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Anti-gay incident prompts concerns

by Kira Chappelle
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The Bias Incident Group recently met for the second time this academic year in response to an act associated with homophobia.

A student, who requested anonymity, said that she parked her car at Brunswick Apartments on the night of Friday, February 3, and woke the next morning to discover that the word "gay" had been written in the snow on the front and back windshields of her car.

In an interview with the Orient, the student, who is openly gay, said that she knows she was targeted because "it took time, energy, and purpose to find my car and write on

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Performance a realistic study of family



Mike Ardolino, The Bowdoin Orient
Jessie DePalo '08 and Jay Tansey '07 perform in this weekend's Masque and Gown show, "The Marriage of Bette & Boo." See article, page 10.

Credit/D/Fail up for revision

College considers
policy revision in response
to student feedback

by Will Jacob
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Members of Bowdoin Student Government (BSG) and the Recording Committee sought student and faculty input about Bowdoin's Credit/D/Fail policy in a campus forum this week. Recording Committee member Sam Dinning '09 and Vice President for Academic Affairs Burgess LePage '07 consulted other colleges' guidelines and drafted a revised policy, which is designed to give students more flexibility in the system.

"The main intention of the Credit/D/Fail option is to give students the opportunity to explore new areas of study where they are not necessarily comfortable. It also has very legitimate value as a way to relieve pressure from a hectic semester," said Dinning.

GRADE/CREDIT/FAIL

BSG members and the Recording Committee have proposed the adoption of a Grade/Credit/Fail policy. Under this policy:

- Students would declare a course Grade/Credit/Fail three weeks into the semester and then set a lowest acceptable grade by the sixth week.
- If a student's grade matches or exceeds this grade, the earned grade is recorded.
- If a student's grade is lower than the acceptable grade but above failing, then he or she simply receives credit.
- If the grade is failing, the student does not earn credit.

"The main concern is that instead of promoting deep exploration into new areas, the current system encourages students to do the minimum amount of work possible to receive credit," he said.

In order to make the policy more

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Hill '74 offers insight on six-party peace talks

by Anna Karass
and Mary Helen Miller
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More than 30 years after competing on Bowdoin's lacrosse fields, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian Affairs Christopher Hill '74 still believes in the importance of teamwork.



Hill '74 returned to his alma mater last Friday for a special address.

"Frankly it sounds silly, but playing on team sports—on the lacrosse team—was very important because diplomacy is definitely a team sport," Hill said.

At a specially scheduled Common Hour last week, Hill defended the United States's agreement with North Korea at the six-party talks, which he helped broker, in Beijing. According to Hill, while the current pact does not pro-

vide for the complete denuclearization of North Korea, it is an important first step.

"The North Koreans are unlikely to wake up one morning and say, 'Let's get rid of our nuclear weapons,'" Hill said in his Common Hour address.

Hill maintained that the agreement sets up a framework for continued negotiations and progress toward the goal of denuclearizing North Korea.

"This agreement is not the end of the story, but these are steps we have to take," he said.

For Hill, the agreement presents North Korea with an opportunity to give up its nuclear weapons and join the international community.

"I think the government needs to make a fundamental decision between joining the international community and making nuclear

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STAYING IN TOUCH

Busy meeting schedules
limit opportunities for trustees
to meet students face-to-face.

BY BETH KOWITT
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When the Trustees convened for their February meeting, some students might not have even realized that they were on campus.

"After four years here, it was the first time I think I ever even saw a trustee," said senior Jon Ludwig, who, as a member of the a cappella group the Meddiebempsters, sang at a reception for the board on the Friday night of the February 8 to 10 meetings.

"It's a big deal when the Trustees are on campus, but you always hear about it after the fact," Ludwig said. "It was nice to be able to put faces to names."

Secretary of the College Richard Mersereau that the Trustees' busy schedule limits the amount of time they can spend with students.

"Around the formal things there are chances for informal interactions," Mersereau said. "We tend to invite students for some reason that's tied to the agenda."

He said, however, that the Trustees always leave meetings saying they want more time with students.

Trustee Michele Cyr '76 said she always makes an effort to get to campus the Thursday before official meetings begin in order to spend as much time with students as she can.

"I can never get enough interaction with students," she said, "but it's hard because we're always

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High-tech, out-of-state sorting keeps landfills recyclable-free



Emily Guerin, The Bowdoin Orient

Brunswick increases recycling
under new system,
Bowdoin sees little growth

by Emily Guerin
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AUBURN, Massachusetts—Partygoers should think twice about tossing their Solo cups in the trash. Beginning this semester, Bowdoin students can recycle many more items than before, thanks to the new single-stream recycling system that Brunswick now uses.

Prior to this semester, students separated their recyclables into five

categories: glass, mixed paper, tin cans, number-two plastic, and cardboard. Under the new system, all recyclable materials, as well as many former non-recyclables, can be mixed together in the same bin.

Once the recycling on campus has been collected, it travels to the Casella/FCR recycling facility in Auburn, Massachusetts, for sorting. According to plant managers Gene Corsey and Joe Carese, Auburn is the only single-stream facility in the Northeast, and it receives recyclables from municipalities all over the region.

When the recycling arrives at the facility, sorters remove any trash

before the recycling moves through a series of screens, which separate the various types of recyclables. Cardboard, newspaper, mixed paper, plastic, tin and steel are separated and baled. The facility crushes and pulverizes all the glass.

The baled materials and crushed glass are then sold as commodities, the profits of which provide 98 percent of the revenue for the facility, which can process up to 10,000 tons of recycling each month, according to Corsey and Carese.

Brunswick Assistant Public Works Director Craig Worth said that the

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