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Plans for new fitness center in the works

by Evan S. Kohn
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A new fitness center significantly larger than the current Watson gym could put campus athletic facilities in much better shape in the next few years.

A “state-of-the-art” fitness center will be completed “as soon as possible,” said President Barry Mills in an interview with the Orient.

Mills said he would like to see a fitness center that could serve the entire Brunswick community. He hopes the College can raise enough money “to get plans going” in the next year.

“Why do you think I’m out trying to raise money?” Mills joked in the interview. said that building a new fitness center is very important to him.

According to Dean of Student Affairs Craig Bradley, the estimated cost of the new fitness center would be approximately \$5 million.

Bradley, who chaired a recent building committee, said, “We have

A patchwork of support hangs in S.U.



Mike Ardolino, The Bowdoin Orient

A quilt addressing the issue of sexual assault in the Bowdoin community and beyond is on display in Smith Union. See story, page 3.

carefully developed an estimate—thanks to Jim St. Pierre in the Athletic Department—that indicates we’d be best served to build between 10,500 and 12,000 square feet in a new facility.”

Those numbers would include approximately 3,150 square feet of areas designated as multipurpose spaces.

The current fitness center has a

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Class of 2010 ‘best’ group Steele has seen

from the waiting list in no way reduces the caliber of the incoming class.

“We were more competitive than ever before in history, and I’d be thrilled if we could get to some of these students we had to wait list,” Steele said.

“Some of the people we let in off of the wait list will do spectacular work. We won’t be diminishing the quality of the class in my expectation. It’s the best quality I’ve seen in 30 years of doing this,” he said.

Twenty-nine foreign countries are represented in the class.

The widely publicized scoring problems with the October SAT, in which the College Board miscalculated the scores of 4,000 students, had a minimal impact on Bowdoin’s admissions process, according to Steele. Although 19 applicants did have revised scores sent to the College, the revised scores arrived with enough time for the admissions committee to reconsider all the students who had been affected by the problem. However, the College was notified of three of the changes just four days before the letters were mailed.

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Facebook helps students mourn the loss of friends

by Steve Kolowich
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Following the deaths of Katie Scott ’06 and Taryn King ’07 earlier this academic year, students found different ways to cope. Some attended College-sponsored vigils. Some attended funerals. Some sought the counsel of college staff, family, and friends.

Some posted on King and Scott’s Facebook “walls.”

During its two years in operation, Facebook, a social networking web site that allows students to post personal profiles, has served many social functions, including a communication medium, a networking facilitator, a bulletin board, and a procrastination tool. But in the case of deceased students, it has taken on a much different role—a memorial.

Scott died in a car crash in New Hampshire last October. Soon afterward, friends and classmates began to flood her Facebook wall—an online message board—with personal notes. The posts were mostly simple and succinct expressions of love and well-wishing addressed directly to Scott.

“I guess I felt compelled to express the loss I was feeling and the fact that I was praying for her,” said senior Margaret Fuller. “I didn’t really think about whether she would receive my message or not.”

Similar posts were made on King’s wall after she died suddenly while studying abroad in Ireland in January. King’s profile has since been removed from Facebook.

When the staff of Facebook learns that a member has died, it removes that person’s basic personal information, contact information, and membership to groups from her profile, according to Facebook spokesperson Chris Hughes.

They preserve the member’s photographs, wall, and select personal information for one month before removing the profile altogether.

Hughes said that Facebook learns about the death of members via emails from family or friends of the deceased.

Scott’s profile remains, however,

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Chris Hill ’74 shares insight on Asia

by Anna Karass
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In between trips to Asia, Assistant U.S. Secretary of State for East Asian Affairs Christopher Hill, a member of the Bowdoin Class of 1974, found time to pay a visit to his alma mater.

On Tuesday night, Hill shared his experiences as head of the U.S. delegation to the six-party talks aimed at disarming North Korea. He also discussed current developments in East Asia.

Opening his talk with references to his days playing varsity lacrosse at Bowdoin, Hill proceeded to discuss the challenges and opportunities that an increasingly powerful Asia poses for the United States.

“The century of Asia is upon us,” he said.

While Hill reiterated the importance of maintaining strong ties with traditional allies like Japan and South Korea, he also emphasized the



Drew Fulton, The Bowdoin Orient

Assistant U.S. Secretary of State for East Asian Affairs Chris Hill ’74 chats with President Barry Mills and JiSoo Kim ’06 after his lecture on current developments in East Asia and efforts to disarm North Korea.

necessity of working with China on issues around the globe, especially the six-party talks.

“Of course we need China,” he said. “I think it is a little cavalier to

say we don’t.”

However, according to Assistant Professor of Government and Asian

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Dudley Coe to keep weekend hours

by Emma Powers
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After a two-month trial period, Dudley Coe Health Center has decided to keep its new weekend hours.

College Physician and Director of Health Services Dr. Jeff Benson was pleased with the effectiveness of the weekend hours’ trial period.

“Overall, it’s very successful,” Benson said. “It has felt like a needed service, and it feels good to be able to offer it.”

Dudley Coe will continue to be open for the rest of the semester, and

weekend hours will start back up again with the beginning of the new academic year. The clinic will be open from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

When the trial period first began, the hours were from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., but according to Benson, the Health Center Student Advisory Group felt that the original time frame was too early for many students.

Benson indicated that on a typical weekend day, the clinic saw a significant number of students.

“The range was three or four, and up to seven or eight per day,” Benson said.

He acknowledged that the medical problems that the staff saw “tended to be more acute problems, problems that could not have waited.” Among others, he listed ear infections, stomach flu, bladder infections, orthopedic injuries, colds, and bronchitis as the health issues that the clinic saw during the weekend trial period.

“Ninety-five percent of the time it was really appropriate that people came in,” Benson said. He also noted that “students were very grateful.”

Brittany Ogden ’08 was one of many who expressed her satisfaction

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