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Professors review new IP policy

by Nat Herz
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Dean for Academic Affairs Craig McEwen presented a draft form of Bowdoin's new intellectual property policy to the College's faculty last week. According to McEwen, the new policy is largely an attempt to codify the College's current practices, replacing an old policy adopted in the 1970s.

The new policy comes after a faculty member expressed concern that a senior administration official had improperly used material from his grant proposal, raising questions about the College's policy at the time. However, in an article published in the Orient earlier this year, McEwen maintained that the new proposal was unrelated to the incident.

The primary purpose of the draft, according to McEwen, is to state the current practice of the College in terms of intellectual property rights. In general, the policy states that students and faculty own the products of their intellectual work.

"In terms of intellectual property rights it doesn't change current practice," McEwen said. "It talks about the exceptional cases where there may be some joint ownership with the College or sole ownership, and most importantly, it creates proce-

Senior countdown: only one hundred days to spare



Seniors Elizabeth Groggitis, Becky Sargent, Ellen Grenley, and Sarah Riley bowl as a team on Thursday night.

dures for resolving uncertain cases."

McEwen cited three specific "distinguishing elements" that would render the work of a faculty member or student to be partially owned by the College. The draft of the policy states the College has interest in intellectual property if a project has to do with the basic functioning of the College, involves an identity

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Librarians sign on to answer queries

by Beth Kowitt
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Students now have a new excuse to chat online while working on a paper or a problem set. But this time they're not procrastinating—they're chatting with a librarian.

With the library's new instant messaging service through AIM, Yahoo, MSN, and ICQ, as well as a "Live Research Help" link, students can get an immediate response to their questions without stepping into the library.

"It's just another way for students to get help," said Instructional Media Services Librarian Carmen Greenlee, who will be answering the online inquiries along with Reference Librarian Carr Ross and Science Librarian Sue O'Dell.

"We have a of mix services—phone, walk-in, email, and now chat," Ross said of the newly piloted

service. "Each one will appeal to a different segment of the user population and each is suitable for different types of questions."

Students can check if the reference librarian is logged on through the library's homepage or by adding the reference librarians' screenname (bowdref for AIM and Yahoo, bowdref@hotmail.com for MSN messenger, 282630119 for ICQ) to their buddy lists.

Greenlee anticipates that the type of questions students may ask will parallel those which arise in other library services such as technical problems, difficulties in understanding terminology, and research-related inquiries.

"I won't be surprised if it becomes popular with students studying away and for students who are physically away from Bowdoin," she said.

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Campaign goal merges service and academics

by Emma Powers
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As part of the capital campaign, College administrators are in the process of developing the Center for the Common Good, an expanded vision for the future of service at Bowdoin. The center would not be a physical building on campus, but rather a continued pledge to service made by the Bowdoin community to unify academics and community service.

Director of the Community Service Resource Center Susan Dorn defined her vision for the Center for the Common Good in an interview with the Orient.

"We will see students coming

together with faculty and staff to work with community partners on projects that have real-life implications," Dorn said.

"We want to weave the common good into the very fabric of this institution, which means connecting it to the academic program of the College," she said.

According to Dean of Student Affairs Craig Bradley, the goal of the center is to fuse community service and academics. The center will provide the funding necessary to join the student-led Community Service Resource Center with service learning courses and community-based faculty research.

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Tenure decisions finalized

by Bobby Guerette
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The Board of Trustees voted last weekend to grant tenure to nine professors recommended by the administration. These professors will now hold the title "associate professor with tenure."

The trustees did not take up the tenure bids for two professors who were originally under consideration. One professor's tenure candidacy is still "in process," according to Dean for Academic Affairs Craig McEwen. He said he could not provide any additional details.

The Orient has also learned that the administration did not recommend to trustees another candidate who was up for tenure. McEwen said he could not confirm or comment on the situation.

"These are personnel decisions," he said. "These are confidential decisions."

According to McEwen, the nine professors who were granted tenure are:

-Mark Battle from the Department of Physics and Astronomy. Battle's research interests include atmospheric composition and climate change.

-Aviva Briefel from the Department of English. Briefel is known on campus for being an expert on horror films—along with Victorian literature—and was selected by the Class of 2006 to give this semester's Karofsky Faculty Encore Lecture.

-Jorunn Buckley from the Department of Religion. She is an historian of religions and uses a comparative perspective, according to her web site.

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Local students come to view Cuban art exhibit, college life

by Chris Marotta
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"They drive by campus every day on the way to school, but have no idea what it is," said Rachel Rapp '08, referring to students at local middle schools who have spent little or no time on the college campus that sits at the center of their community.

Rapp is a student in Latin American Cultures, a class taught every spring by Associate Professor of Romance Languages and Program Director of Latin American Studies Enrique Yepes. This Friday, Rapp and her class will welcome 88 Brunswick Junior High School students to Bowdoin.

This event is part of the Community Service Resource

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Mike Ardolino, The Bowdoin Orient

Work by Cuban artist Elio Vilva-Trujillo is one stop on the Brunswick Junior High School students' campus tour, part of the Aspirations in Maine program.

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