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## OPINION

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Dictatorship, peace are incompatible

October 20, 2006

To the Editors:

North Korea's testing of nuclear weapons has sparked another round of finger-pointing from American political parties desperate to avoid blame. Democrats have already seized this opportunity to criticize the Bush administration of neglecting the actual threat in North Korea. We should keep in mind though that Kim Jong-Il has been a threat to the world since the early years of the Clinton administration.

However, I'm not writing to place blame on anyone, but rather to reveal the shortcomings of U.S. foreign policy-making in the past decade. Efforts in attempting to solve the North Korean dilemma through peaceful means have resulted in routine exploitations of aid by Kim and the extended survival of an incapable regime. As long as Kim remains the dictator, he remains a threat to U.S. interests overseas and quite possibly the United States itself.

Kim has gone too far with his latest antic. The United States and more importantly the world cannot live with North Korea. As our esteemed alumni Christopher Hill states, North Korea "can have a future or it can have these weapons, but it cannot have them both." I strongly support the making good of this threat.

Sincerely,

Jeff Jeng '09

Jeng is an officer of the Bowdoin College Republicans.

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