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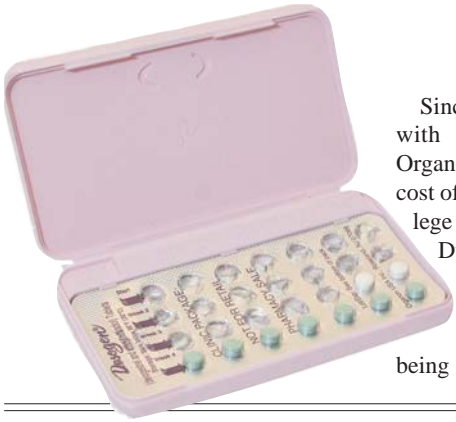
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## College seeks birth control solution

by Anne Riley  
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Since the College lost its contract with contraceptive manufacturer Organon last week due to the rising cost of prescription medications, college administrators and the staff of Dudley Coe Health Center have been working to get birth control back on the shelves.

"Students' health and well-being is first and foremost," said

Senior Associate Dean of Student Affairs Margaret Hazlett.

"We recognize that students are upset, but it wasn't intentional," she said. "The rising cost of drugs is impacting everyone."

According to Student Health Program Administrator Caitlin Gutheil, Organon had been providing oral contraceptives Desogen and Cyclessa to the health center for about \$1.80 a pack and the NuvaRing for about \$3 a pack. At

that price, the College had been able to cover the costs and distribute the medications to women on campus free of charge.

However, the price of prescription medication has risen drastically since the College developed its contract with Organon around 2004, and the same products are now sold for more than \$20 a pack for oral contraceptives and \$30 a pack for the NuvaRing.

"They've contacted us and said,

basically, 'the deal's over,'" Gutheil said.

In a December 2005 interview, former College Physician and Director of the Health Center Jeff Benson said that birth control was, by far, the most commonly prescribed medication at the health center.

Benson's abrupt departure from his post at the health center and the

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### STUDENT GOVERNMENT MEETING

## BSG voices J-Board concerns

by Sam Waxman  
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The lack of transparency in Judicial Board elections has prompted the Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) to try to change the committee's policies.

Members of BSG voiced concerns that neither BSG nor the campus community as a whole has enough say in the elections, especially when the board makes decisions that

### TRANSPARENCY ISSUE

•At Wednesday's meeting, BSG leaders said the J-Board process needs an increased level of transparency.

impact students' lives.

"It needs to be a more holistic process, if any committee affects diverse groups on campus," said Vice President of Student Government Affairs Dustin Brooks '08.

Currently, the Judicial Board chooses its own members during closed proceedings. The only non-member to take part in the meetings is BSG President DeRay Mckesson '07, who is present, but cannot approve candidates.

"I cannot participate and cannot vote. It's pointless," Mckesson said. "More people should be included in the process."

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## Body approves Community Response Committee

BSG unanimously voted to adopt the Community Response Committee (CRC) proposal put forth at its meeting Wednesday.

According to its official mandate, the committee will consider issues it deems humanitarian crises and to suggest a College response, including "educational, fiscal, administra-

tive, and other types of College activity, as needed."

Vice President of Student Government Affairs Dustin Brooks '07 stressed that this committee must be a campus-wide endeavor.

"There always has to be a public phase and a private phase [to] allow people to get engaged and involved,"

he said.

The CRC will consist of three student members, three faculty members, and two additional staff members. One staff member and one student will serve as co-chairs.

The response would come as a

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## Plan set for new multicultural house

Dean says scheme  
for 30 College St.  
reflects student input

by Anna Karass  
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The College has unveiled plans for renovations for 30 College St. The building, which currently has nine residential units, will provide a new home in the 2007-2008 academic year for the student multicultural organizations that currently use Boody-Johnson House.

On February 2, Senior Associate Dean of Student Affairs Margaret Hazlett shared the plans, drafted by a local architect, for the renovation of 30 College St. with the student groups that will no longer have access to Boody-Johnson House.



Margot D. Miller, The Bowdoin Orient  
Multicultural groups will move to 30 College St. from Boody-Johnson.

"I had a meeting with them to put my designs on the table to get their feedback. I gave the plans to Hillel and offered other club leaders the plans to take back to their groups,"

Hazlett said.

According to Hazlett, the plans for 30 College St. strongly reflect the input of students.

"We got a sense of what the needs were," said Hazlett. "Then we sort of prioritized those needs."

President of the African-American Society Dudley Sylla '08, who attended the meeting with Hazlett, believes that with the renovations, 30 College St. can accommodate the needs of Bowdoin's multicultural groups.

"Progress has been made," Sylla said. "They tossed out some plans. I got the impression that students were okay with it. The dean's office indicated that it was a more a temporary solution until we can get to a more advanced cultural center."

Despite the efforts of the College to include students from multicultural groups in discussions regarding the renovation plans for 30 College St., not everyone is enthusiastic about the administration's plans.

Chris Lew '09, the Asian Student Association (ASA) Boody-Johnson House representative, believes that the administration failed to adequately inform students of the meeting to present the architect's proposal.

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Mike Ardolino, The Bowdoin Orient

Maine and Winthrop halls are now undergoing renovations, after housing first years in the fall. Their residents moved to Moore and Coleman halls over break.

## First years adjust to remodeled dorms

by Emily Guerin  
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Settling into a new living space is a challenge that is inherent to the experience of all college first years. But after going through the ordeal twice, the occupants of Moore and Coleman halls may be getting the hang of it.

With Maine and Winthrop undergoing renovation, students who lived in those dorms during the fall had to leave and move into the newly reno-

vated Moore and Coleman for the spring semester. Despite a few complaints about having to pack up their rooms during finals, most students say they are pleased with their new living situation.

Students cited the spacious public study rooms as well as individual common rooms as some of the best features of the new dorms. Cam Swirka '10, who lives in Moore, said he appreciated the "huge common

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## Board of Trustees meeting to focus on student aid

Trustees will also  
vote on tenure  
appointments

by Gemma Leghorn  
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The Board of Trustees will meet this weekend to discuss faculty tenure, financial aid, and the College's budget.

Starting today, the Trustees will break up into committees, which include financial planning, student affairs, and academic affairs.

Tomorrow, the Trustees will con-

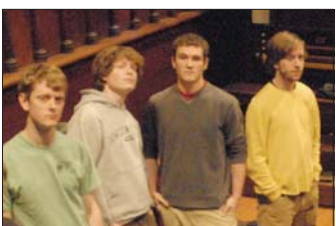
vene for a plenary session, to discuss a broad topic. While last May's meeting focused on Darfur, this weekend's topic is financial aid.

"It's an ongoing issue that takes staying in touch with to understand the dynamics of it," said Secretary of the College Dick Mersereau. "It's typical for a topic that trustees are going to focus on."

Joking that they were not going to be focusing on room draw or parking, he added that the issue, if not global, would at least be "something fundamentally important and fairly compli-

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