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Cooperation fades

in quest for co-op

by Anna Karass

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of students and the administration

has severely diluted a plan for coop-

of students led by sophomores

Katherine Kirklin, Ruth Morrison,

and Mike Taylor have been working

closely with the Office of the Dean

of Student Affairs and The Office of

Residential Life to implement their

proposal for a cooperative living

space in Burnett House. For

Morrison and Kirklin, after more

than a year of compromise and con-

tinuous dialogue, the latest round of

decisions has been the most difficult

for the group to accept and over-

mous figures began passing down

decisions," Morrison said. "From the

first day we knew we were making

compromise. We've had to go

through many levels of bureaucracy.

But, the bottom line is we've been

pushed back piece by piece. It real-

Senior administration officials

ly feels disrespectful."

"Starting a few weeks ago, anony-

For over a year and a half a group

erative living next year.

A disagreement between a group

have cited a variety of reasons for

their reluctance to fully support the

co-op's original proposals. Dean of

Student Affairs Craig Bradley said

there have been two major issues

regarding the implementation of the

The first issue is the question of what constitutes "theme" housing.

"The College made a clear deci-

sion in 1997 when the Commission

on Residential Life Report was

unanimously approved by the

Trustees that we will not have theme

or affinity-based housing at

Bowdoin," Bradley said. "This phi-

losophy and policy is clear, which is

why the co-op organizers were not

able to 'get' a house outside of the established block-lottery process."

students who choose to block togeth-

er in the housing lottery and who get a space through the lottery as a

The "theme" housing question

remains an open one for Interim

Director of Residential Life Kim

Pacelli, who believes that the stu-

dents have so far been able to work

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'theme house," he said.

"I would not describe a group of

Ivies sees officers assaulted

Police arrest attackers; fire department saves student caught in tree

> by Krystal Barker **ORIENT STAFF**

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 tresspassers 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-

by Dan Hackett

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been released for a new recital hall to

occupy the Curtis Pool space next to

David Saul Smith Union. The proj-

ect, now seven years in the planning,

will cost an estimated \$8.5 million

dollars in construction costs and will

According to Director of Capital

Projects Don Borkowski, the hall

will fill the College's need for a

"state-of-the-art, intimate concert

be ready for use by fall 2007.

Schematic plans have recently

College gives downbeat

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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Closure on air station's radar

As Maine awaits DoD announcement, town contemplates fallout

on new concert hall reflects Bowdoin's "emphasis on music and the performing arts," and hopes that the facility will attract both prospective students and pro-

> 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

fessional musicians to the College.

Professor of Music Mary Hunter

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

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

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 economwill 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 ic contribution from NAS installation's immense importance to Brunswick to the region's economy 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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s creates new dean position

by Kira Chappelle ORIENT STAFF

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 communitythe students, the faculty, and staffto 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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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

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