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## Concealed investments worry some

*Administration expresses confidence in ethics of endowment investments*

by James D. Baumberger  
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As Bowdoin boasts high returns on its half-billion-dollar endowment—which provides nearly a quarter of its budget annually—a small number of students have been meeting informally with President Barry Mills over the past year about concerns over whether the College's money is invested in socially responsible companies.

Among the students' concerns have been environmental degradation, child labor, human rights violations, and genocide—particularly in the Darfur region of Sudan.

The conflict in Sudan has led several colleges and universities in recent years to take up the issue of investment in companies that deal with the Sudanese government. A government-supported militia is widely considered responsible for the deaths of thousands in the western Sudanese region of Darfur that the Bush administration and the U.S. Congress have termed genocide. (See related story, page 3).

In April of last year, the governing body of Harvard University decided to divest from PetroChina, a Chinese company known for its partnership with the Sudanese government in oil production. Dartmouth College, Stanford University, and most recently Amherst College have also addressed the issue of Sudanese investment.

Ben Kreider '05, one of the students who met with Mills, said the

## Bowdoin rated a top Peace Corps producer

by Emma Powers  
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The growing participation of graduating Bowdoin seniors in the Peace Corps has not gone unnoticed. This year, the College entered the top 25 list for small schools generating the most Peace Corps volunteers. Bowdoin is ranked 20th.

Currently, there are 17 Bowdoin alumni serving overseas as Peace Corps volunteers. These men and women are working in Bolivia, Guinea, Guyana, Kyrgyz Republic, Mali, Mongolia, Nicaragua, Panama,

## Bears leap into NESCAC playoffs



Mike Ardolino, The Bowdoin Orient

Justine Pouravelis '06 helped the Bears maintain the nation's longest home-court winning streak at their game against Conn. College. See story, page 9.

College needs to be more active in avoiding investment in companies that he believes are not "socially responsible."

"If the college is always going to talk about the common good, then it should practice it. Right now there is no way of knowing whether we're not funding companies that do any number of horrible things, and that's something that I think really needs to be addressed," Kreider said.

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Peru, Romania, Samoa, Thailand and Togo, and are engaging in a variety of environmental, educational, business, and urban-planning projects.

Peace Corps Regional Recruiter Christopher Lins said that Bowdoin's movement up the list is not a surprise since the College has always graduated highly qualified candidates.

"Bowdoin is usually in the top 20—it's always been right up there," Lins said. He also noted that if the

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## Board to vote on tenure candidates

by Anne Riley  
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The Board of Trustees will meet this weekend in order to consider recommendations for tenure and to review the preliminary budget, upon which board members will vote in May. The College's newly revised intellectual property policy and the naming of one of the new first-year dorms are not on the agenda, according to Secretary of the College Richard Mersereau.

Mersereau said the Executive Committee voted to move forward

with the names of nine faculty who were up for tenure. One candidate's tenure recommendation is still "in progress," and may or may not be considered at this weekend's meeting.

The names of faculty that come before the trustees are rarely denied tenure because by the time they reach the board, they have been approved at every other stage, including the trustees' Academic Affairs Committee.

"Usually the amount of time taken for tenure votes at trustees meetings is relatively concise because the

process is so thorough up until this point," Mersereau said.

"It's not that there's not been a lot of discussion leading up to the votes, but by the time the board votes, it's more of a celebration of the names," he said.

Tenure vote is not the only element of this weekend's meeting that will appear streamlined, according to Mersereau.

The full board received a copy of the preliminary budget over a week ago so that if any board member

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## Security radios in WBOR show

### ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

by Steve Kolowich  
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It is the job of the Department of Safety and Security to keep the Bowdoin community safe. This year, Security has also made it its job to keep the Bowdoin community entertained.

On their WBOR 91.1 FM show "Listen!" which airs from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursdays, Director of Safety and Security Randy Nichols and Assistant Director of Safety and Security Mike Brown try to do both. Their show combines music, guest interviews, and discussion linked by a common theme of educating listeners about issues relating to their safety and well-being.

"Every single show we do...there's a major safety theme to it," Nichols said. "But we don't bludgeon people with it or lecture



Mike Ardolino, The Bowdoin Orient

Nichols and Brown mix music and interviews with safety education.

people about safety, because that's a major turn-off."

"We mix up the content of the show quite a bit," he said. "We play a lot of music, we have some

laughs, we have a lot of guests in, students come in...we try to have a local flavor to it."

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