Remove an F from your GPA with new XF policy
By Emile Lavie
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 program at the University called the College of Ours. It 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 XF. This process will eliminate the F that previously affected student's GPA. Transcripts will record both class enrollments, along with the 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 and twelve credits. In order to be considered for this policy, students must have an 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 classes taken since the 2001-2002 school year. Nontraditional students may petition for classes 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 an XF and given credit.

This policy will encompass required and non-require courses. The student must retake the same exact course to replace the 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 passed previously, the XF will not replace the original grade. If the original F was earned, then students will no longer eligible to be retaken under this policy.

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

We've all done it: facebook statuses, students, and administration. We are all alike. We are all aware of the headache it will bring us and the aggravation that will result, but it is built into our lives anyway. There are, of course, the select few who get lucky and, while sitting around feeling blue, they have to do it, but for the majority of us it is the bed start to the day or the end of the night. Of course, is parking.

At Bryant University, there are approximately 2,400 parking spots. Currently, there are an estimated 2,260 registered cars, according to Ryan Stann, Assistant for the Student Senate and the Department of Public Safety. Bryant University must keep in mind, however, that the number of registered cars is not the exact number of cars on campus. Registered cars do not include anyone who has vehicles that have not been registered at all, people who have yet to receive a Bryant University sticker, and people who are driving around with "Bryant College" stickers still attached to their vehicles. All visitors to Bryant University, according to Ryan Stann, Lieutenant Slocum from DPS stated that after all cars are parked, there is a lack of 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.

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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Ancient city of Teotihuacan a modern battleground between conservationists, Wal-Mart

By Susana Hayward

KLRU Radio News (KRT)

A Wal-Mart store rising near the 2,000-year-old pyramids of ancient Mexico raises fears it will ignite the wrath of Mexican conservationists and nationalists, who charge the U.S.-retailer is trying to destroy their culture at the foot of Mexico’s greatest treasures.

Since news broke last week that Wal-Mart plans to construct a 71,902-square-foot store near one of the Pyramids of the Sun and Moon Moons and Saclay, 50 miles north-east of Mexico City, the entranceway of the pyramid has turned into a carnival of demonstration, protecting the monument, the traditional world of Teotihuacan was welcomed by the 100,000 workers who are the store.

Demonstrators wearing long feathered headdresses, brandishing indigenous costumes and loincloths dance around fires weaving incense and imploring “God to hold the government accountable for its destruction of the Teotihuacan culture.”

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

Statement made by Wal-Mart against the Feathered 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 people who re-discovered the city in 1300. The ethnicity of the builders is unknown.

“We don’t small towns have the right to have access to the same level of quality goods that Mexicans have in larger cities,” said Ramon Madrid, an artist who was one of the protesters.

“We honor Ed’s devotion to his family and freedom,” said U.S. Senator Sam Brownback, who was traveling in China, said in a statement. “The arms were supplied by local authorities, some of them belonging to other countries and officials on the list of the Department of Defense.

“We have to make good money in order to get this job done,” said an anonymous Wal-Mart employee from the store’s plumbing department.

“We don’t need to cut corners because we can’t,” said another employee from the store’s plumbing department.

“We are far enough from the archaeological site, said a local historian who was interviewed by local media.

“We respect our roots, but we don’t want to stop progress.”

The soldiers from the 5th Division of the U.S. trained Iraqi army were traveling in three minibuses when an unknown number of assailants believed to have been dressed in Iraqi police and national guard uniforms flagged them down.

(There are the insurgents) asked them to step out of the buses and forced them to fly their own coats.

The deputy governor of the Diyala province, April Adil, told Arabic-language media that the assassination was an inside job.

He said the assailants apparently knew when the Iraqi army’s Kirkuk training camp in northern Iraq was to be inspected by the insurgents.

Men inside were injured. Three drivers also were killed and insurgents left with two of the buses.

The soldiers, in their early 20s, were mostly from the southern Shi'ite Muslim towns of Samawa, Baura and Nasiriyah, the military official said. Residents discovered the grisly scene early Sunday.

The news shocked Iraqis, who watched nonstop updates of the massacre on Arabic-language television Sunday. Many were especially angry that a group of many young men, dressed in tracksuits and jeans, their heads shaved, bloodied and left with bullet holes in their bodies, was reported to be killed.

Shukriya Matroud, a 60-year-old mother with two sons in the new Iraqi national guard, said the news upset her family that they couldn’t eat at sunset, when the daylight fast of Ramadan ends in two days, but worry about the new “government,” Matroud said.

“Don’t mall us!”


Paul Kennedy is a renowned historian and author of two acclaimed books, including "The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers," a book on international relations and security issues.
**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 your side? That is exactly what happened during the first hour of the morning on October 28, 2004. DPS was activated at 1:36 a.m. to report trash had been set on fire outside of Hall 8.

The fire, which sent flames high into the sky, was managed to leave the residence hall unharmed, except for minor smoke damage. The biggest concern reported from the fire was the lack of response from students living inside the hall. Resident Director Chuck Stanley stated, "Even though the fire was outside, smoke enveloped the building setting off the alarm. When DPS arrived there were still people in the building, and that is scary."

There may be several reasons Bryan students did not evacuate; perhaps they were not in a state of alert, perhaps they had no time to react, or maybe they do not take fire alarms seriously. Whatever the case, the Residence Life Staff is concerned.

The flames from the fire reached up to the third story windows.

Resident Directors Amanda McKenna and Brie McMickels are in the process of writing a letter addressed to the suite village. The letter will express concern and focus upon the current garbage policy. They will emphasize the fines for trash pick up (12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. in order to keep garbage from staying outside all night. They will also be asking for information regarding the causes for the fire.

Daniel Fiandaca is credit by some as "saving the day," so to speak. When he came upon the fire and helped extinguish it. When asked about the fire he explained, "I looked out the window and there it was, so I decided to do something about it." He went on to say with a little humor and pride, "I always wanted to be a firefighter."

Currently, there have been no leaks or food that started the fire. When asked if the administration was looking into this fire as part of the "free fire incident" and considering more policy review. However, the Director of Residence Life, John Resto, met with Dr. Eakin about the incident. According to Chuck, the main aspect the administration is looking at is the support for current policies; a level of responsibility and cooperation among students to enforce the policies already in place. For the person who initiated the fire, there are severe consequences.

The fire is considered a fire offense, the investigation for such a crime goes beyond the school and lies in the hands of the Smithfield police. However, there are various ways the situation can be dealt with depending on how the person who ignited the fire is classified. The Smithfield police and DPS are in the process of further investigation.

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**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 in South 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 x8046 for more information.
- Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) presents "Social Security. Take the Money and Run?" on Tuesday, October 25. Free Enterprise sponsors a silent auction in Rotunda near Suite A from November 8-12. We will be auctioning off themed gift baskets. Don't miss out!
- For more information, e-mail: sife@bryant.edu.
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**Department of Public Safety Log**

**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  
Rendered Oct. 25, 2004-Monday at 11:24 p.m.  
Location: RESIDENCE HALL  
Summary: An EMT was requested for a possible intoxicated person. EMS was activated.

**THEFT**  
Larceny / Other ($)  
Oct. 28, 2004-Thursday at 9:00 a.m.  
Location: UNSTRUCTURE  
Summary: Informational report regarding an off campus theft with Bryant students involved.

**VANDALISM**  
Vandalism to Auto(S)  
Oct. 28, 2004-Thursday at 11:15 a.m.  
Location: SPEED LIMIT  
Summary: A report of a vandalized vehicle in C3 lot.

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

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----- Remember to Register Your Car on Campus -----
Bryant Student's interview with George Ross

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Justin Orkin has been to Trump's Thanksgiving dinner and went "...without hearing the words... "You're Fired." Orkin chooses to interview George Ross for a class project. After a 4 hour ride to New York, Orkin and recent alumni 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 in person with Trump's left hand woman. He also was introduced to Robin, the receptionist on the show, Apprentice.

Parking poses problem

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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. Use the night parking available late at night in the parking structure. Although there's always a long walk through a dark parking lot, that doesn't leave you with the safest feeling," states sophomore Danielle Antoine.

Also, all spots are not reserved for overnight parking, making it harder 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 367 spots not available in the C-lot, the 43 President's Leadership Council reserved spots, the 5 visitors' spots, and the 8 handicap spots. Despite the hard work put in by the administration to make sure 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 violations as a problem of the number of cars towed. In September alone there were 1,653 tickets issued ranging $25 to a ticket, and 30 cars towed. Currently, the administration's answer to the parking situation is allowing students to park in the parking garage, the right side of 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, to add to the frustration of not finding convenient spots, is the学校 parking lot. For one, Jacobs Drive is a dangerous road to drive on. With cars on both sides of the street, cars traveling 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 appears to differ from the school. George Coronado Head of DOS, a man whose team, if not him 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 to the school. 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 is a problem" 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 issue. 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, he has stated that it would take away from the aesthetics of the buildings and, therefore, was not an option. According to senior Que Phipps, the senior student body president, a parking garage and the problem of parking was identified by President Macklery. 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 are there so many parking violations?" and "What is causing parking to be a problem? The administration is working on it and we are committed to solving it, and why is the situation being addressed by so many different schools?" While it may be why parking is not a problem in some of the University's key parking managers? Because key administration is taking 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.

Original, Orkin was given 30 minutes to talk to Ross, but his time was extended to 40 minutes. During that time, 10 minutes was spent uping a question and answering it. Orkin's questions ranged from Ross's past, his role in the real estate field, and opinions about the show.

Ross also gave great advice about credit and financing information, which is Ross's background. Ross also confessed that favorite episode was from the first season, when each team was challenged to earn the most profit by selling lemonade in the streets of New York, and given a starting base of $250.

Orkin, a fan of the NBC series, thought the "interview went well, and was definitely a great opportunity."

Orkin presented Ross, who he considered to be "literally nice, and very knowledgeable" with a Bryant University mug and hat. He also said Ross has a pretty funny side that is not shown during the Saturday morning broadcasts.

Unfortunately Orkin was not able to meet Trump during his interview, but he was able to walk past Trump's office and quickly peek inside. Time with George and Carolyn is considered off limits if anyone is interested, start saving your money. These times and auction places will be announced at a later point.

Photo by Demetrios Bobo
Finding a parking spot is hard with the limited number of spaces available.

Unlimited Company

Rhode Island's Best Comedy Group

Friday, November 5th at 8pm
In the Hall 14 Lobby
Open to all Students

Unexpected Company is the only group in the state strictly dedicated to long form improvisation. Called "a breath of fresh air" by the Providence Phoenix, this young company has been performing weekly since March of 2003, and has introduced hundreds to a form of improvisation rarely seen in Rhode Island. The Providence Journal simply describes Unexpected as "Pure Improv," and after experiencing "The Morris," it won't be difficult for you to understand why.

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The office of Residents Life Presents:

The Apprentice Cast

Student Resource Officer

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Dean Gallagher and Jonathon are collaborating together by creating a student help program. This program will allow Bryant students to enlist DP's and receive a gift for their good deeds. These gifts will come in the form of coupons to coffee shops. DP's is not asking for students to become rats but help keep the campus safe.

Along with creating programs Office Gallagher along side Ryan Stranz are working together to create a committee. This committee will consist of 8-10 students, who will meet on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. For information pertaining to this committee contact either Office Gallagher at dgallaghi@bryant.edu or Stranz at rstranz@bryant.edu.
Tension ran high through the Rotunda as the results for swing states Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Florida were late to turn in their election results. Swing states are the states which traditionally are very close in their polling results. Eyes were glued to the screens as CNN aired up to date election coverage with interviews and live video from polling places.

Josh Johnson writes down who he believes will win.

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 inches closer you could cut the tension with a fork as individual's 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 hours predictively favored a 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 saying that they felt they had an insurmountable lead in the state of Ohio.

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The University's parking situation is getting pretty ugly with cars parked along the curb on the main driveway, and on the grass near the softball field. All jokes aside, you would have had a better chance of finding Senator Trent Lott running for office in Harlem than you would finding any parking space in the same zip code of your dorm room.

Now it is understandable that the school does not have enough parking spaces. But, I mean, the Smithfield campus was built in the 1970's, and back then everyone was riding horses to school so I guess they didn't need a plan to make more spaces.

If you haven't noticed, in the past three years, Bryant has made several upgrades to the parking on campus, none of which involve actually making new parking spaces. In addition to the new spaces created by pulling a yellow line across C-lot, the school paid the money to cover those potholes in ground.

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Opinion

Repeat “XF” policy will null 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 institution of higher education, never mind a University. 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 adopt 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 argue, against and for, the change from College to University based on the name published on the top of our diploma, but in-truth it doesn't matter. The quality of the graduates, past and future, and the rigor of the school's academic policy creates the value of our degrees. To be frank, a student with a 1.8 GPA does not deserve the same degree as other Bryant students. This is why policies such as the minimum graduation GPA of 2.0 exist, so what sense does it make to put in new policy that allows people to reach this 2.0 when they really didn't earn it the first time. We too soon forget that higher education is not an entitlement, but rather a privilege.

In doing a little research I discovered what many may have assumed (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 hope 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 Vasanthe '06

"The three F's: Family, Food and Football."
Jeremy Kauffman '08

"I am looking forward to my birthday and a break from studying."
Aida Calvo '05

"Seeing my friends."
Jhonny Levy '06

Compiled By Steve Proulx, Bethany Thornton and Meghan Hanlon
Upcoming GAMES

Men's Basketball
Friday, November 5 @ Maryland, 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 1 @ UConn, 7:00 p.m.

Women's Basketball
Tuesday, November 5 @ CCRI, 7:00 p.m.

Valley Ball
Friday, November 5 @ SAINT MICHAEL'S, 7:00 p.m.

Football
Saturday, November 6, Southern Connecticut, 12:00 p.m. (Senior Day)

Cross Country
Sunday, November 7, NCAA Regionals Boston

For Club Sports Postings refer to The Bryant Website under Athletics.

http://web.bryant.edu/varsports/

Sports

Bryant men's basketball united against Division I

By Shanted Palaico
Sports Editor

The temperature is getting colder, fall has reached its peak and practice will soon be put into play for the athletics 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, is putting together these two exhibition games. "Both schools contacted us because they knew that we worked hard," Good explained. Opposed to popular opinion, playing against teams that are not viewed by the players as scary or frightening by any means. "Anytime you play good teams they show you your weaknesses. Doing well is relative to trying, to getting better. This will make us tougher," Good continued.

Last year, the Bulldogs made it to the Sweet 16 and lost their ticket to the Final 4 by just one point. The Bryant community played a very important role in their season by going to their games, giving their support and showing school spirit. "The fans have accounted for two out of three wins," said Coach Good. However, the determination and dedication of the players will really aid their performance, despite the loss of players. Four senior starters from last year have graduated. Their absence has left space for the addition of several newcomers, who are pumped about the start of the season. "I think I can add lots of energy, athletic ability and offensive rebounding," freshman John Ezeokili said. "I'm excited," senior player, Cullen McCarthy added, "We lost experienced players last year, but I expect to do better this year." The guys have been preparing for this season since the end of last year. "They have been dedicated to lifting weights and working hard," Coach Good explained. "I've been stressing the importance of toughness and it's my responsibility not to over look their academic and social performance [in addition to their athletic performance]. I have a short fuse because I want the best for our players. You've got to love them to make them do the right thing."

The guys appear eager to start and even about playing Maryland and Connecticut. "The goal is to do better than last year. We had a good season but we're a better team. We work well with each other," Jarrett Love explained. Many of the players feel as though playing these two major teams is just another game. "They should beat us as we should just play hard. It's not going to kill us if we play our game," said last year's Freshman of the Year, Chris Burns. However, the goal here is to aim for the best and learn from mistakes. "We want to win the conference and national championships," Burns Continued. This basketball team, which has gotten better over the years and has a fair chance at accomplishing this goal.

"We should have won the Sweet 16 last year. We're a good team and this year looks very promising. We have good team chemistry. There is no reason we shouldn't have a winning season," Nathaniel Sudlow explains. The team is working towards getting stronger. The two division I teams they will play against may give them a challenge. There is much expectation for this season and hopefully, this will be the year that they will take it all way.

Women's soccer scores a hat trick of leaders

By Sam Tahatabai
Assistant Variety Editor

The Women's soccer team concluded their season with a record of 13 - 5 - 2. The team advanced all the way up to the Northeast - 10 conference quarter-finals where they were defeated by Saint Rose 4 - 2. Even though the team was hoping to go further, they did experience a very successful season. The backbone of the team consisted of only three seniors, goalie, Kim Redcar, forward Kristen Harmon, and forward Christine Kalikiewicz. The team will truly miss them but are looking forward to next season and have already begun training.

Christine Kalikiewicz

She was already Bryant's all time leader in wins with twenty five last year and added thirteen more this year. She is from Elliford Clary, M.D. and is a double major in Computer Information Systems and Finance with a minor in Psychology.

Harmon, also named tri-captain for 2004, returned from being injured and only playing two games last year, and is the team's top scorer with ten goals and seven assists. She is from Littleton, MA and is a senior psychology major with a minor in accounting major.

Center defender and Junior Hannah Sandrowski said, "The most memorable game of the season was actually the first game of the season." After a 0 - 0 first half, the captains of the team rallied the players together and overtime the opposition 1 - 2 in overtime. In addition, when asked about how the women's team was scored to the men's Sandrowski said, "We can kick
CROSS COUNTRY
Bulldogs Head to NCAA Regional
A first-place fifth and sixth respectively at the Northeast-10 Conference Championships, the Bryant men's and women's cross country teams will head to the NCAA Division II Regional Championships this Sunday at Franklin Park in Boston. Portsmouth's Joseph Gleason and Nelida Mora are the top two individuals in the region and will represent the Bulldogs at the NCAA Championships.

FOOTBALL
(4-4, 4-1 NE-10) Team Falls To First Place
Benton Last Week
The Bulldogs' winning streak 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 Bijan Noori, Demetrios Bobo, Adam Brown, Anthony Condones, Rohan Dhand, Matt Cutler, Pete Dimartino, Delano Dryden, Ian Johnson, Josh Lin, Jesse Lewis, Dashon Loyd, Thomas Major, Pat Murphy, Chet Perez, Matt Reddy, Drew Shaw, Justin Williams

MEN'S SOCCER
BY SHANTEL PALACIO

Men's soccer juggled the season, but lost the ball in the end

By Shantel Palacio

The men's soccer team fell in the playoff games but have a positive outlook for next year's games. They commended the year as having a lot of scoring.

Pre-season started in California where the new players and the old players established 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 most of the five days in California hanging out together. "It was a big opportunity for them to see each other's personalities," Madden said.

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 a seven goal winning streak. We need to do 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. We could have done better. We had high expectations," Doberthy explained.

Fortunately, the team is optimistic about the upcoming season and plan on becoming even stronger. "We have a strong team," Patrick Doberthy said. "Everyone should put in collectively; there will be one senior leading the team. "Now, Trumbull is a strong leader but the sophomore class is going to have to help him put games away next year." Due to the deficit seniors the upperclassman 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," Doberthy 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. We're good kids and we want to win," Doberthy said. "We're hard-working. There's never a point when we don't work hard."

The team motto is "Hit Sticks," says Nicholas Balistieri. "We've never been defeated." 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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Sports
I can't believe I saw this

By Samuel Tabatabai
Assistant Variety Editor

Saw is a horror thriller that will have you on the edge of your seat. It is psychopathic thriller with a villain that is as smart as Hannibal Lecter. Hollywood hasn't been able to release a good horror film, while the Japanese have been on a roll. However, Hollywood has finally made a scary movie that actually lives up to its really worth seeing. Even though Saw at some points, can be a bit corny, it over act­ing and other parts of under acting, mainly due to cliched di­alog but, what horror film doesn't.

The movie begins when Dr. Larry Gordon (Lawrence Gordon) and Adam (Leigh Whannel) are working on a design for a Jigsaw puzzle. The two decide to put their own twist on the puzzle by putting their own twist on the puzzle by putting a villain that is as smart as Hannibal Lecter. However, Hollywood hasn't been able to release a good horror film, while the Japanese have been on a roll. However, Hollywood has finally made a scary movie that actually lives up to its really worth seeing. Even though Saw at some points, can be a bit corny, it over act­ing and other parts of under acting, mainly due to cliched di­alog but, what horror film doesn't.

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Fashion: An extinct life style at Bryant University

By Izy Diass
Staff Writer

This is the first time in a long time that someone has dared to write about fashion in the society. A society where business is the main idea in people's minds is not very receptive 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 cares in the world after 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 morphed over the years, but in some places fashion seemed to have stopped developing. One of those places I believe to be Bryant University. At Bryant we see the same frequent fashion types or styles: defiant style, boring style, copied style, and no style. No one would have the nerve to say that the type we miss see here at Bryant is anything but an "American G STYLE." You would think that no style would be the worst, but at least you know what kind of style is being unique. Have you ever noticed that someone who is wearing 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 BLAH! 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 crying 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 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 shirts and black pants everywhere we turn. No one tends to think 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 runways 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 moody 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. These 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 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 $300,000 house." The same happens to the pikers 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 have 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 know 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 allsleets. You and about 50 other people will be wearing the same boxy looking suit, and feeling the same hor­rible pain in the calf 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 college does not pick people just for their grades, they also look at activities and other specifya­tions. The same is for the work world, except you are now getting paid for the speci­fications is style. So the next time you catch yourself making fun or staring at someone because of their outfit, think about how you are being judged by the person that read 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
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The Federal Election Commission gives these reasons for the choice of Election Day: Why early November? For much of our history America has been only an agrarian society. November was chosen as the most convenient month for farmers and rural workers to travel to the polls. The fall harvest was over, but the weather was still mild. Spring was planting time and summer was taken up working the fields and tending crops.

Why Tuesday? Since most residents of rural America had a long distance to the county seat in order to vote, Monday was not considered reasonable as many people would need to begin travel on Sunday. A Saturday would also have conflicted with church services and Sunday school.

Why the first Tuesday after the first Monday? During the Civil War people wanted to prevent Election Day from falling on the first of November for two reason. First, All Saints Day, a holy day for Roman Catholics. Also, many businesses did not have any accounting on the first. Some lawmakers feared that the economic success or failure of all previous month might influence the vote of the merchants.

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