Remove an F from your GPA with new XF policy  
By Emile Lavere  
Staff Writer

It happens to the best of students: failing a course. What if Bryant students could fail a class and be able to retake the class and never be haunted by that F again? For many students, such an idea may be simply a dream or even a fantasy. Pinch yourselves, currently there is a proposal before the Committee on University Organization (CULO) that could make this concept a reality. 

The proposal came from the administration of Academic Affairs. It is called the XF policy. In the proposal, it states if any undergraduate student retakes a course they have previously failed, the F will be replaced with the second grade and considered an X. This process will eliminate the F that previously affected student’s GPA. Transcripts will record both class enrollments, along with a written explanation of the XF system.

There are several other policies that go hand-in-hand with the proposal. Students can only retake a class once under the XF policy and students may not use the XF policy for more than four classes throughout their college years. In order to be considered for this policy, students must first appeal to the Dean of the University or the Department Chair responsible for the particular academic program.

Current traditional students will be able to use this policy for any class taken since the 2001 school year. Nontraditional students may petition for courses back as far as the 1994 school year. Students who in the past have been dismissed from the University due to failing grades will be re-admitted and given the opportunity to replace four of their failing grades with the X and gain academic standing.

This policy will encompass required and non-require classes. The student must retake the same exact course to replace the one with the original F. The only exception is special topic courses which will face approval from Chairs of Departments in replacing the original class with an alternative class. If courses have been completed since the original F was earned, those courses will no longer eligible to be retaken under this policy.

Parking poses a problem for Bryant community  
By Kristina DeAngelo  
Staff Writer

We’ve all done it, faculty, students and administration. We’ve all parked there are a lack of at least 300 spots when considering only the number of registered vehicles are registered. After university stickers are issued to all cars on campus, registered and not registered, however, there will be a lack of more than 2,000 spots.

This lack of parking spots poses a problem for commuter students who are frequently late to class because of difficulty in finding a spot. Nguyen Nguyen, a freshman at Bryant, states “I know that Bryant has expanded into a university it needs to expand its parking lot. I’m late for my classes because I can not find any spots. It frustrates me.”

Another group of students

Justin Orkin Interviews George Ross

George Ross shows off his new Bryant University hat given to him by Bryant student, Justin Orkin.

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Dozens of new Iraqi troops are massacred as they head home on leave

By Hannah Allam
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

The blood-drenched bodies of at least 37 new Iraqi soldiers ambushed and killed 60 miles northeast of Baghdad in one of the deadliest attacks yet on Iraq’s nascent security forces.

Jordanian terror suspect Abu Musab al-Zarqa’m group claimed responsibility for the attacks, according to a posting to a Website run by Islamic militants. Al-Qaida in Iraq, formerly known as al-Sa’udi and al-Jarba, said “God enabled the mujahideen to kill all the soldiers and seize two vehicles and money.”

The young recruits had just completed their training. They were sent home on leave when insurgents disguised as Iraqi security personnel stopped their minibuses and shot them to death on one street corner, the other on a nearby road.

The final body count varied from 37 to nearly 50. The men were unarmed and had no military escorts, Iraqi officials said.

The attack followed twin suicide bombings that targeted Iraqi police and national guardsmen on Saturday, and further threatened the interim Iraqi government’s plan to increase security ahead of elections scheduled for January.

Al-Zarqa’s group is the most-feared terrorist organization in Iraq and earlier this week it changed its name to reflect its policy of violence against all of Iraq’s new leaders. A statement to Osama bin Laden’s al-Qaida in Iraq.

Al-Qaida in Iraq has claimed responsibility for scores of attacks on Iraqi and American forces as well as the grisly beheadings of foreign hostages. The United States has put a $25 million bounty on al-Zarqa’s same amount for bin Laden.

Also on Sunday, an early morning mortar attack at a U.S. military base near Baghdad International Airport killed Ed Seitz, an assistant regional security coordinator for the U.S. embassy. An American soldier was wounded in the incident.

“Today, residents of Teotihuacan have to travel 15 miles to get to the closest department store.”

Statement made by Wal-Mart

against the Serpent (The Aztec god Quetzalcoatl, Kukulkan in Mayan) and Mexico’s traditional foods; the Day of the Dead against Halloween; skeletons against jack-o’-lanterns.

Mysteriously abandoned around 700 A.D., Teotihuacan was called “the place where the gods were created” by the Aztecs, who re-encountered the city in 1300. The ethnicity of the builders is unknown.

“Don’t small towns have the right to have access to the same level of quality goods that Mexicans have in larger cities?” was written in a statement late Wednesday. “Today, residents of Teotihuacan have to travel 15 miles to get to the closest department store.”

Opponents see Wal-Mart’s modern capitalism as an assault on native culture.

“Wal-Mart’s aim is to destroy our identity, replace our symbols with the dollar sign,” said Jaime Leguizamón, 44, a molecular biologist. “The construction of Teotihuacan was made by the people who built pyramids and temples with dignity.”

Emmanuel D’Herrera, who coordinates the Civic Front coalition, which has stopped other controversial projects, said, “We honor Ed’s devotion to freedom, and we honor the decision of U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell, who was traveling in China, said in a statement, “The government’s plan to increase security ahead of elections scheduled for January.”

“We honor Ed’s devotion to freedom.”

“Several troops were massacred when they left their camps in Iraq.”

Weeds

Paul Kennedy is a renowned historian and author of two acclaimed bestsellers, including “The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers.” A specialist on international relations and security issues, Kennedy’s perspective on global issues has led world leaders such as former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates to seek his advice.

Kennedy is also a Professor of History at Yale University and director of Yale’s International Security Program.

Wednesday, November 10

6 p.m.

The Listening Center

Bryant University

Admission to this lecture is free, but tickets are required. Tickets may be picked up at the Bryant Center Information Desk or reserved online (jones.coy@bryant.edu). Remaining tickets will be available at the door.

A two-hour and 45-minute presentation and Q&A session that will leave you thinking.
**Campus News**

**Garbage in a blaze in front of Hall 8**

By Bethany Thornton
Editor-in-Chief

What would you do if you looked out your third-story window and saw flames blazing from the roof of your building? That is exactly what happened during the first hour of the morning on October 4, 2004. DPS responded at 1:36 a.m. to report trash had been set on fire outside of Hall 8.

The flames from the fire reached up to the third story windows. The flames were extinguished by the fire department.

**VANDALISM**

Vandalism to Auto
Oct. 25, 2004-Monday at 12:47 p.m.
Location: STRIP PARKING
Summary: DPS received a report of a vandalized vehicle.

VANDALISM**

Vandalism to Auto
Oct. 25, 2004-Monday at 7:10 p.m.
Location: HALL 1 CIRCLE LOT
Summary: DPS received a report of a vandalized vehicle.

**EMT CALL**

EMT Call / Medical Services
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: An EMT was requested for a possible intoxicated person. EMS was activated.

**THEFT**

Lavender / Other ($50-$200)
Oct. 28, 2004-Thursday at 9:00 a.m.
Location: UNSTRUCTURE
Summary: Informational report regarding an off campus theft with Bryant student involved.

**VANDALISM**

Vandalism to Auto
Oct. 28, 2004-Thursday at 11:55 a.m.
Location: COMMUTER PARKING LOT
Summary: A report of a vandalized vehicle in C3 lot.

**BIAS RELATED INCIDENTS**

Bias Incident (s) Oct. 25, 2004-Monday at 11:00 p.m.
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A student was insulted by a racist remark.

**FYI Did you Know...**

- The Society for Advancement of Management is sponsoring a silent auction in Rotunda near Suite A from November 8-12. We will be auctioning off themed gift baskets. Don’t miss out!
- Scoop has nachos!
- Don’t forget to attend the French and Spanish lunch. This lunch is every Tuesday from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Tickets for miss Trinity Repertory Company’s annual production of A CHRISTMAS CAROL are available at the Bryant Center Information Desk. The performance is Saturday, December 4. Tickets are $30 each (regular ticket prices is $45). There are a limited number of tickets available, so get yours early! This event is part of the 2004 - 2005 Arts Series; call the Student Affairs office at x6046 for more information.

- Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) presents “Social Security: Take the Money and Run?” on Tuesday, October 5, at 7 p.m. Robert Muenster, Bryant professor of Mathematics will discuss the present, and future of Social Security, and take questions after his lecture. This event will be in the Papito Dining Room, in the Bryant Center. Admission is free, and refreshments will be served. For more information, e-mail: sife@bryant.edu.

- A small number of IBM R51 laptops are available for purchase for a limited time. If you would like to buy one, you can place your reservation at Laptop Central.

**XF Policy**

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under this policy.

There are many pros and cons that are being considered in the new debate towards the proposal. A major goal of this policy would affect students that failed a class due to a family problem, sickness, or other legitimate extenuating circumstances. The students would be allowed to retake the class and have their GPA not be swayed by the previous F.

This situation can become a daunting one that could develop into a very strong con, example two students in the same class, and one is receiving a D and the other an F. The D student comes to class every day, and is unable to grasp the material. The F student rarely comes to class and does not put forth any effort. The D student will have the D on their GPA and won’t be able to take the course over. The F student will be allowed to retake the class and may replace the F with a higher grade.

Junior Senator Kristin Aamot strongly opposes the new policy by saying, “Students should take responsibility for their actions in the first place. If students choose not to utilize the resources the school already provides then that is their fault.”

Although other schools have instituted such a policy, or are looking into it, there is still much skepticism regarding whether introducing this policy will be beneficial to the Bryant University community.
Bryant student's interview with George Ross

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Justin Orkin has been to Trump Towers twice, but never without hearing the words: "You’re fired!" Orkin chooses to interview George Ross for a class project. After a 4 hour ride to Newport, RI, Orkin’s group met with Keith Williams, and Bryant student, Derek Toth, Orkin arrived at Trump Towers. On his route to meeting Ross, Orkin met with members of the "Apprentice" cast. First, Orkin had the opportunity to speak with the Apprentice's cast member, Trump's left hand woman. He also was introduced to Robin, the receptionist on the show Apprentice.

Parking poses problems

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affected by the overflow of cars are the students who are working or traveling late. 'Whether it’s returning from work or coming back from home, finding a decent parking spot can be tedious. While not all parking available late at night is in the garage, there’s always a long walk through a dark parking lot that doesn’t leave you with the safest feeling," states sophomore Danielle Antone. Also, all spots are not reserved for overnight parking, making it hard for those students who reside on campus to find a parking spot in which they will not get ticketed or towed. With information provided from George Coronado, Director of Public Safety, it can be seen that out of the 2,400 spots, only 1,900 spots are available for overnight parking after the deduction of the 567 spots not available in the C-lot, the 43 President’s Leadership Council reserved spots, the 5 visitors’ spots, and the 8 handicapped spots. Despite the issues with parking that can be seen in the number of spots versus the number of cars, one might look towards the number of tickets handed out for parking as an answer to the number of cars towed. In September alone there were 1,653 tickets, including ticketing $254, ticket, and 30 cars towed.

Currently, the administration’s answer to the parking situation is allowing students to park on the hill coming up to the school, on the grass located next to the football field, and on both senior driveways without getting ticketed.

The issue about parking that comes up frequently among students, is to add to the frustration of not finding convenient spots, is the safety of parking. For one, Jacobs Drive is a dangerous road to drive on. With cars on both sides of the street, cars driving have a very narrow roadway in which to drive through. Secondly, there is a danger that many students feel about parking in the C-lot late at night, especially on late night weekends. This action, however, brings up the question of whether or not there is a situation at all. While the numbers seem to speak for themselves, administrative opinion is varied throughout the school. George Coronado Head of DOS, a man whose team, if not personally, deals directly with parking, states that if you take Bryant University and compare it to other campuses with the flaws that we may have you may find that it is vastly superior and we are always working on it and we are committed to helping. Also, he states that parking on campus is "adequate" which seems plausible considering all cars are not registered on time. Dr. Tom Eakin is on the opposite side of the spectrum when it comes to his opinion about parking when he stated simply that parking "isn’t a problem" and that "the parking situation at Bryant is not an issue at all" and that out of the seven years that he has been here this is the first year that parking has truly been a problem. According to Stranz, a parking committee, consisting of students and faculty, may be reinstated soon to talk over the parking situation. George Coronado states that not administering designated spots is the best way for Bryant. In his words, "a student, is a student" and that designated parking spots would cause more harm than good. The question that arises after the clarification that parking is indeed a problem is, “What is the administration planning on doing about it?” According to Dr. Eakin, the Leadership of the University is currently looking for possibilities, but he could not provide any concrete possibilities. As far as a parking garage is concerned, the administration stated that it would take away from the aesthetics of the buildings and, therefore, was not an option. According to senior Que Philippa, the senior leadership office is aware of the problem and the garage parking and the problem of parking was identified by President Mackley. He added, however, that with all the new renovations and new buildings being built, emphasis was taken away from a parking garage. To the idea of taking away freshman parking privileges, as is done at many other schools, has also been rejected. According to Dr. Eakin, freshman parking is a big selling point; it is one of the things that Bryant has over other schools.

Despite all the issues with parking, the real questions may be why? "This is the obvious parking problem shown by information provided by DPS and it is just something we have to solve it, and why is the situation being addressed by all of the University’s key parking managers? Because key administration sees it as a part in parking, not only vary in their opinions about the issue, but on completely different sides of the spectrum, something is sure to happen soon. Keep a look out in the newspaper for further updates on Bryant’s parking problem.
Campus News

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There was an ongoing contest for the four students who could most accurately predict the election results based on which candidate won each state. Students such as Josh Johnson, who is shown in the picture, busily filled out maps attempting to predict what states would vote.

Many students had their laptops on hand analyzing maps and looking at projections for what states were going to vote in which direction. As the deadline for the votes neared closer you could cut the tension with a fork as individuals’ applause followed the victory of their perspective choice candidates. Some surprise was in the room following states voting in unexpected ways. Other students were interested with the food and soda being served during the time period when the voting results were being released.

Come around 9:30 p.m., the crowd in the rotunda started breaking apart and students began heading to their dorm rooms to watch the remainder of the election coverage. After a long night of watching the coverage, the decision was still not finalized. Ohio’s vote count was too close to call and in the morning it was still not decided.

The early morning hour predicting Ohio’s state of Ohio were that Ohio had a lead that may appear insurmountable winning George Bush the 2004 election. The Bush campaign appeared certain of an election win as the White House chief of staff addressed the Bush faithful stating that they felt they had an insurmountable lead in the state of Ohio.

There were several interesting provisions on the ballots concerning gay marriage, stem cell research funding, and the legalization of medical marijuana. In Montana, the people were in favor of the legalization of medical marijuana. The state of California approved of $3 billion to be given towards stem cell research. The results were overwhelming in the category of allowing gay marriage as 11 states voted against this measure. This shows a lot about how the majority of citizens feel concerning the subject of gay marriage and how they do not necessarily favor it.

In the morning hours many people wanted John Kerry to concede because they felt the election was out of reach for him. Others felt that Kerry should not concede seeing as last year’s election was no close also and it is not over until every vote has been counted. Kerry finally conceded the election early Wednesday afternoon with a call to the home of George W. Bush, followed by his concession speech at 2 p.m. that same day.

Bryant University celebrates the World Series victory for the Red Sox

By Julie Saefer
Staff Writer

Maybe it was the American League Divisional Series sweep over the Anaheim Angels, or the historic comeback over the Yankee, or Schilling’s successful battle over his wounded ankle, or Belhorn’s overdue respectable batting average, or the end of Damon’s post-season slump. Whatever the turning point in this season’s series, Red Sox fans knew 2004 was the year for the haunting curse to die.

Last Wednesday night, the Bryant community was anxious to recognize the Red Sox’s eighth straight post-season win to finalize their unprecedented victory as world champions! A celebration of this magnitude needs no advance notice or invitation. It is simply a cultural norm to gather at the pond to cheer, laugh, hug, and of course swim. Whether you are a Red Sox fan or not, you did not want to miss the campus-wide party. Seniors abandoned the townhouses, undergrads vacated their halls, and even administrators ventured out of their warm homes to participate. President Machlsey and First Lady Kai Machlsey were welcomed into the ecstatic crowd, taking pictures with students, and emphasizing their distinguished support for the Red Sox. Dr. Eakin and other well-known faces on campus surrounded the pond amidst over 1,000 students.

Whether you plunged into the pond, took advantage of the "slip and slide" opportunity, screamed with friends, or just absorbed the atmosphere, there is no doubt the Bryant community shared a piece of this historic championship. The Bryant Red Sox celebration is perhaps the most thrilling events occurring this academic year and brought together the entire Bryant community. All that is left to say... Go PATS!
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Finally, out of all the signs posted around campus some people still have a good reason Bryant is wack.

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According to the strategies for parking at Bryant, there are two possibilities. The first one is the students parking in the main driveway due to the lack of open spaces. The second possibility is the students parking in the grass next to the football field. This has been a recurrent problem for years.

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Opinion

Repeat "XF" policy will hurt academic integrity

By Brian Levin
Managing Editor

There is a proposal making its way through the administration, which would allow students who fail any given course to retake this course. Upon the successful completion of the retake, the original grade of F would be replaced with XF. While it would still appear on the transcript, it would not factor in to your GPA calculation (for further information on the original proposal see the article in Campus News).

Recently I felt compelled to put some thought into the proposal in order to make a personal decision on the topic. Through this process I have concluded it is fundamentally a bad idea, and does not belong in an administration, which would replace with XF. While it would still appear on the transcript, it would not factor in to your GPA calculation (for further information on the original proposal see the article in Campus News).

Perhaps the most frightening aspect of this proposal is the lesson it teaches students; that we are not responsible or going to be held accountable for our actions. Under the current proposal it is OK to fail, in fact a student could fail 4 out of 5 courses during a semester and, given the opportunity and financial resources, graduate with a perfect 4.0. While this is improbable, it is theoretically possible under the proposed changes.

The business world will not be nearly this forgiving. What company will allow you to completely fail at your job but still retain employment, and even allow you the opportunity to try everything again. By enacting this policy we will be creating a mental lapse where the elements of responsibility and accountability should have been taught.

The inconsistency in how this change would affect students is also a problem. A policy that would allow people who fail classes a second chance but require people who receive a C or D to keep their less than desirable grade is not a fair policy across the board. By enacting this policy we create a system that in a way rewards a failure and punishes marginal success.

Some have suggested that we adapt this policy so that any grade may be replaced by retaking a class. In other words if you receive a B, but really want an A you simply must retake the class. While this does broaden the policy and make it more fairly implemented across the grading spectrum, it also allows people to buy their GPA; and as any good business student could tell you, this is an investment well worth the money. Let me explain what I mean by buying your GPA: Let’s say that an average student was hovering just below a 3.00. This student could pay to attend winter or summer session and replace some of the easier courses that they didn’t do so well in. In essence, the student with more money would have more ability to retake classes and could do so until their GPA had reached their desired level. Now, instead of creating a system that rewards failure, we have created one that rewards the wealthy among us.

The value of our degrees is in question. Many have suggested (if you know a little about the way Bryant works) Bentley has a policy in place very similar to that which is being proposed here. We have long had a “Keeping up with the Joneses” attitude when making decisions to stay competitive with Bentley. Striking down this new trend in higher education can become our competitive advantage, adding value to our degrees over those of Bentley graduates.

I think this should be our opportunity to distinguish ourselves and our University from the shadow of Bentley.

I am not going to get into the inner-politics of why Bryant has even considered this proposal. Instead, I will simply say it was analyzed by looking at the bottom line and allowing you to make your own conjecture from there.

What concerns me even more than the method of analysis and the loss in value of our degrees is the lack of information being delivered to the student body. Seeing as this is the only group who will be affected by the proposed change. I believe it is safe to say that little information is being provided to the student body. Why is student input being avoided again? Is it, perhaps, because the decision is already been made?

I will leave you with the above thoughts, in hopes it motivates you to get informed (read the article on page one) and make your voice heard (let those with decision making power know how you feel) on an issue which could have long term effects on every graduate of this school.

STUDENTS SPEAK OUT

Question of the Week: What are you looking forward to the most this coming Thanksgiving break?

"Dinner with my family!"
Kory Bell ‘08

"Spending time with my family."
Sharad Vasanth ‘06

“Seeing my family because we’re all really close and I don’t get to see them that much.”
Jenna Haslin ‘08

“The three P’s: Family, Food and Football.”
Jeremy Kauffman ‘08

“I am looking forward to my birthday and a break from studying.”
Aida Calvo ‘05

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**Bryant men’s basketball united against Division I**

By Shantel Pataci
Sports Editor

The temperature is getting colder, fall has reached its peak and practice will soon begin for the athletes of winter sports. The men’s basketball team is about to embark on another exciting season opening up with two huge exhibition games. They will be playing against Division I schools, The University of Maryland and The University of Connecticut.

Head Basketball Coach Max Good, contacts at both schools adding in these two exhibition games. "Both schools contacted us because they knew that we worked hard," Good explained. "Opposed to popular opinion, we believe that teams are not viewd by the players as scary or frightening by any means."

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- [Jr. Hannah Sandrowski]

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Bulldog Bites: Weekly Athletic Scoreboard

CROSS COUNTRY
Bulldogs Head to NCAA Regional

Men's and women's cross country teams will head to the NCAA West Region Championships this weekend at Franklin Park in Boston. Paul Kepnalis won his second individual conference title and is the defending regional champion. Klepadlo was named the Northeast-10 conference female runner of the year and first team all-conference. The NCAA Championships will be Saturday, Nov. 20 in Pomona, Calif.

FOOTBALL
(4-4, 4-10 NE-10)
Team Falls to First Place

Bentley Last Week. The Bulldogs dropped a 42-0 decision at Bentley on Friday night, evening the Bulldogs' record to 4-4. Bryant will host Southern Connecticut this Saturday (12 p.m.) for the final game of the season and the final 17 straight years. Demetrius Bobo, Adam Brown, Anthony Crittenden, Matt Cutler, Pete Dimartino, Delano Dryden, Ian Johnson, Joe Laplante, Jesse Lewis, Dannon Loyd, Thomas Major, Pat Murphy, Chris Perez, Matt Roberts, Drew Shaw, Justin Williams

MEN'S SOCCER

The men's soccer team fell in the playoff games six straight seasons, but has a positive outlook for next year's games.

They commenced the year with a win, a loss and a lot of bonding. Pre-season started in California where "the new players and the old players, the freshmen, built relationships on a more personal level," Goal Keeper Tom Madden explained. Though pre-season is a learning experience and opportunity for the players to set the tone for the rest of the year, they really had the opportunity to develop team ethics. "It was a good way to start the season and get us together," Madden added. They spent much of the five days in California hanging out, they even went to an Angels game.

The entire season wasn't all fun and games. Actually, they did a lot of practicing. "It was a good prep for the season days...well two days, but it felt like 3," Cameron Scott explained. The Bulldogs fell short on the field and off it and did so for much of the season; work that they certainly paid off. "We were in first place for half the season. No teams intimidated us because we kicked the crap out of people," Madden laughed.

The problem this year started in the middle of the season when they began playing nationally ranked teams. These teams included those such as Franklin Pierce, Southern Connecticut and, UMass Lowell, the team that stripped them of a win in their first playoff game. "We didn't lose by more than one goal this entire season except to Lowell," Madden said.

In addition, "We had a five game streak with our scoring goals, We need more.", Bryant University's soccer program has grown a lot. This is the fourth straight season the team has gone to the playoffs. "It's frustrating starting off well and then hitting a wall in the middle. It could have done better. We had high expectations," Doherity explained.

Fortunately, the team is optimistic about the future. "The team is in a strong position but the sophomore class is going to have to help him put games away next year," Due to the deficit seniors the upperclassmen will have to step up a little more.

The leadership skills of the upperclassmen will help prepare the current freshman for next year. "Playing here is a lot different from high school," Doherty said expressing a desire to do better. Fortunately, the upperclassmen have done a good job at teaching the newcomers and making them feel welcome.

This team encompasses team work, something that can take them far. "Everyone is really close, like a family," Casey Grange explained. "We're hard-working. There's never a point when we don't work hard." The team motto is "Hit Sticks," says sophomore Ryan Haddad. This team has an entire year to revamp and by the looks of it, they want to come back next year kicking even harder.

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The Archway runs deep in New England

By Christina Collard

If you've lived in New England, you know Max Creek. You probably even know someone who's seen them, maybe even been in a band with them, or perhaps you've seen them play your way through a bar or a house party. Max Creek is a New England band that has been around for over 30 years and still remains one of the most electric and influential bands on the shore of the East Coast. In this article, we will explore the origins of Max Creek and the various touring acts that have shaped their career.

Max Creek formed in the early 1980s and quickly became known for their intense, guitar-driven sound. The band's sound was a mix of punk, alternative, and rock, which helped them stand out in the crowded New England music scene. Over the years, Max Creek has played countless shows around the region, leaving a lasting impression on fans and venues alike.

Max Creek's sound evolved over the years, with each new album reflecting the band's continued growth and experimentation. From their early days with raw, intense soundscapes to later efforts with more polished, melodic arrangements, Max Creek's music has always been a reflection of the band's dedication to their craft.

In addition to their live performances, Max Creek has also made a name for themselves as one of the most respected touring acts in the region. The band has played countless shows across New England and beyond, sharing stages with some of the biggest names in the industry. Their reputation as a touring act has only grown over the years, as more and more fans come to expect Max Creek to deliver a high-energy, unforgettable performance at each and every show.

If you've never had the chance to see Max Creek live, now is the time to check them out. With a legendary career that has spanned over three decades, this band continues to bring their unique sound to fans across the region. Whether you're a long-time fan or just discovering their music for the first time, Max Creek is an experience you won't want to miss.
Fashion: An extinct life style at Bryant University

By Izzy Dias
Staff Writer

This is the first time in a long time that someone has dared to write about fashion in the every day, busy, fast-paced world of business. The main idea in people's minds is that fashion is very expensive and not very relevant to the word fashion, but maybe it should be. I wanted to write about fashion because I feel it's a very important part of life, and the world of business. I'm not sure if this campus is ready for a fashion column, but I'm going to try it anyway.

For as long as I can remember my mom has always said, "You can forget about all your problems when you are at the mall shopping!" I agree with her, but nowadays it's not so much the shopping, it's what you are shopping for. Fashion has changed over the years, but in some places fashion seemed to have stopped developing. One of these places I believe to be in Bryant University. At Bryant we see different fashion types or styles: defiant style, boring style, copied style, and no style. No one type is the best, but the type we most see here at Bryant is the defiant style, or G STYLE. You would think that no style would be the worst, but at least it's different. No style is being unique. Have you ever noticed that someone who is wearing something new with no style gets more attention then the people with style? If you are confused, keep reading and I will explain.

Fashion on this campus is very B L A H ! In this article we are going to talk about the women. Women on this campus tend to believe that fashion is how much someone pays for an outfit. NEWS FLASH! Fashion is not how much someone spends, but how to put an outfit together. If one was to dress as an individual other students on this campus would look at that person as crazy or a person craving attention. Whatever happened to people wanting to stand out and have their own individual style? This campus is very conservative, but when it comes to fashion it's almost ridiculous how much people are flat-out scared to express themselves. Next time you are in the Rotunda, look around and pay attention to what you see. I'll tell you what you'll see, the same thing!

Women will usually be dressed in jeans with a sweater. This is what I call boring style. I believe that these women can get dressed in the dark; as in there is no way to go wrong with a sweater and jeans. Just grab one of each and they will probably even match. The women that are always in sweats, that is the next issue on this campus. They rather not even try to have a style; their clothes seem to have one brutal purpose, to keep them warm. These are the people with no style. That's fine in my book, but it leaves the school with a dreary look. A sea of black hooded sweat shits and black pants everywhere we turn. No one seems to think that there is something wrong with this and that is what worries me. Even though this is a college campus I don't believe people should walk around like they just woke up, or like they are about ready to sleep at all times. On the other hand, we have people with no style that try to have style, someone else's style that is. This is what I call the copied style, the people that take a style that is not theirs and try to make it their own.

This method is the most misunderstood, because the people that do it actually look good; but is it right? This reminds me a lot of when someone is writing a paper, they don't have their own ideas therefore, they plagiarize. In this case would a teacher say it is alright to plagiarize because you have a well written paper? I don't think so. Therefore, why do people think it's alright to copy someone's style?

The women walking around campus in clothes that you would only see on the runaways are perfect examples of this style. I don't know how the women never get to them, but there is no red carpet here in Smithfield, Rhode Island. There is no need to dress up for the 8 a.m. class with the moodiness teacher as if you were going to the greatest Hollywood after-party. The last and final group is the hardest to find on this campus, the defiant style.

Those are the people that are doing their own thing. They are not afraid to express themselves through what they wear. I like to compare this style to the foundation of a house. It's the part of the house that least appreciated, but it's what keeps the entire house up. No one ever says, "Hey, that's a really nice foundation you've got there on this $100,000 house." The same happens to the pioneers of fashion. These people are the one's that start the new trends, but not appreciated because they are not always the most popular people, with the most money.

You may be asking yourself, "What does this have to do with the business world? I don't understand why fashion is such a big deal?" My last piece of advice is, if you take anything away from this article let it be what I'm going to say next. It's not enough just to be really good grades anymore; you have to look good for an employer to hire you. I know this sounds superficial but it's the truth. Business is a cut-throat world and part of it is looking good, and being presentable. No employer is going to want their company represented by a person that looks like they get their clothes from their roommate's dirty laundry. These up and coming companies, ask the companies making the most money now a days, want a smart, well-rounded, culturally aware individual that knows how to dress well. You know how people pretend they know it all always say, "First impressions are the most important!" If this is true, and I believe it is, many Bryant University students will be in a lot of trouble. It's not enough for women to throw on a black suit, that mind you most of the time are not even tailored, and put on some alligators. You and about 50 other people will be wearing the same lousy looking suit, and feeling the same horrible pain in the cafl and feet area. The people interviewing you for a job are going to remember the individual, with the light pink suit, and the nicely adjusted comfortable shoes. This isn't a hard concept to grasp, it's just like when we were applying to colleges. We all know that colleges do not pick people just for their grades, they also look at activities and other specifications. The same is for the work world, except there are more specifications is style. So the next time you catch yourself making fun or staring at someone because of their outfit, think about what you are doing and what you read in this article. Use all this information to your advantage, think twice before putting on your sweats and sneakers.

Why is the election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November?

By Jeff Elder
Knight Badder Newspapers

The Federal Election Commission gives these reasons for their choice of Election Day:

"Why early November?"
For much of our history America was a predominantly agrarian society. November was the month that farmers and rural workers were about ready to go home for the winter. Today farmers have a month for farmers and rural workers to travel to the polls.

"Why Monday?"
For most residents of rural America has always been a significant distance to the county seat in order to vote. Monday was not considered reasonable as many people would need to begin travel on Sunday. Some students would have conflicted with church services and other important events.

"Why the first Tuesday after the first Monday?"
Lawmakers wanted to prevent Election Day from falling on the first of November for two reasons. First, All Saints Day, a holy day for Roman Catholics. Also, many businesses did not want any accounting on the first. Some lawmakers feared that the economy might decline if previous month might influence the vote of the merchants.

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