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Ivies sees officers assaulted

*Police arrest attackers;
fire department saves
student caught in tree*

by Krystal Barker
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A two-hour span on Ivies Weekend was a busy one for Security, with officers fending off assaults from town residents and working with the fire department to rescue a student caught in a tree.

Two trespassers assaulted two security officers Saturday morning around 1:00 a.m. An officer had approached one of the trespassers earlier that night at Hyde Plaza, telling him to get off campus.

Because the man did not leave, Security approached him again. The officer noticed the man had an open alcohol container in his hand and was underage. The officer called for more officers to report to the incident and detained the person while waiting for the Brunswick Police Department to respond.

As the security officer reached to take the bottle out of the young man's hand, the man hit him. There was a scuffle, and another young man jumped on the back of the secu-

Ready to meet the Iron Bear



Karsten Moran, *Bowdoin Orient*

Zack Jones, in blue, cycles with friends in Brunswick yesterday. Jones will be working as a bike technician at the Iron Bear Triathlon tomorrow.

rity officer and slammed him to the ground.

When two other officers who had

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College gives downbeat on new concert hall

by Dan Hackett
STAFF WRITER

Schematic plans have recently been released for a new recital hall to occupy the Curtis Pool space next to David Saul Smith Union. The project, now seven years in the planning, will cost an estimated \$8.5 million dollars in construction costs and will be ready for use by fall 2007.

According to Director of Capital Projects Don Borkowski, the hall will fill the College's need for a "state-of-the-art, intimate concert facility with quality acoustics." Borkowski estimates that the new facility will accommodate roughly 300 people, making it larger than both Kresge Auditorium and the Bowdoin Chapel, which are spaces currently utilized for musical performances. The floor plan also includes nine practice rooms, a warm-up room, storage space, and will include recording equipment.

Borkowski says the concert hall

reflects Bowdoin's "emphasis on music and the performing arts," and hopes that the facility will attract both prospective students and professional musicians to the College. Professor of Music Mary Hunter shares these expectations.

"I think we'll be able to attract a certain level of performer here that we were not able to before," Hunter said. "It's a physical sign on campus that music is important. I know that we're losing good musicians to other schools because we don't have the facilities here."

Music major Tim Kantor '07 says that although Bowdoin's facilities seemed comparable to other schools that he considered attending, he sees "tremendous need for the facility, partially because there isn't a hall on campus designed with proper acoustics." Kantor, who has played the violin since age four, said the facility will fulfill a considerable

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Closure on air station's radar

*As Maine awaits
DoD announcement,
town contemplates fallout*

Naval Air Station Brunswick (NASB), the enormous military base next to the College, may be facing closure.

On a date no later than May 16, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld will release a list of recommended Department of Defense (DoD) base closures.

If neither President George W. Bush nor the U.S. Congress officially objects to the Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC) list, those military installations will be phased out of service in the next five years.

If NASB, Maine's second largest employer, is closed, the state's economy—and, in particular, the town of Brunswick's—will be negatively affected.

According to a 2004 report from the NAS Brunswick Task Force, a



Courtesy of NASB Public Affairs

The sprawling Naval Air Station is seen in an aerial photo. The base employs over 5,000 people, making it Maine's second largest employer.

local advocacy group, "the economic contribution from NAS Brunswick to the region's economy will be \$2.4 billion over the next 10 years."

Local businesses, residents of Midcoast Maine, former Naval Officers, and regular working men and women have all pushed hard for

the Station to remain open, citing the installation's immense importance to the national security of the United States and the economic security of the Midcoast region and the state as a whole.

Brunswick business owners are

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Mills creates new dean position

by Kira Chappelle
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In an effort to breathe new life and diversity into academics at the College, the administration has recently created and filled the position of the Dean for Academic Advancement. A committee of faculty, staff, and students helped to select Kassie Freeman, currently the Dean of Educational and Psychological

Studies at Dillard University in New Orleans, as the first to hold the position at Bowdoin.

In a letter sent out to the College community, President Barry Mills announced that the position had been created for a trial period of three years, set to begin in August 2005, and "has been established to improve existing programs and to identify new strategies to ensure the academic success and excellence of

all students, and to develop strategies that will enable Bowdoin to attract and retain a diverse faculty."

"My time at Bowdoin will be to work with the entire community—the students, the faculty, and staff—to help every student achieve their academic potential and...to see that we're going to have the faculty the community supports and agrees that

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