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College moves to acquire air station land



Courtesy of BNAS

An aerial view of the 3,300-acre Brunswick Naval Air Station, which is slated for closure in 2011.

Extensive federal petitioning process to begin; would triple size of campus

by Nat Herz
ORIENT STAFF

Bowdoin will seek to triple the size of its campus by acquiring a 450-acre parcel of land from the Brunswick Naval Air Station (BNAS), the College announced late Thursday. The 3,300-acre military base is scheduled to close by 2011.

Though no specific development plans were included in the announcement, President Barry Mills indicated that the College would consider using the land for

recreational, administrative, and academic purposes.

"Having 3,300 acres available in Brunswick is probably a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration Katy Longley told the Orient in an interview late Thursday. "And we want to acquire property for future generations of the College."

Longley stressed that the College's plans were only in their preliminary stages, and that the reason for the

announcement "is to be clear to Brunswick residents what we're interested in."

At the same time, state Rep. Stan Gerzofsky, D-Brunswick, raised concerns that Bowdoin's plans would compete with his proposal for a new, 1,000-acre town commons to be carved from the base.

"The College has never talked to me about a damn thing, and I'm the one that puts the order through the

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BSG endorses Darfur group

by Will Jacob
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Bowdoin Student Government voted Wednesday to endorse the creation of a permanent committee to identify crimes against humanity. The proposed committee, which President Barry Mills recommended against in his statement last week, would be comprised of trustees, staff, faculty, and students.

"We should use Bowdoin's academic resources to encourage and communicate with the Bowdoin community. We can be there as a representative of Bowdoin students, faculty, staff, and trustees to come up with recommendations," said Class of 2008 Representative Clark Gascoigne.

The idea stemmed from the Advisory Committee on Darfur

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The full text of Bowdoin Student Government's Darfur resolution is available for download on the Orient's web site. orient.bowdoin.edu

(ACOD), which suggested the formation of a "permanent committee to identify crimes against humanity...to ensure the swift identification of international problems to which Bowdoin would have a moral obligation to respond."

In response, Gascoigne created a proposal for BSG to support the recommendation. The resolution states that BSG "recognizes that there exist rare occasions when an international consensus of outrage exists with regard to an exceptionally reprehensible situation, thereby justifying a course of action by

the College."

Last week, Mills issued a recommendation to the trustees that urged for the creation of a non-investment policy for companies complicit with the genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan. If approved by the trustees, Mills's proposal would forbid investments with such companies and divert any profits from such companies by the College's private fund managers to humanitarian relief organizations.

However, Mills argued against the creation of a permanent committee to handle such human rights issues. While the resolution says that BSG "fully supports the majority of the suggestions presented in the president's recommendations," the assembly said situations might arise

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Students, cops clash at Quinby

by Joshua Miller
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A series of incidents on Saturday night at Quinby House's 1980s-themed party left a police officer injured, one student in jail until he could post bail, and another facing a court appearance.

According to Director of Safety and Security Randy Nichols, the party at Quinby, which began at 9:30 p.m., was going "very well." In an interview with the Orient, Nichols explained that prior to the start of the event, a security officer had completed a pre-party check that involved inspecting and recording keg numbers, ensuring that the event hosts and alcohol host were aware of their responsibilities, and verifying that all regulations were being followed.

"We were monitoring the event here at Security," Nichols said. "We had an officer assigned to that general area and he had checked on the party about three times over the course of the evening."

Nichols explained that although the four-keg Quinby party was a "hopping event" with a "loud crowd and loud music," Security had "received no complaints from" nearby residents regarding noise.

"From our perspective, the party itself was well-run and appeared to be going along just fine," he said. "That is, until a [Brunswick Police Department (BPD)] patrol officer happened to notice four apparent students walking along Maine Street with what appeared to be alcoholic beverages in their possession," Nichols said.

BUSTED!

Brunswick police (BPD) broke up a party at Quinby House last weekend. BPD entered the building after an officer injured himself chasing four "suspicious"-appearing female students, who ran toward Quinby's vicinity. This resulted in the following:

- Police officers were taunted by students after arriving at Quinby.
- Though the officers could not locate the four women, they encountered students who were "visibly intoxicated."
- BPD decided to shut down the party, and a Bowdoin security officer then turned off the music.
- Multiple students were cited by BPD for illegal possession of alcohol by consumption.
- One student, who yelled obscenities at BPD, was arrested and released on bail later that night.

According to Director of Residential Life Kim Pacelli, the BPD "observed some women students...with what the police thought were open containers in the Ashby House parking lot, which is right next to Quinby." The women then "decided to flee," Pacelli said in an interview with the Orient.

"Rather than just remaining there and speaking to the officer and dealing with the situation, the students ran off and the officer pursued the students," Nichols explained.

"The officer, in trying to apprehend them, fell and hurt himself," Pacelli said. According to Nichols and Pacelli, the officer, who sus-

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Kennedy denounces news media

by Emily Guerin
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Robert F. Kennedy Jr. wasn't meek in his assessment of American politics during a recent visit to Bowdoin.

"Eighty percent of Republicans are just Democrats who don't know what's going on," said Kennedy in his Common Hour speech last Friday in Pickard Theater.

Kennedy is an environmental lawyer and president of Waterkeeper Alliance, the fastest-growing environmental group in the country.

Although Kennedy brought down the house with his poke at Republicans, he focused much of his speech on the problems within the American media and political campaigning system.

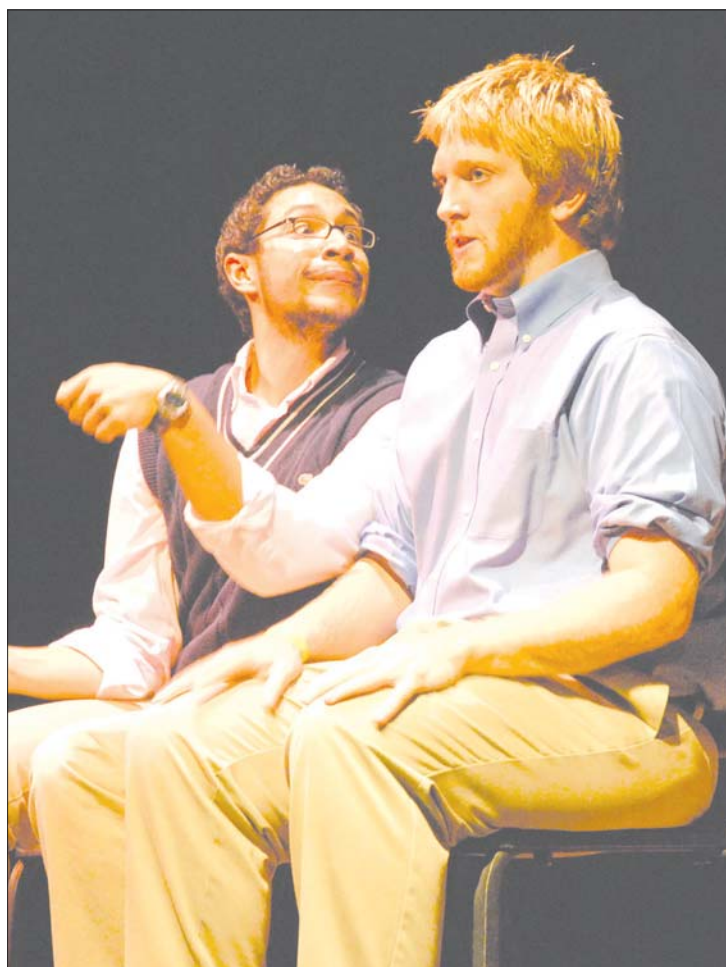
"We are the best-entertained and least-informed people on earth," he said.

News services now "appeal to the prurient interests we all have in the reptilian parts of our brain for sex and celebrity gossip."

Kennedy asserted that an educated

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Keep your eyes on the road!



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Anthony DiNicola '07 pretends to drive Jeremy Bernfeld '09 as the two perform at the Improvabilities show on Thursday evening.

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