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E-mail system gets poor reviews

by Emily Guerin
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Bowdoin's new e-mail system is packed with features. Microsoft Outlook/Entourage includes a scheduling system, a pre-loaded college directory, and a calendar of campus events. There's only one problem: Many students either don't want to use them, or they don't know how.

Ted Power '07 said that the new e-mail system did not seem to be designed for students. He cited the calendar and meeting maker systems as features that would be useful for a small business, but not for college students.

Power was also disappointed that the new e-mail system did not include a search option. While acknowledging that Outlook/Entourage gave students more storage space, he said that without the search option, the switch from Webmail was "not worth it."

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Ibsen show more than doll's play



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Wakka Wakka Productions performs "The Death of Little Ibsen" in Wish Theater on Thursday. The puppet performance tells the story of the life of Scandinavian playwright Henrik Ibsen. See article, page 8.

Mills, BSG set committee plan

by Steve Kolowich
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President Barry Mills and Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) have reached a tentative compromise regarding the creation of a Community Response Committee (CRC), which would consider how Bowdoin might respond to "humanitarian issues" in the world. Mills had opposed the creation of a permanent committee, while BSG recently passed a resolution calling for one.

In a meeting with BSG officers on Tuesday, Mills proposed that the legislative body create the CRC itself. According to several BSG officers, the president offered to provide vocal and financial support to the committee, and agreed to hear any recommendations that the CRC might have.

Mills's proposal satisfied a number of officers, including BSG President DeRay Mckesson '07 and Vice President of BSG Affairs Dustin Brooks '08, who said that a committee administered by the student government could be just as effective as one administered by the College.

"I think this compromise could

turn out to be a very good one," Brooks said. "The idea of a student-led committee, acting as a campus-wide committee that includes staff and faculty, is a great idea. It's a great place for student leadership to be exercised."

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DEVELOPING STORY

Contraceptive contract dropped

The health center will no longer dispense birth control pills or NuvaRings to students due to an abrupt loss of contract with manufacturer Organon, according to this morning's student digest. In-stock Cyclelessa is available through May.

In a December 2005 interview with former College Physician Jeff Benson, birth control was, by far, the most commonly prescribed medication at the health center.

Prescriptions can be obtained at the center and refilled at pharmacies in accordance with students' health insurance plans. Details next week.

—Anne Riley

SUSTAINABLE ENDOWMENTS

ENDOWMENT SIZES AND GRADES OF TOP LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGES
The Sustainable Endowments Institute released a report on top colleges' campus greening practices and endowment policies. Taking into account over 25 factors, the institute graded colleges on an A-to-F scale.

COLLEGE	ENDOWMENT	GRADE
AMHERST COLLEGE	\$1,300 MILLION	B-
BOWDOIN COLLEGE	\$673 MILLION	B-
CARLETON COLLEGE	\$572 MILLION	C+
GRINNELL COLLEGE	\$1,500 MILLION	C+
MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE	\$782 MILLION	B+
POMONA COLLEGE	\$1,500 MILLION	C+
SWARTHMORE COLLEGE	\$1,200 MILLION	B-
WELLESLEY COLLEGE	\$1,400 MILLION	C
WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY	\$620 MILLION	C+
WILLIAMS COLLEGE	\$1,500 MILLION	A-



Graphic by Parag Khandelwal, The Bowdoin Orient

Report gives college 'B-' on endowment practices

by Nick Day
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Bowdoin received mixed reviews in a report released last week by the Sustainable Endowments Institute (SEI), scoring perfect marks for "campus management," while earning significantly lower grades for "endowment investments."

The report examined the 100 colleges and universities in the United States and Canada with the largest endowments. Bowdoin got an overall grade of "B-."

In its first annual College Sustainability Report Card, the Cambridge, Massachusetts, organization evaluated colleges based on seven categories.

Four of the categories were based on what the report termed "campus management": climate change and energy, green building, food and recycling, and administration. The

other three categories were related to specific endowment policies: endowment transparency, investment priorities, and shareholder engagement.

While Bowdoin received "A" grades for all categories concerning campus management, it earned a "C" in investment priorities and two failing grades for endowment transparency and shareholder engagement.

Though SEI Executive Director Mark Orlowski articulated the importance of endowment transparency and shareholder engagement at Bowdoin, he praised the College for its efforts to promote sustainability at the campus level.

"I think that Bowdoin should be applauded for its efforts in terms of sustainability on campus," he said.

Katherine Kirklin '07, a leader of

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Obama group grows, but not without strife

Two leaders,
both Bowdoin students,
resign from group

by Kira Chappelle
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Meredith Segal '08 is in Washington D.C. today, introducing expected presidential candidate and U.S. Sen. Barack Obama, D-Illinois, at a rally at George Mason University. She has Facebook to thank for it.

Last summer, Segal started a Facebook group called "Barack Obama for President in 2008." Since then, the Facebook group has transformed into Students for Barack Obama, a grassroots network aimed at demonstrating support for a presidential campaign by Obama. Segal is the executive director.

The group started with a mere 30 students last July, burgeoned to 22,000 students by Thanksgiving break in November, and now has more than 53,600 members.

The structure and purpose of the

group have changed radically, however, since its beginning, and has even caused rifts among Bowdoin students.

Frank Chi '07 initially signed on as the communications director of Students for Barack Obama (a non-Bowdoin-affiliated organization) in November. After a dozen Bowdoin



Obama created a committee to gauge the feasibility of a presidential run.

students traveled to New Hampshire to see Obama speak at an event, Chi said some students who were involved at Bowdoin "had questions about where the group was going."

"We had created a great image, but it seemed like false advertising," he said.

"The group wasn't substantial beyond the Facebook mentality. Other people who don't really understand Facebook see that this group has 30,000 members and think that

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Scratched courses can change schedules

by Will Jacob
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The start of the spring semester has left some students scrambling for new courses as at least four courses have been canceled, and others have been added or rescheduled to meet student demand.

This semester, Comparative Education with Dean for Academic Advancement Kassie Freeman, Advanced Seminar in Chinese Politics with Professor of Asian Studies and Government Lance Guo, and the courses The American Presidency and Advanced Seminar in American Politics: Presidential-Congressional Relations with Professor of Government Janet Martin were canceled.

When a course is canceled students receive notification from the depart-

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