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Ice skater's paradise emerges from snow



Mike Ardolino, *Bowdoin Orient*

An outdoor rink on the Quad awaits ice skaters after spending Winter Break reflecting its surroundings.

Abroad program reacts to tsunami

by Ted Reinert
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Bowdoin students, alumni, and staff in Sri Lanka escaped the wrath of December's tsunami, and they are quickly lining up to raise money for the relief effort.

The tsunami that resulted from a massive earthquake off the coast of Sumatra the morning of December 26 left hundreds of thousands dead or displaced in nations across south Asia.

Kalinga Tudor Silva, a visiting professor in the Asian Studies and Sociology departments, had returned to the inland city of Kandy from doing research on the east coast the night before the tsunami hit. When he received a call and turned on the news, he heard reports that "the sea has come on to the land."

Maggie Meyers '05 studied with Intercollegiate Sri Lanka Education (ISLE) at the University of Peradeniya in Kandy in the fall and had left Sri Lanka on December 21.

On the morning of the 26th, "my sister called to wake me up to go look at the news," she said. "It was very surreal. I was trying to call Sri Lanka constantly and no phone lines were available for quite some time. It took a few hours to realize how enormous the disaster had been." Meyers, who had spent much of November and December in the town of Ambalangoda on the southwest coast for her independent study, worried about her friends, American and Sri Lankan, who she knew "had a far greater chance of being directly affected."

ISLE draws students from eight American liberal arts colleges, including Bowdoin, Colby, and Bates. Professor John Holt, chair of Bowdoin's Religion department, founded the interdisciplinary program in 1982 with a professor from Carleton College. The program is held every fall. Students live with local families and study religion,

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Cops: Tillotson back in Brunswick

by Joshua Miller
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Erik Tillotson, the Brunswick resident who was arrested for trespassing on the Bowdoin campus in late November, is back in town.

Tillotson, 33, has "been arrested several times within this community for various charges of trespassing, stalking, and violations of conditional release," Lt. Kevin Schofield of the Brunswick Police Department said. As a condition of his release, "he's required to check in with us daily here at the Brunswick PD."

During a recent check-in, Tillotson informed the police that he was back in Brunswick. As a courtesy the police contacted Bowdoin Security, alerting the office to his

presence in the vicinity, according to Director of Security Bruce Boucher.

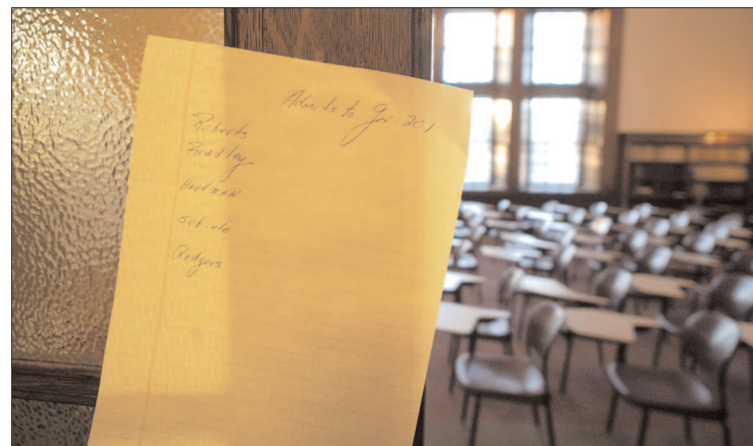
Brunswick Police served Tillotson with a trespass warning in mid-November, which prohibited him from going onto Bowdoin property. When he was later found near the Farley Field House, in violation of the warning, he was arrested.

The warning was issued after Tillotson became "a suspect in the investigation of the incident that took place off campus in which a person may have given a female student an unknown debilitating substance," according to a November 2004 security alert.

However, filings from Cumberland County Superior Court

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Government classes gridlocked



Karsten Moran, *Bowdoin Orient*

Five lucky students made it off the wait-list for Government 201.

ment and international relations, which give preference to first years and sophomores. However, because of three new hires at the end of last spring, all of the government department's big introductory courses were offered in the fall of this academic year.

According to Allen Springer, chair of the government department, "This change meant that a lot of first years and sophomores accelerated in the fall, taking one or maybe even two courses. Now they are really interested in government, but the courses being offered in the spring are being filled by juniors and seniors."

Max Palmer '08 experienced this frustration during Phase I registration. Last semester, Palmer took

American Government but this semester he did not get into his first or second choice government classes. Palmer said he wasn't too surprised.

"I had heard how hard it was to get [into these classes] as a first year," said Palmer. "It does bother me though that majors have an easier time getting into government classes but you can't declare your major until the spring of sophomore year. I know a lot of people who came here knowing they wanted to major in government, but even if you know your major, you don't get the benefit until you're an upperclassman."

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Supreme Court expels J-Board suit

by Bobby Guerette
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The U.S. Supreme Court will not hear the case of a Bowdoin graduate who sued in federal court over a 1999 Judicial Board decision, the court said in an order issued earlier this month.

The court denied a petition by George Goodman '00 for a writ of certiorari. Had at least four of nine justices voted to approve a writ of certiorari, the case would have been scheduled for briefing and argument. Since the court denied Goodman's petition, his case is essentially dead.

Vice President for Communications and Public Affairs Scott Hood called the court's decision a "vindication" of "the process

that the College used to adjudicate the case."

"We have a process that works," he said.

Goodman's attorney did not answer a request for comment.

According to facts established in previous trials, Goodman threw a snowball at a shuttle driven by Namsou Lee '01 in March 1999. Lee confronted Goodman, and the two became involved in a fight. Lee bled extensively and was treated for a broken nose at Parkview Hospital.

The College held disciplinary proceedings against Goodman and Lee in May 1999. Lee was cleared of all charges, but the Judicial Board recommended that Goodman be "immediately and permanently expelled." Dean of Student Affairs

Craig Bradley accepted the board's findings but altered the sanction to "indefinite dismissal." The Administrative Committee heard an appeal and affirmed Bradley's decision. Two years later, Goodman sought and received readmission to the College.

After the Administrative Committee's decision, Goodman filed a complaint with the Maine Human Rights Commission, Hood said. No action was taken by the body, and Goodman sued the College for breach of contract, "tortious interference" with Judicial Board procedures, and negligence in training shuttle drivers. Goodman also alleged the Judicial Board discriminat-

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