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## Next year's first years get taste of Bowdoin



Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Lynzie McGregor '09, right, walks on the Quad with two attendees of the Bowdoin Invitational. The event, which aims to expand the diversity of the student body, brings prospective students to campus.

## Football to police Super Snack

*Team members to begin providing service starting November 16*

by Adam Kommel  
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The Bowdoin College Dining Service thinks that you might agree to swipe your card at Super Snack if a burly football player tells you to do so.

The football team will assist the checker with security at the entrance of Thorne Dining Hall during every Super Snack, beginning on

Thursday, November 16. The date marks the first weekend after the team's last game.

The arrangement is a response to the recent security issues at Super Snack. Several students have snuck past the checker's station without paying for their meals, and Super Snack employees have complained of a general disrespect for the staff.

"Just the size of the guys at the door—I think that students will listen to them if they remind students that they have to show their ID or that we're closed," Director of Dining Services and Bookstore Operations Mary Lou Kennedy said.

It is unclear where the idea for the service originated.

Kennedy said that the idea for the service came from David Burgess, Thorne Hall's service/data coordinator.

The football team co-captain Brendan Murphy '07 said that a player suggested the idea to the team at a team meeting.

"The football team was looking for a volunteer opportunity to help improve campus life and we contacted Dean [of Student Affairs Margaret] Hazlett and Dining

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## Permit troubles douse Homecoming bonfire

by Emily Guerin  
ORIENT STAFF

Around 9 p.m. on Saturday, Ian Yaffe '09 received a call from the Sagadahoc County Communications Center (SCCC), an emergency response center used primarily by fire and police departments. The dispatcher told him that Randy Nichols, director of Bowdoin safety and security, was on the line, though according to Yaffe, the dispatcher was skeptical.

"They didn't believe it was actually the director of security from Bowdoin," Yaffe said.

Yaffe believed it was a prank call at first, but upon realizing that Nichols actually was trying to reach

him, became concerned that there was a serious problem.

It turned out that Nichols was after Yaffe, a firefighter in Topsham, because the burn permit for the Homecoming bonfire had been rescinded due to high winds, and only the presence of a firefighter and a fire truck would allow the fire to go on. Nichols wanted to know if Yaffe could borrow a Topsham fire truck and supervise the bonfire.

According to Yaffe, the SCCC dispatcher was skeptical.

"Obviously, they are not familiar with the legend that is Randy Nichols," Yaffe said.

Earlier in the evening, Nichols and

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## Students adjust to tight dorm rooms

*Residential Life says that dorm capacities should return to normal next year*

by Will Jacob  
ORIENT STAFF

With forced five-person quints in Stowe Hall, triples in Brunswick Apartments, and triples in East and West halls, students are adjusting to tighter accommodations while the College seeks solutions for next year.

"In general, I haven't heard as many complaints from students as I might have expected," Director of Residential Life Kim Pacelli wrote in an email.

"I have heard that the new triple Brunswick Apartments can feel a bit cramped for some students and that there isn't sufficient storage space for students' belongings," Pacelli wrote. "Also, some of the rooms in East and West have drawn some complaints."

Pacelli explained that this year's demand for increased capacity rooms resulted from the combination of first-year dorm renovations, a shift in housing preferences, and more upperclassmen choosing to go abroad for the spring semester than the fall.

"The renovations of the first-year residence halls undoubtedly present [many] of the challenges," she wrote.

*Cornell du Houx '06 saw action in Fallujah, will resume classes in November*

by Beth Kowitt  
ORIENT STAFF

One trip to Iraq is enough for Alex Cornell du Houx '06.

"One deployment is plenty," said Cornell du Houx, who returned to Maine with the Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 25th Marines, yesterday after a seven-month deployment in Fallujah, Iraq.

Cornell du Houx and his unit of about 56 local Marine reservists arrived in Topsham where they were met by family, friends, the news media, and Gov. John Baldacci.

"It's great to be back in Bowdoin and Maine, and I am looking forward to catching up with my family and friends," Cornell du Houx, who left Bowdoin in December 2005 to train with his unit, said in an email interview from his home in Solon, Maine, with the Orient late last night.

"He looked great and happy to be back," said friend Clark Gascoigne '08, who was at the Marines reserve center in Topsham to greet the unit with Frank Chi '07 and Cornell du Houx's parents.

Cornell du Houx's journey home started with the unit being helicoptered to Kuwait, followed by a flight to Germany, he said. The Alpha Company from there flew to Bangor and then to Camp Pendleton in California for about a week of debriefing, which included taking classes and



Courtesy of Alex Cornell du Houx  
Alex Cornell du Houx '06 in Iraq.

"liberty"—described by Cornell du Houx as "basically a day out on the town."

The final leg of the journey began on Tuesday with a flight to Worcester, Massachusetts, and then a bus ride, complete with a police escort, back to Maine yesterday morning.

"You miss anything from your family and friends to Bowdoin and anything as small as the fall leaves," he said, adding that after stopping by Bowdoin, the first thing he did when he got home to Solon was have dinner with his family.

Cornell du Houx said he will be on campus visiting friends over the next few days and would start classes again in about two weeks. His course load will include two independent studies and a class taken credit/D/fail, which

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Tommy Wilcox, The Bowdoin Orient

Former quads in Stowe Hall have been converted into quints, forcing some students to sleep three-to-a-bedroom.

"Though we've gained back Appleton and Hyde this year, they house fewer students than before because they now have elevators and more generous common areas," Pacelli explained. "Also, we're seeing overall a greater interest by upper-class students to want to live in college housing rather than move off campus," she wrote.

Vince Karakashian '09 and Jason Spector '09 said that their Stowe Hall quint has worked out well so far. They said that while sophomores generally

receive the short end of the stick for housing, their room, even with five people, offers more space than expected.

While there were options to live in more spacious rooms off campus, Karakashian said that the location "really makes up for whatever minor inconvenience the space is."

"We had the option of living in Stowe Inn, as well. It's really nice being in the middle of campus, and

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