. The eight-member committee has representation from students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

The draft report was presented to the Bowdoin community Tuesday in an email to the campus. McEwen and the committee requested that students, faculty, and staff read the report posted on the Bowdoin web site and submit comments before May 8.

At press time, the section on student life and student services had yet to be released to the campus.

Professor of English Marilyn Reizbaum, a member of the steering committee, told the Orient that while reaccreditation is likely a forgone

conclusion, self-study is a valuable process nonetheless.

"We will be reaccredited," she said. "There's probably not a danger

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Techie team gears up for RoboCup

by Steve Kolowich
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Considering the temperate spring weather, it was not surprising to see students flock to a soccer game last weekend to support their friends and classmates. What was surprising was that the spectators actually withdrew from the 60-degree temperatures outside to do so.

Then again, this was no ordinary Bowdoin soccer match. Instead of taking place on an expansive outdoor pitch near Farley Field House, it was played in a small, makeshift indoor arena in Daggett Lounge. Rather than taking aim at an NCAA tournament bid, the team was preparing to compete for a world championship.

And the players were not Bowdoin undergraduates. They were robots.

Last Friday, a crowd gathered in Daggett Lounge to watch as Bowdoin's robotics team held an intra-squad scrimmage with their team of artificially intelligent robotic dogs in preparation for this weekend's U.S. Open robot soccer tournament.



Drew Fulton, The Bowdoin Orient

Spectators cheer as one of the artificially intelligent robot dogs scores a goal. The team will compete in this weekend's U.S. Open in Atlanta.

ment in Atlanta. It is the second straight year and the second time ever that Bowdoin has entered a team in the national competition. In June, the team will vie for a RoboCup

world championship in Bremen, Germany, for the first time, pending the procurement of necessary funds.

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All-night event to raise funds, cancer awareness

by Miranda Yaver
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Many students will be pulling an all-nighter this weekend, but this one will be by choice.

At least 175 Bowdoin students are expected to walk in Bowdoin's first-ever Relay for Life tonight to raise cancer awareness and challenge the notion that the condition does not affect the student population.

Sponsored by Baxter House, the

Relay for Life has garnered the involvement of 15 teams, with a fundraising total of \$20,000. This was the projected goal set by the American Cancer Society (ACS), which sponsors the event annually across the nation.

ACS will use approximately 94 percent of the money raised to go toward cancer research and treatment. The remaining six percent will

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Two BSG races won by thin margins

by Bobby Guerette
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Four of the seven Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) officer positions were unopposed, but nearly a thousand students still chose to vote in this week's balloting.

In the closest competitive race—vice president of academic affairs—junior Burgess LePage received 310 votes, trouncing Charlie Ticotsky '07 by only two. For the position of

treasurer and Student Activities Fee Committee (SAFC) chair, Rebecca Ginsburg '07 won with a 20-vote margin over Joshua Cippel '08. Stephanie Witkin '07 will be the next vice president of student organizations, surpassing Roman Jackson '07. The tally in that race was 551-364.

Incumbent DeRay McKesson '07 was re-elected to the BSG presidency. With 949 students voting for the unopposed McKesson, the presiden-

tial race had the highest turnout of any of the seven officer races.

The race's other three incumbents—Vice President of Student Affairs Dustin Brooks '08, Vice President of Student Affairs Carolyn Chu '07, and Vice President of Facilities William Donahoe '08—also ran unopposed.

Voting began Wednesday morning and ended at 8:30 p.m. Thursday.

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