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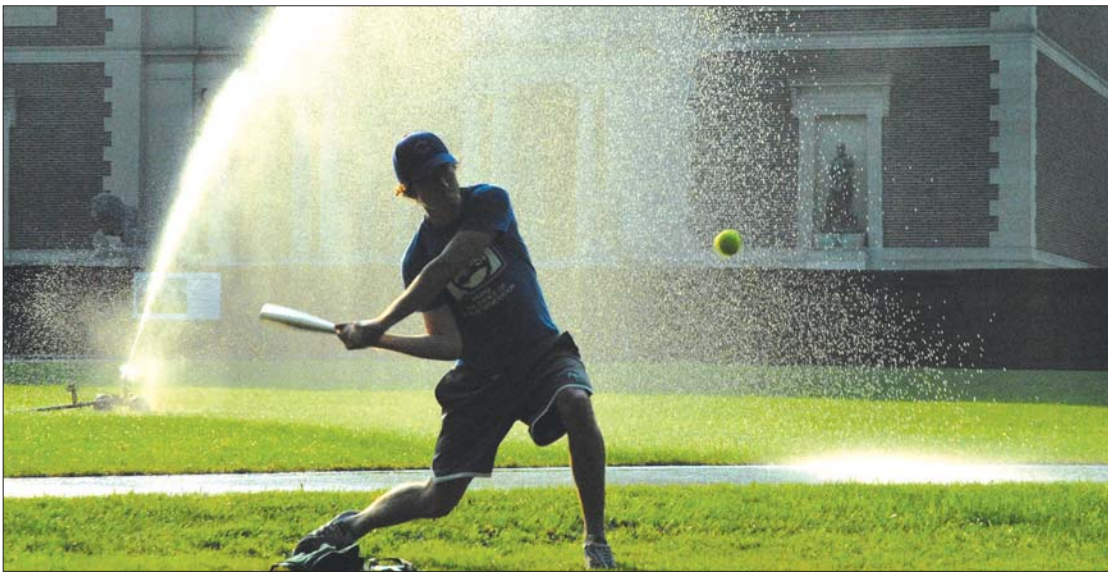
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## Senior takes a swing for the Bowdoin Pines



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James Knuckles '07 swings his bat during a leisurely game of Home Run Derby on the Quad on Saturday. Charlie Ticotsky '07 was the pitcher, and Sam Chapple-Sokol '07 was in the outfield. It is unknown whether Knuckles made contact.

## Women winning college race

*Women outnumbering men in admissions, reflects national trend*

by Beth Kowitt  
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In 1971, 250 women applied to Bowdoin. The College wanted only 30 of them.

Today, the number of women on campus has risen to the point where, at this once all-male campus, there are now more women than men.

The phenomenon of women outnumbering men on U.S. campuses has received national attention. But

it may be in more areas than admissions that women's numbers are increasing.

The New York Times published a front-page article in July reporting that while women are having more success in college than ever, men are falling behind in enrollment, academic achievement, and involvement in campus activities.

To see if the national trends apply to Bowdoin, the Orient spoke with more than 10 members of the faculty, staff, and administration, analyzed Bowdoin's Common Data Set and Phi Beta Kappa records, several other colleges' factbooks and Common Data Sets, and national statistics on

higher education.

While Bowdoin reflects the national trends in some respects, in others it does not.

### Changing times

In the fall of 2005, the total student body at Bowdoin was slightly more than 50 percent female. That percentage is much higher for colleges and universities nationwide. In its July article, the New York Times reported that women made up 58 percent of students enrolled in two- and four-year colleges. And the National Center for Education

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## College moves forward with plans for new gym

by Steve Kolowich  
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The days of waiting in line for treadmills, lifting dumbbells elbow-to-elbow with teammates, and searching in vain for spaces to stretch may be numbered for Bowdoin students.

In recent months, the Office of Planning and Development has made progress in its plans to construct new, state-of-the-art workout facilities to replace the much-maligned Sydney B. Watson Fitness Center.

According to Senior Vice President for Planning and Administration and Chief

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Some teams find that there simply isn't enough field space for all of them at the Farley fields. **Story, page 5.**

Development Officer Bill Torrey, the proposed fitness center could be as large as 13,000 square feet—more than twice the size of conference rival Colby College's fitness center and approximately three times as large as Watson.

The total cost of the renovation has been estimated at \$6 million: \$5 million for the construction of the new facilities, and an additional \$1

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by Beth Kowitt  
and Bobby Guerette  
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Cristle Collins Judd is serious about the liberal arts.

"A liberal arts college education teaches people how to think, how to write, how to communicate, how to deal with knowledge, how to explore new problems," said Judd, Bowdoin's new dean for academic affairs. "Those are the things that prepare people for engaged citizenship and leadership."

To make certain Bowdoin produces students who have these qualities, Judd said that making the transition between different aspects of student life "seamless" is crucial.

"There are places from the curricular, to the co-curricular, and to the extracurricular where we can probably make the continuum smoother," she said. "I see that as the number one challenge facing us in terms of academic life."

Judd points to the arts as an area at Bowdoin where there is a possibility of creating such a continuum and would like to see the arts as central to the College in the 21st century.

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## Judd wants 'seamless' education



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Dean for Academic Affairs Cristle Collins Judd poses in her Hawthorne-Longfellow Hall office.

She believes that now, with such projects as the museum renovation and the new recital hall well underway, is the right time for this to happen.

"The crucial point is the arts within the liberal arts. This is not somehow to have arts instead of or with greater priority than sciences, social

sciences, or humanities," Judd said. "It is recognizing that most students are or ought to be really well-rounded students, that we ought to be in a place where the very best students can come and have a full expression of their intellectual capabilities, including those artistic capabilities."

Judd said that while she sees supporting the arts as important, the Office of Student Affairs' primary focus needs to be on "supporting the faculty here in their lives as scholar-creators and as teachers."

"Life as a faculty member goes through a career trajectory from the time you arrive at a place like Bowdoin," Judd said. "To come to a place like Bowdoin means that people have to be both extraordinary teachers and scholars or artists of distinction. Supporting that means making it possible for people to create and research."

According to Judd, that includes making sure professors have sabbatical opportunities, connecting into various kinds of grants, and giving professors a course load that allows them to pursue their work outside of

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