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Could it happen to us too?



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Virginia Tech juniors Jim McCartin and Christine George share a moment of silence during a vigil on campus on Tuesday, April 17, 2007. Thousands of students and members of the community joined in the vigil to honor the people killed or injured on Monday during a shooting at Norris Hall in Blacksburg, Virginia.

Tragic campus massacre at Virginia Tech touches communities everywhere

A morbid Monday left the families of at least 32 Virginia Tech students and faculty members with nothing but grief, despair, and confusion. As the dust clears, and the healing process begins, doubt stretches across every college campus in the country: how do we prepare for the unimaginable?

By David Giardino
Assistant Sports Editor

Almost eight years to the day of one of the most infamous school shootings in American history, almost three dozen members of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University community were murdered, stunning the sprawling campus of 26,000 students and shocking the nation. On Monday, April 16, Cho Seung-Hui, a Virginia Tech student, opened fire in a coed dorm room at 7:15 a.m., killing a man and a woman. Approximately two hours later, on the other side of the 2,600 acre campus, he appeared in an engineering classroom, murdering 30 students and faculty members, before killing himself, according to the police. A day that began as any other day across any college campus in America ended with tears and heartbreak, as the nation rallies around Blacksburg with poignant support.

"The University was struck with a tragedy that we consider of monumental proportions,"

noted Virginia Tech President Charles Steger, "the University is shocked and indeed horrified." Reports indicate that police were still investigating the 7:15 shootings at West Ambler Johnston Hall when they began to receive calls about another shooting at the Norris Hall classroom building. No student has come forward admitting to know Seung-Hui more than as just a loner who never socialized with his classmates. The shooter reportedly left a long and disturbing note in his dorm room, and sources indicate it states "you caused me to do this." Steger went on to add "I cannot begin to convey my own personal sense of loss over the senselessness of such an incomprehensible and heinous act."

The campus was left to pick up the pieces Tuesday morning, as classes were cancelled for the entire week. Many students packed their bags for home, and over 10,000 others gathered in the school's main gymnasium for a nationally televised midday memorial service,

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Condolences

Fellow Students,

The tragedy surrounding the Virginia Tech Massacre has undoubtedly affected us all. Whether you were personally acquainted with one of the victims or not, April 16 will be a day forever associated with sorrow and sadness.

This tragic event will have a visible impact on institutions of higher education world-wide. It is at times like this that we must reach out, embrace one another, and provide support to those who have lost so much.

I hope we all reflect on these terrible events and if nothing else, use this to better ourselves and our community. We are reminded from this that hatred and alienation have a catastrophic impact on peoples' lives, and can lead to unthinkable violence. I hope we all see that mutual respect amongst our peers is imperative to the safety of our Bryant community.

Let us all learn from these terrible times, and treat one another as we would like to be treated. I know this may seem like a very elementary concept, but it is one that can go a long way.

As the representative voice of the student body, the Senate has reached out to the students of Virginia Tech, and expressed our sincerest condolences and support on behalf of Bryant University. Please stay safe, and remember this is more than just our school, to many of us this is our home.

Craig Tetreault
Student Senate President

From the outside looking in

By John Crisafulli
Staff Writer

Just as I will never forget where I was when I first heard about the tragedy at Columbine, in my sixth grade science class, I will never forget first hearing about the greater tragedy at Virginia Tech.

I was sitting in the kitchen/sitting room at my house in Galway, Ireland, getting ready to make dinner. Lindsay, one of the American students who live in the house, was in the room as well as two of the Irish students, Mikey and Paul. We were flipping through the channels just looking for something to watch when Mikey noticed that the bottom of Sky News said something about America. Naturally he stopped it for Lindsay and me.

What came next was a very interesting and thought provoking experience. We all sat silent for about ten minutes. We were trying to get up-

dated on what was going on. With the time difference, we were watching the incident live as events were unfolding.

The British outlet, Sky News, was solely covering the school shooting. They were trying to get information from who ever they could, talking to students live via cell phones, and connecting to Fox News, as well as correspondent in Virginia. It was fascinating to watch a foreign version of an American tragedy.

After a while we all started to give our opinions and grievances. Mikey and Paul didn't really know what to say, Lindsay and I were in shock. Mikey asked, so innocently, if Virginia was one of the violent states. Violent states? He asked it as if he were asking about a third world country, as if there were hotbeds of violence. While it is true that there are more crime ridden areas in the States, Lindsay and I were still taken aback but also

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Preparing for the unimaginable

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filling the arena with prayer and encouragement. The day before was swarming with savage violence and chaos, yet the following day brought about a tranquil silence that has consumed the voices of an entire community.

The nation watched in silence and horror Monday morning, yet the aftermath left communities everywhere – particularly the students of every college campus – with raised voices. Is the campus of Bryant University – acknowledged as one of the safest campuses in the country – truly prepared for what the students of Virginia Tech underwent this week? The Bryant campus, regarded as a “closed campus,” allows visitors to freely pass in the daytime, keeps their main academic hall open throughout the entire night, and does not have adequate locks on most of their main dormitory doors. Members of every community look on with despair towards Blacksburg assuming it will never happen to them. Is Bryant University vulnerable to such a shocking act of violence?

“As an educational institute, we feel deeply for the pain and anguish at Virginia Tech, and sympathize with their emotional loss,” commented President Ron Machtley. “We need to have a plan that everyone understands and that is well communicated.” Bryant’s first response: a campus wide e-mail indicating that more information concerning a campus-wide drill exercise in the event of a “Code 1” emergency will be forthcoming.

George S. Coronado, Director of Bryant University Public Safety, added “the Department of Public Safety has had an ‘active shooter’ policy since 2001 and the men and women of the Department know how to respond and know their roles. Our officers have also been certified in the Incident Command System which is an all hazards approach to critical incidents. They have been trained to function effectively with local, state, and federal agencies. I have good reason to have confidence in them.”

“Our small size makes it easier to know and see what’s going on. In such a massive environment like Virginia



Ted Richardson/Raleigh News & Observer/MCT

Kenny Thompson (center), a sophomore at Virginia Tech, bows his head during a memorial service on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at Lane Stadium, a day after 33 people were shot to death on campus in Blacksburg, Virginia.

Tech, it is understandable to have difficulties communicating and managing a tragedy” explained Dr. J. Thomas Eakin, Vice President of Student Affairs. But even the most advanced and well-trained security officials and effective emergency plans still cannot always fully prevent one senseless act of one person.

Students everywhere have been affected by the campus massacre, losing friends and colleagues alike. “I think what is important to remember is that, although individuals may not be directly affected by the shootings at Virginia Tech in terms of personally

knowing any of the victims, a traumatic event like this can trigger any history of trauma a particular individual has suffered in the past because it threatens one’s basic sense of safety,” commented Heidi Spruce, Assistant Director of Counseling Services. “It is essential for all of us as members of a community to be aware of and sensitive to this.”

No security system in the world will change what the grief-stricken community of Blacksburg went through last Monday. Those who were lost in the meaningless act of violence will never enjoy another spring day

on campus, will never share a meal in the main dining hall with a friend, and will never trek off to class in the early morning with a roommate. Though they are lost, they aren’t forgotten – not by friends, family, or every community across America. “We sympathize and deeply respect the tragedy of the loss” said President Machtley, “now we must reexamine our own process and be confident in it.” It would seem that, for now, all we can really do is keep those affected by this horrific incident in our hearts and prayers.

Senior nights are back again

By Jaritza Cortes
Campus News Editor

One of the most exciting and important tasks of the senior class committee is to plan senior night events for the class of 2007. Unfortunately for the small group of students who make these plans, one small mistake led to the loss of senior night events for almost the entire year. After much deliberation by administration, the senior class committee is finally able to hold senior night events again.

The senior class committee is made up of students, David Santore, Brittney Kelleher, Alise Elliott, Ashley Lenz, Abby Pacholski, Kim Primavera, and Stephanie Gaudette. When they formed early in the fall semester their plan was to have at least one senior night event every month; that quickly fell through after the McFadden’s incident.

They planned a senior night event at McFadden’s in Providence, a very popular bar for many of the seniors on campus. The seniors were bused to the event, where they enjoyed the night with the company of their classmates and then were safely transported back. According to Santore, the error occurred when the committee forgot to split up into the different buses to supervise the drive back.

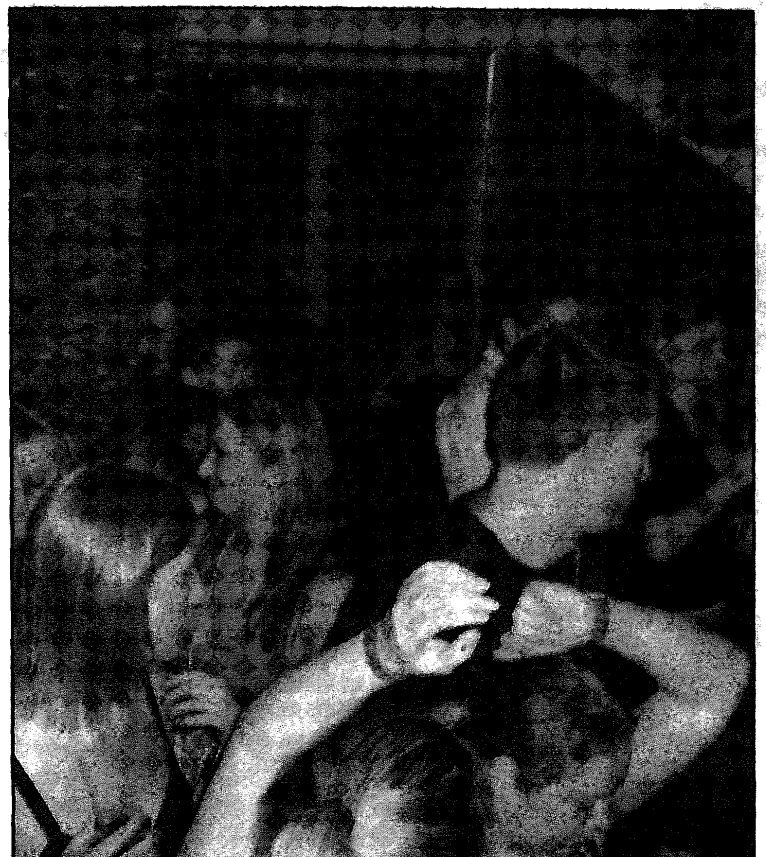
Once the committee members got on one bus, the other bus was left full of eager seniors ready to continue the party. After one outspoken student suggested to the bus driver that they be dropped off at Parente’s, a local family restaurant which many are familiar with, the night progressed eventfully. The bus driver gladly left the students at Parente’s, assuming that there would be no problem with this deci-

sion. The seniors also had no problem with it because it’s just a short walk back to the townhouses from there.

Everything was fine until a serious fight broke out on campus later that night. No names were given as far as who was involved; all that is known is that one of the students was seriously injured and had to be transported to a local hospital. Not only was administration livid about the seniors being taken to Parente’s, but on top of the fight that occurred, they decided to cancel senior nights until further notice.

The senior class committee did what they could to get the senior nights back; they even developed a presentation for administration in defense of their right to have more senior nights. Along with being busy with classes and senior year in general, the committee had to deal with the pressure of possibly not being able to have any more senior nights. After some deliberation, administration decided to grant them their request only if they would agree to host a non-alcoholic event for each alcohol-available event that they planned.

The first senior event after the McFadden’s incident took place last Saturday the 14th in Pawtucket, where they went to a PawSox game which featured an all-you-can-eat barbecue. The most recent senior night was this past Tuesday at Mardi Gras Night Club in Cranston. The seniors finally got to enjoy their first official senior night in a long time. The committee hopes to continue planning more fun events as well as an outstanding senior week.



Courtesy of David Santore

Seniors enjoy a good time at Mardi Gras in Cranston during this week’s senior night.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

EMT CALL EMT Call / Medical Services Rendered
 APR 14 2007-Saturday at 00:50
 Location: RESIDENCE HALL
 Summary: A report of a person bleeding. EMS was activated.

VANDALISM Vandalism
 APR 14 2007-Saturday at 02:12
 Location: TOWNHOUSE
 Summary: A report of a broken window.

EMT CALL EMT Call / Medical Services Rendered
 APR 14 2007-Saturday at 00:45
 Location: RESIDENCE HALL
 Summary: A reported intoxicated male. EMS was activated.

VANDALISM (SCHOOL) Vandalism (School Building)
 APR 14 2007-Saturday at 22:30
 Location: RESIDENCE HALL
 Summary: A reported broken window.

VANDALISM (SCHOOL) Vandalism (School Building)
 APR 15 2007-Sunday at 23:55
 Location: RESIDENCE HALL
 Summary: A reported broken window.

DRUG ACTIVITY Drug Activity
 APR 14 2007-Saturday at 22:55
 Location: ENTRY CONTROL STATION
 Summary: A vehicle was stopped at the ECS for possible drug violations. Two students arrested by Smithfield Police and the vehicle towed.

VANDALISM (SCHOOL) Vandalism (School Building)
 APR 15 2007-Sunday at 23:55
 Location: RESIDENCE HALL
 Summary: A reported broken window.

ACCIDENT (MVA) Motor Vehicle Accident
 APR 15 2007-Sunday at 03:30

Location: TOWNHOUSE ROADWAY
 Summary: A vehicle struck the granite stop sign at the intersection of Townhouse Road and Jacobs Drive

LARCENY-THEFT From Buildings
 APR 15 2007-Sunday at 14:39
 07-04-15-06002
 Location: RESIDENCE HALL 8 70210
 Summary: X-Box 360 stolen from a common area.

MOTOR VEHICLE (DWI) Driving While Intoxicated
 APR 15 2007-Sunday at 21:53
 Location: ENTRY CONTROL STATION
 Summary: A vehicle was seen driving erratically. The vehicle was stopped at the ECS and the driver arrested for DWI and drug possession.

BIAS INCIDENTS None reported

To report a bias incident or hate crime, go to www.bryant.edu/bias or call the Bias Incident Hotline at x6920

Bias related incident – a threatened, attempted, or completed action that is motivated by bigotry and bias regarding a person's real or perceived race, religion, natural origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, or gender status. Examples of these incidents include name calling, offensive language/acts, and graffiti/behavior.

Bias is reported only if investigation reveals sufficient objective facts to lead a reasonable and prudent person to conclude that the offender's actions were motivated, in whole or in part, by bias.

FYIs

* Res Hall brawl at 9pm in the Bryant Center, gather a team of 4 to 6 players. This is put on by Special Events and Bryant Late Night.

* Trip to the Newport Mansions- bus leaves at 11:30am and returns at 5:30pm, tickets are \$5, which includes transportation and tours of The Breakers, The Elms, and The Rosecliff mansions.

* You're invited to the Bryant Jazz Ensemble for their annual spring performances on Sunday April, 22 starting at 6pm in the South Dining hall. Refreshments provided.

* Apply for an Archway position. Applications can be found in the Archway office and are due April 20th.

* Volunteer for the Special Olympics, for more information email Kari Snow at ksnow@bryant.edu.

Sife's Credit Craze

By Daniel Terrell
 SIFE member

In order to have good credit, you need to use smart practices. The second step after receiving a credit card is using it wisely. This article explains some things to keep in mind when making purchases with your credit card.

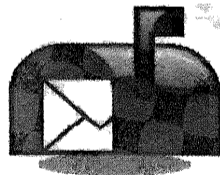
Be careful of cash advance advertisements. Interest rates on cash advances are almost always higher than what you would have to pay on purchases. Usually you start paying interest right after the cash advance has been made, whereas with purchases, you can pay off the bill before you have to pay interest. You are guaranteed to pay interest whenever a cash advance is made. Cash advances are meant to be used for emergencies. It is a better idea to use cash that you already have in your checking account if you can. A better way for you to build your credit is to use the

card to make the purchases and then pay off the total balance every month. Traditional American Express cards make this mandatory for their clients, but have relaxed this rule for their new "American Express Blue" card which allows customers to pay only a part of the principal.

Identity theft is a huge issue in today's society. Many times people with stolen credit card numbers will charge a small amount on a card, and wait a few weeks to see if it goes unnoticed by the owner. This can be prevented by looking over your monthly statement carefully and remembering the charges you made. If you see anything suspicious, make sure to report it immediately.

For additional tips and resources go to: <http://www.smartcredittips.com/index.html>

Important Graduation Information



Register for your Bryant alumni email and stay connected after graduation

Come to Grad Fair on April 25th in the Rotunda

To Pre-register Go to Banner, Personal Information & select Alumni Email registration

If you have any Questions please contact the alumni office at alumni@bryantedu



If you plan on participating in Commencement you MUST attend one Senior Information Meeting. At the meeting we will review what you need to do, where you need to go, and what will happen on Commencement day. After you attend a meeting you must present a photo ID (Bryant ID or Drivers license) to pick-up your rain tickets and name card. Graduates will only be permitted to pick up their own rain tickets. All Senior Information Meetings will last approximately 45 minutes.

Senior Meetings will be held on:

Wednesday, April 25 at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 3:30 p.m., and 5 p.m.
 in Janikies Auditorium

Wednesday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m.
 in the Lecture Hall

Sunday, May 6 at 11 a.m.
 in Janikies Auditorium

On Wednesday, April 25 you are also encouraged to attend the Graduation Fair in the Rotunda from 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. At the Graduation Fair, you will be able to:

Purchase your cap, gown, and hood
(cap & gown purchase will be available until 5 p.m.)

Learn about the Class of 2007 Gift

Sign-up for the Alumni Association

Order a class ring

Leave a forwarding address



SENIORS Graduating Without a Job - Now What?

Monday, April 30
 AMIGA Center for Career Education
 5 pm

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DON'T GRADUATE WITHOUT THIS WORKSHOP!

Women get defensive

By Brigit Clancy
Assistant Variety Editor

Every two and a half minutes, a woman is sexually assaulted. One in six women has been assaulted is a victim of abuse. According to a National Crime Victimization Survey, of all sexual assault victims between the ages of 18-29, two-thirds have had a prior relationship with the rapist. The Bureau of Justice's National Crime Victimization's 1997 Survey reported that sixty-eight percent of the assaults were carried out by perpetrators who knew the victim. A National Violence Against Women Survey reported seventy-eight percent of women who were raped or physically assaulted since they turned 18 were assaulted by a date, live-in partner, or current or former husband. It also reported that only fourteen percent of these women were assaulted by a stranger.

Last Wednesday, April 11th, Bryant held a free self-defense seminar, sponsored by the Office of Health and Wellness Education. The seminar was held twice during the day, once at 11AM and once at 7PM, in order to accommodate more students' schedules on campus.

Instructors from East West Black Belt Academy were on campus to show women how to use their minds as the ultimate weapon and their bodies as the tool of defense. Four mental and six physical principles were used to teach effective self-defense.

The mental principles of self-defense are awareness, confidence, verbal defense, and physical defense. First, awareness means to be constantly aware of your surroundings to

avoid getting caught in compromising situations. In public places, always position yourself to see the most area and activity possible. Second, confidence means that you must keep your eyes up and shoulders back. Walk with purpose and direction. Third, verbal defense means knowing what your comfort zone is. Yell or sternly use your voice first to let a potential perpetrator know if your personal space is being invaded. Fourth and finally, physical defense includes several simple defense moves you may follow to protect yourself. These moves are hands up to block, a push with the palm of your hand, and if possible a knee or kick to your attacker.

The physical principles of self-defense may have varied between the two sessions, but the main moves that are listed above were adeptly demonstrated in both classes. The instructors from East West Black Belt Academy were extremely patient and took time helping each student perfect self-defense techniques.

Concluding the seminar, one of the instructors shared her personal experience in using these self-defense techniques. On one occasion while out with her friends she admitted to not being aware of her surroundings. She had put herself in a dangerous situation and had to defend herself from unwanted attention- using her basic self-defense techniques.

The seminar was informative and empowering. By knowing these basic techniques, the startling statistics listed above should begin to decrease in the near future. The best case scenario for safety is to never put yourself in harm's way.

Did you lose internet last week?

By Greg Hirshorn
Variety Editor

As everyone is most likely aware, a virus has infected some of the computers inside the Bryant community. The virus most likely entered the system on March 26th and began having adverse effects on the system the next day. Some of the more common effects have been slow processing speeds of computers, no internet connection and a buffer overflow issue.

The virus entered through the academic network, which means it may have come through one of the computers in the classrooms. Once the virus had reached one computer it searched for other computers in the network and infected them. The virus could have come from a laptop which had a virus on it originally and then was plugged into the network, or one of the PCs in the classrooms could have mistakenly accessed this virus.

Once the school realized there was a problem they attempted to update the virus software from a central location, which did not work. This meant that every computer on the network had to have its antivirus software uninstalled and then reinstalled individually.

The virus protection has holes in it through which viruses can enter. With the rapid introduction of new viruses it is impossible to stop every virus from

entering the system. There is white listing software that is more effective in limiting virus entry, but the more antivirus programs and similar programs you have running on your system, the more they limit the things you can do with your computer.

If this was found on Bryant computers we would not be able to download any executable programs such as AIM or Google search bar. The cost of these programs is also very high. What Bryant tries to do is provide the maximum amount of security while at the same time making systems usable.

An article in *Network World* says that anti-virus programs may be near their end, based on the rapid evolution of viruses. The flow of viruses can't be contained by self updating anti-virus programs. This is what Bryant was told when they contacted experts and asked for advice in dealing with the virus.

It appears what the virus creators were looking for were CD license keys so they could illegally run programs. We are unsure of what computer brought the virus into the system and with the large number of machines, it is hard to tell. The next step is a "lessons learned" meeting among people involved in Bryant technology. There will be a brainstorming session and senior management will also make recommendations for virus protection in the future.

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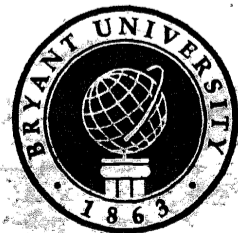


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Study Abroad Spotlight: Beijing, China

Name: Elsa Guzman
Class of: 2008

University: Capital Normal University
Location: Beijing, China
Partner: Through Bryant University
Semester Abroad: Fall '06
Duration: August 28th - January 7th

Reason for going:
Requirement for my major

Best experience/memory:
After being done with school, we went to Sanya, a tropical island in southern China, to spend new years and our last days with friends we made while being in Beijing. After four and a half months of hard work, we were able to enjoy a week on the beach where our days consisted of sleeping, laying out in the sun, and going out at night.

Funny cultural experience:
Every shopping trip we took we were always greeted by happy Chinese salespeople. They called me "beautiful lady" to get my attention and would try selling us clothes, claiming that they were 'original' and of better quality than the shop next door. The best shopping experience was when the lady selling me a sweatshirt thought I was Chinese and sold me the sweatshirt for the price

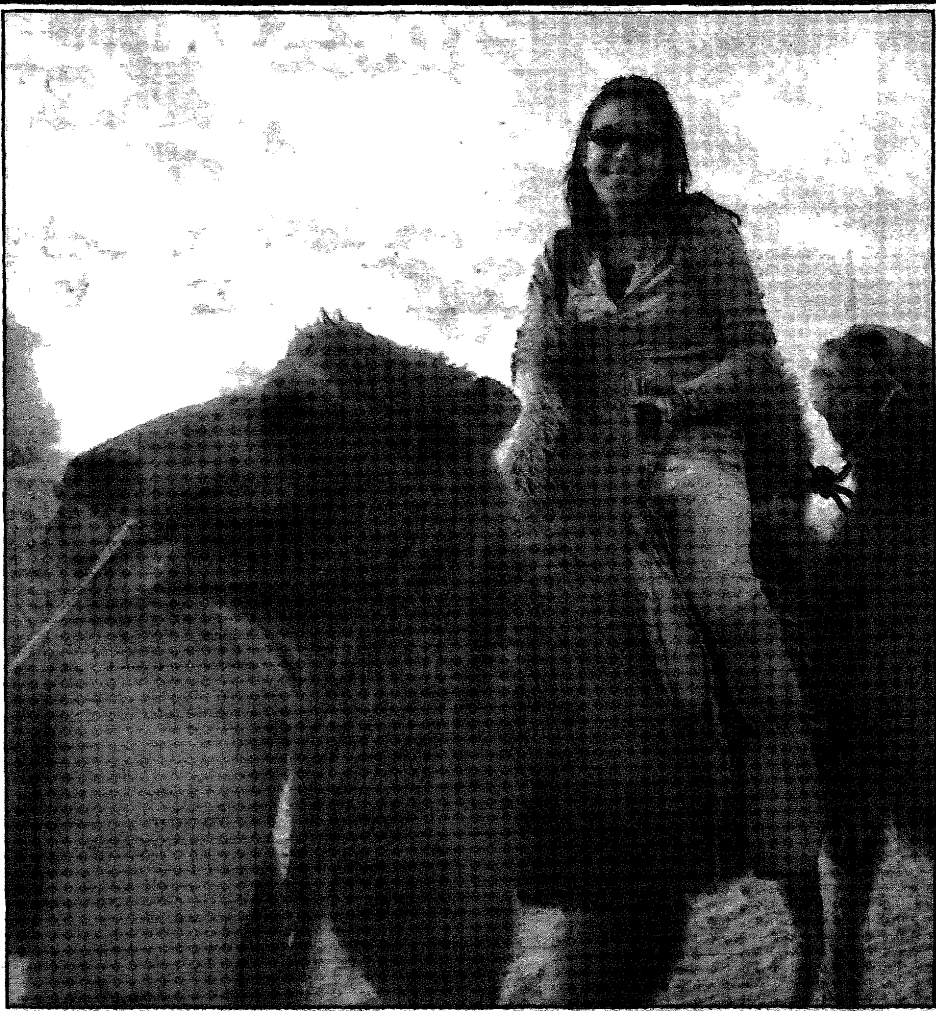
she would sell it to a Chinese person.

How was the school different from Bryant University?
The campus that we attended was for international students, the majority of which were Koreans. We had class Monday through Friday for four hours straight (8am - noon) with ten minute breaks every hour. These were the same classes everyday.

Also, the school cafeteria was nothing like Salmanson. First, you had to get a ticket for however much the food you wanted to eat was, and then you had to fight through a crowd in order to get your food.

How did this experience change you?
To spend five months in China was such a culture shock! I was very changed by this experience. I feel that I now have a different outlook on things and have more tolerance for different opinions.

Would you study abroad again given the opportunity?
DEFINITELY! I wish International Business majors had more flexibility to study abroad more than one semester.



Organization Spotlight: ISO 4th Annual Gala

On the night of April 14th, the International Student Organization hosted its 4th Annual GALA event. This semi-formal with a three course meal took place in the Providence Ball room at the Westin Hotel in Providence. The room was lit up in golden and burgundy colors, decorated with shimmer and Aladdin lamps, which gave you a sense of entering into a glamorous Arabian night.

The GALA event brought together over 200 students, faculty and administrators to celebrate the end of yet another successful ISO year at Bryant University. Throughout the night the participants were engaged in discussions with their peers and faculty members complete with a great meal and a wide variety of music. This enchanting night wouldn't have been complete without its exclusive entertainment in the form of a dance competition performed by our own Bryant students. Three fearless couples competed for a cash prize by improvising exotic and authentic moves to Middle Eastern music. The par-

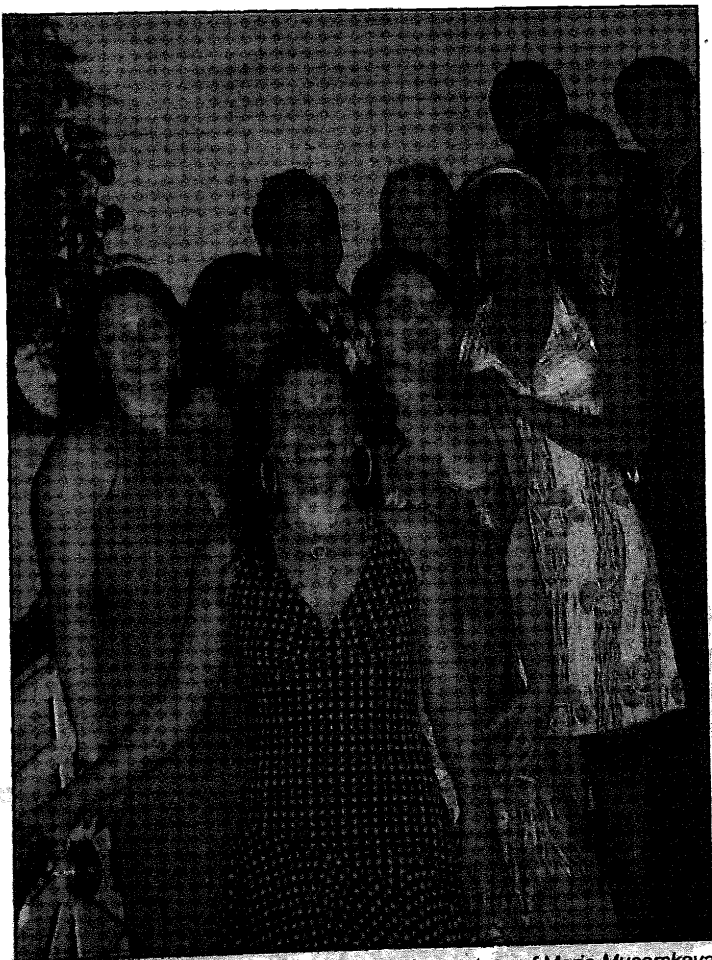


Photo courtesy of Maria Musarskaya

The International Student Organization's former executive board and New Executive Board pose for a group photo.

ticipants of the GALA event were able to have their picture taken to remember this great night. Participants enjoyed a dance party after a delicious dessert.

The International Student Organization recognizes everyone for their support and participation in the GALA event and thanks those who helped ISO make this a successful year.

Intern Spotlight: Joe Atkins, '07

Concentration: CIS
Minor: Marketing & Communications
Internship Site: Fidelity Investments, FISCD, Smithfield, RI
Location: Summer 2006

What did you learn about the profession?

How to apply what I'm learning in the classroom to the corporate world, how the corporate world works and that it was a young culture. Attending department meetings showed me how departments work with each other. I learned how the software application field works

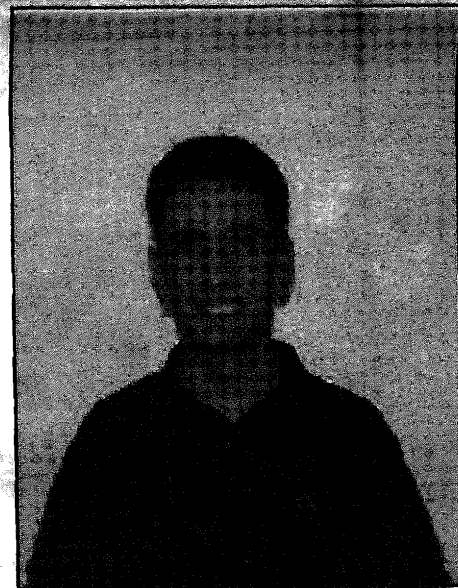
What were your primary responsibilities?
Build a program that would automate their monthly metrics.
Update their SQL database.
Attend weekly meetings.

What did you find most challenging about your internship?

Everything changes; you get something done and then it needs to change again. There were technical areas I didn't know that started out challenging but there was someone to always help me or for me to ask questions to.

What did you find most rewarding about your internship?

The networking contacts that I made. All the technical information I learned from my mentor (Sr. Software Developer).
Having my own office space. One person in senior management told me that he had never had an intern that he didn't make an offer of full-time employment to. Fidelity likes to keep people on after graduation - they gave me a letter of recommendation and then told me that if there was a spot open they would like me



What did you learn about yourself?

Perseverance! I first interviewed for a different job, and then another, and so on - I interviewed for seven jobs before obtaining an internship. So I learned it really pays to stick with it - you feel like you want to give up but you can't. You can get lost in the corporate world so you have to be more forward and be out there and walk up to someone and introduce yourself.

Did you receive compensation for your academic internship?

Yes

Who was your faculty supervisor and what were your academic requirements?

Professor Dave Gannon, CIS. I had weekly reports to submit to Prof. Gannon and then two papers detailing my goals for the internship and a review of my goals, if I met them and what I learned.

The TRUTH is finally revealed

By Stephen Demers
Sports Editor

wavered. He was steadfast in his belief that his players were telling the truth and that justice would prevail. "I said it a couple of weeks ago that I was very confident that justice would be served, and I said that to all the people it applies to. What goes around, comes around, and we're counting on the powers of North Carolina to do that."

Justice certainly did prevail. Besides the charges being dropped, Durham County DA Mike Nifong, who founded the accusations against the Duke lacrosse players, faces ethics charges that he lied to investigators and withheld DNA evidence from the defense. Nobody would fault Pressler if he lashed

out against Nifong and others, but he seems to be at peace with his new coaching position at Bryant.

"Well I think early on I was pretty angry and bitter when I didn't have a job. But a lot of that changed to excitement when I came to Smithfield and was given this opportunity. We try not to live in the past. We're moving forward. Duke has a new coach and a new way of doing things and they're doing well. Bryant has a new coach and we're doing well too."

Moving forward is exactly what Mike Pressler is doing in both his personal and professional life. His wife and children will soon be joining him in their

new house not far from Bryant University. Meanwhile, his team is turning heads in the lacrosse community. Earlier this season they snapped Le Moyne College's 70 game conference winning streak and currently stand atop the NE-10 conference with a 5-0 record.

"I just wanted to coach again. I love what I do and I don't care what level it's at. The (Bryant) guys are playing well. They're awfully fun to coach, and they're buying into the system. We want to be up here with media coverage of what they're doing on the field," he said.

And what Coach Pressler and the Bryant men's lacrosse team are doing on the field is pretty impressive.

Last week the public found out what Mike Pressler knew all along. The allegations against three of his former Duke University players were completely false. "Two days after this happened I knew what the truth was. When you say you believe in someone, you stand by them," said Pressler.

For the last thirteen months, Pressler has dealt with a myriad of attacks against his family and former players. Media personalities such as Nancy Grace and Dan Abrams were quick to target Dave Evans, Collin Finnerty, and Reade Seligmann as guilty young men. Night after night these personalities vented to the American people with their accusations of guilt towards the Duke lacrosse team. These attacks eventually spawned threats towards Pressler and his family.

"There was a rush to judgment by so many different people. We took our hits as a family. I said this early on; we had a pact between us and the players. If they could take it, then my two daughters, my wife and I could too."

It wasn't easy, to say it mildly, for Pressler to stand by his players while so many were quick to rip them. His loyalty towards his players caused him to lose his job and his reputation. Nobody cared about the 100 percent graduation rate of his players during his tenure at Duke. They didn't care about the fact that he was a three time ACC Coach of the Year or the 2005 National Coach of the Year. They only saw a man in charge of what they viewed as an out of control lacrosse program.

Pressler, however, never



Media from all over the region traveled to Bryant to hear the reaction from Coach Mike Pressler in response to the dropping of charges against three of his former Duke players.

Ryan Daley

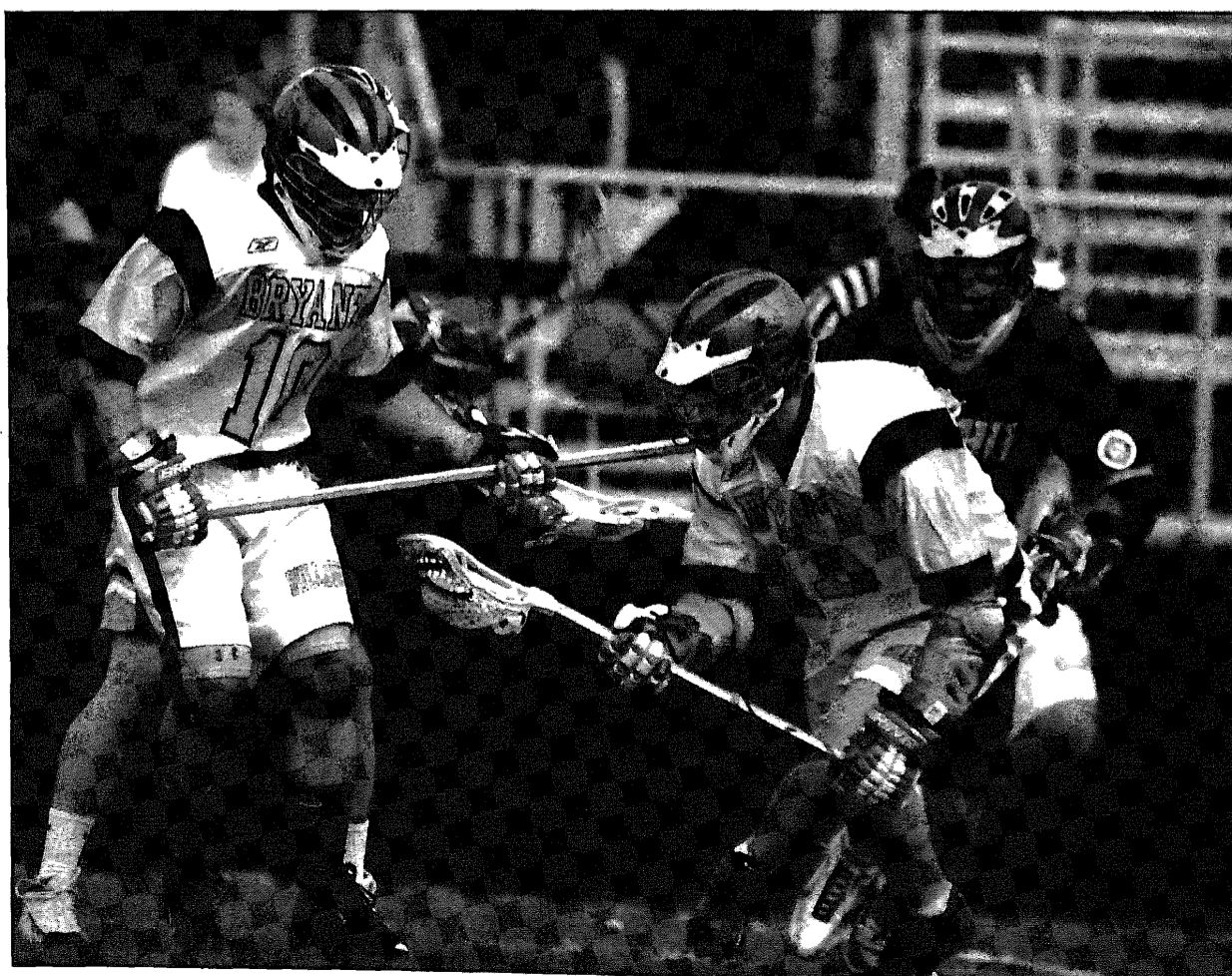
Bulldogs continue winning streak

By Alan Waters
Staff Writer

The Bryant men's lacrosse team had a huge week, winning both games against Northeast-10 conference opponents. On Wednesday, they beat rival Bentley 11-5 and then dominated Franklin Pierce in a 27-8 win on Saturday. With the two wins, Bryant has now won six straight games and is looking very strong as the season heats up. The weather has been cold, but the Bulldog scoring has not been affected. In the win against Bentley, Kevin Hoagland, Matt McKeefrey and Bryan Kaufmann each scored three goals. Goalkeeper Michael Kennedy had 13 big saves to help out in the win. In the matchup against Franklin Pierce, the game was pretty much over as soon as it started. Bryant scored six goals before Franklin Pierce could even get on the board. The 27 goals scored tied the Bryant school record that was set in a 2003 game against Saint Anselm. Bryant had 13 players who scored multiple points during the game, and it gave the starters a chance to sit, as well as let the youth showcase their talent. The week was a very powerful one both on and off the field for the men's lacrosse program. Coach Mike Pressler addressed the media before

Wednesday's game as a result of the Duke University charges being dropped. After the press conference, the team continued its success on the field

against Bentley, not slowing down or losing a stride. Most importantly, they improved to 6-2 overall and a dominant 5-0 in the NE-10 conference, giving them a two game lead over second place Saint Michael's.



Bryant's lacrosse team has been dominating the competition in the Northeast-10 conference.

Courtesy of the Athletic Department

2007 Schedule

April
Fri 27: 4:00 pm
at Southern New Hampshire*
Sun 29: 12:00 pm
at Limestone

May
Tue 1: N.E. 10
Quarter Finals
Fri 4: N.E. 10
Semi Finals
Sun 6: N.E. 10
Finals

Finding success with wooden bats

By David Nelligan
Staff Writer

Wooden bats in college baseball? That is what the Bryant men's baseball team has been playing with for the past five years. Bryant's athletic conference, the Northeast-10, made the decision to switch from aluminum bats to wood for several important reasons. With the use of wooden bats, the games would have a lower score, be shorter in time, and take some emphasis off hitting and add it to pitching and defense.

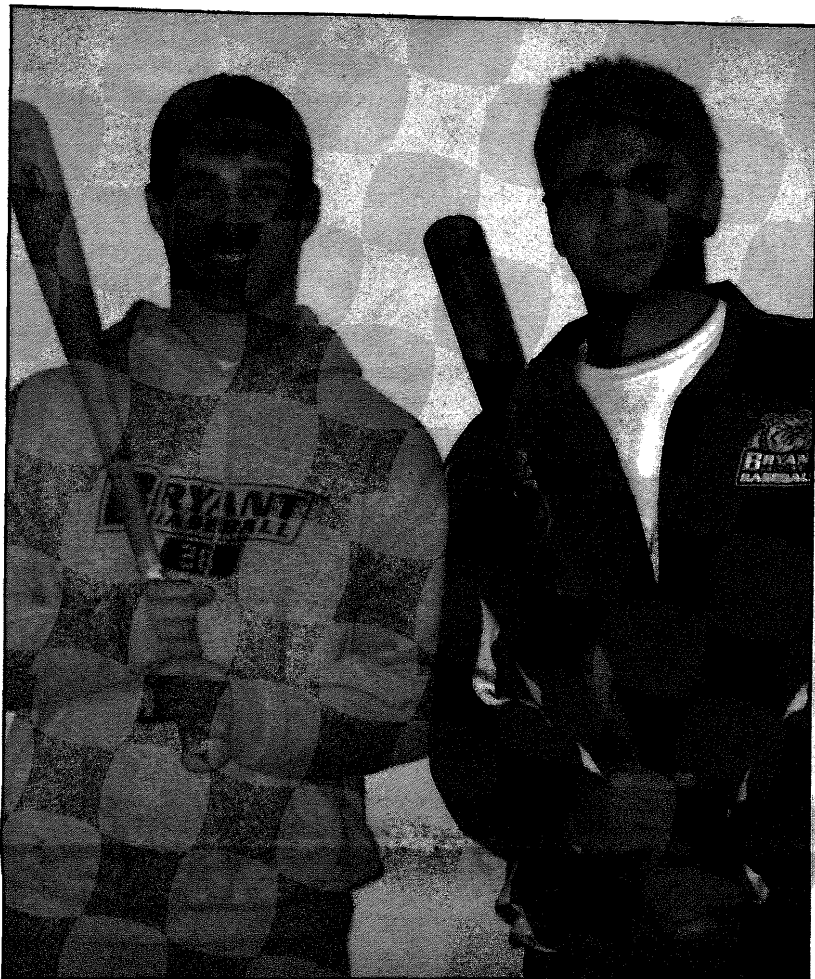
metal and thinks the change has "been great for the league." He suggests other leagues should make the switch as well, which some are considering for the near future. He also explained how the change "brings in better players" because wooden bats are more challenging to hit with. He feels the games are more exciting for the fans, the players, and coaches as well. It leads to more aggressive play (by stealing bases), key hits, and not relying on the long ball to drive in runs. More skilled players are being drawn to this confer-

With the use of metal bats, players were able to hit the ball a lot harder and further than they can with wooden bats. This caused very high scoring games and discouraging outings by pitchers. Pitchers no longer wanted to come to the league only to be dismantled by the power hitters this conference attracted. Since the transition to wooden bats, many skillful pitchers and defensive players are being recruited by Northeast-10 schools. When asked about the move from high school, which uses aluminum all the time, to college, which now uses wooden bats, freshman Dylan Stone said, "It takes a while to get used to, but once you get the hang of it, you feel just as comfortable as using metal."

Aluminum bats are still being used by other leagues, so when Bryant plays a non-league game they use metal bats. These games are played mostly in the early spring season when the team travels to Florida, the Carolinas, and other Southern regions. The team would also have to use metal bats if they advanced to the regional portion of the playoff tournament when they face teams in leagues that do not use wood during the regular season. This does not pose a problem for the Bulldogs due to the ease of transition to wood and metal bats during the season.

The only problem with the use of wooden bats is their life span. The school buys about 100 wooden bats, at sixty dollars a piece, for the season, and each bat only lasts a few games. The school also buys six metal bats for the non-league games which last the entire season.

The coach of the men's baseball team, Jamie Pinzino, prefers the use of wooden bats over



Lauren Cimino

Mark Dondaro and Ben Conn, two of Bryant's elite baseball players, play on one of only a limited number of college programs that use wooden bats in games.

ence for reasons such as those and also to be scouted.

Last year, the Northeast-10 conference alone had nine players drafted to the Majors. Scouts are more apt to attend these conference games for the talented pitchers and field players who have game experience with wooden bats like the professionals use. This can give the scouts a more realistic prediction of how well the players will progress in the future. With better games, better players, and more scouts, there is no denying the importance of wooden bats to the Bryant men's baseball team and the Northeast-10 conference.

Bulldog Bites

Vuolo ties school record in saves

The Bryant baseball team won its seventh and eighth straight games, sweeping Southern New Hampshire last weekend. The Bulldogs rallied for two runs in the tenth inning to edge the Penmen 3-1 in the first game. Pat McKenna hit a ball off the right field wall to knock in the go ahead run. Kevin Cobb threw seven innings of one run ball. Eric Palvani threw two perfect innings in relief and picked up his fourth win of the season. Meanwhile, Adam Vuolo picked up his ninth save. That ties the school record for saves in a season. In game two, Brent Almedia threw a complete-game six-hitter for his fourth win of the season. The Bulldogs won 5-0.

Softball splits weekend doubleheader

The softball team split a doubleheader with Southern New Hampshire last weekend. In game one, the Penmen shut down the Bulldogs for the first five innings. The Bulldogs, however, rallied from a 2-0 deficit in the sixth. Amanda Gagne hit a two-out double to get things going. Jessica Valentini knocked a single and Amanda Wilbur followed up with an RBI single. Alison Chouinard walked to load the bases and Ashley Coon hit a grounder to the shortstop, who mishandled the ball. This put the Bulldogs ahead 3-2 and that's how the game ended. In game two, the Bulldogs faced a 5-0 deficit. They once again rallied to tie the game, but two more Penman runners came across in the seventh. The Bulldogs lost 7-6. Wilbur went 5 of 7 with an RBI. She is hitting .552 in her last eight games with four home runs and 13 RBI. Gagne is hitting .519 in the same span with 9 RBI.

Track & Field looks good at Northeastern

The men's and women's track and field teams had a great day at the Northeastern University Invitational. The relay team of Joe Brennan, Alex Engel, Hafiz Greigre, and Lorenzo Perry took first in the 4 x 100 meter relay in a time of 42.43 seconds. The 4 x 800 relay team also took first, finishing in 8 minutes, 25.65 seconds. The 4 x 400 meter team took second. The women's 4 x 100 meter relay team of Justine Douvandjian, Amanda Early, Stephanie Montagano, and Natasha Stevenson took first in a time of 52.59.

Hafiz Greigre captured the fastest time in the men's 100 meters (10.97 seconds) and the 200 meters (21.21 seconds). Freshman Nathaniel Green took first in the men's 3000 meter steeplechase in a time of 9:58.34. Jen Goodwin finished fifth in the women's 5000 meters in a time of 19:46.70.

Mark your calendars

Men's Lacrosse: Sat, April 21 at Saint Anselm*; Tues, April 24 at Merrimack* 2:00 PM

Women's Lacrosse: Sat, April 21 at Southern New Hampshire* 4:00 PM; Tues, April 24 at Saint Anselm*; Thurs, April 26 vs. Merrimack* 7:00 PM

Baseball: Sat, April 21 at Franklin Pierce* 3:00 PM (DH); Sun, April 22 vs. Franklin Pierce* 1:00 PM; Tues, April 24 vs. Merrimack* 3:30 PM; Thurs, April 26 at Merrimack* 3:30 PM

Softball: Sat, April 21 vs. Saint Rose* 2:00 PM; Sun, April 22 vs. Le Moyne* 12:00 PM (DH); Tues, April 24 at Saint Anselm* 3:30 PM (DH)

Track & Field: Sat, April 21 at MIT 10:00 AM

Men's Tennis: Sat & Sun, April 21-22 NE-10 Tourney at Bryant 3:00 PM

Women's Tennis: Sat & Sun; April 21-22 at NE-10 Tourney at TBA

* - Denotes Conference Game
DH - Doubleheader

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Tiger's legacy tarnished? Get over it

By David Giardino
Assistant Sports Editor

The Easter weekend provided a Mecca of sporting events that even the casual sports fan could get excited about. I, like many others, was glued to the final round of the Masters on Easter Sunday, fully expecting Tiger Woods to make a dramatic comeback after a rough start in his opening rounds. Going into the final round, Woods was over par, like every other golfer on a challenging Augusta course, immensely affected by fast greens and adverse (at times horrendous) weather conditions. As Tiger birdied the second hole on the front nine, pulling ahead of the field by one stroke, everyone – perhaps even the competition – was fully expecting the fist pumps, the birdies, and the chips to within an arm's length of the hole.

And so, the 2007 Masters champion took control of the back nine, imposed his will on the field, and was dubbed with the traditional green coat to accompany his blue shirt and white turtleneck.

Wait, what? Doesn't Tiger wear red on Sunday? He does, the winner didn't. Zack Johnson, the 2007 Masters champ, out-Tigered Tiger on Sunday; the same Zack Johnson who never finished better than 17th in a major tournament; the same Zack Johnson who admits to not even being the best golfer on his high school team. Let the insanity ensue.

The media was abuzz with disappointment over Tiger's weekend performance. *Tiger Woods has never won a major when trailing coming into a final round. Tiger Woods went bogey-bogey to finish his Saturday round. Tiger Woods was two strokes back with five to play and couldn't close the door on some nobody. With the opportunity still in his grasp on 17, Tiger's 2nd shot landed deep in the sand, leaving him cursing the sky, arms up in air. "Hey did you hear? Some nobody just beat the supposed best player on the planet."* Thus the rumblings of Tiger's tarnished legacy drifted across the lips of lack-luster sports columnists, a time-killer used by ESPN in almost every show segment.

Give me a break. So Tiger didn't have the greatest final round. He began the final day at three over par, and ended the day the same way, which won't win you many majors, and is generally

the road to a three-way tie for second. So this wasn't the same Tiger Woods who won tournament after tournament for months, who didn't even need to break out a driver in one tourney to leave opponents in his dust. I guess it's time to rework that swing again, right?

Instead of dwelling on the one rare occasion in which Tiger Woods was actually looking human, why not let some other guy get his moment in the sun? Johnson overcame a first hole bogey to grab sole possession of the lead by No. 14, and never gave it back from there. Even when Tiger looked to close the door on Johnson's consistent two stroke advantage, he chipped to within inches of the cup on No. 16, all but engraving his name on the Masters trophy right then and there. He shot a final round 69, a rarity in a tournament condemned by weather issues and impracticable tee locations. And all the while CBS interviewed the former 1990 Prairie Golf Tour champ (grand prize: \$2500), he thanked just about everyone – even Jesus, who apparently can spare time away from real world problems to aid players in golf tournaments. But as the no-name, even to golf buffs, shared a moment with his wife and newborn baby, and thanked so many people you'd think he'd just won an Oscar – the analysts would continually draw attention back to Tiger and his uninspiring final round.

No offense to Johnson, but he may never win another major tournament in his life; why can't he get his 15 minutes of fame? No, it's about Tiger, about why he was off, how he was so upset he wanted to go to a driving range right then and there, how he lost one measly tournament. Hey, sports media, you're right. In the sport of golf, Tiger is the gold standard. But next time can't we spend a little less time discussing the loser and more time praising the winner? Johnson had plenty of chances to choke and give the green jacket right back to another above-par performer – and he didn't. Give another guy his 15 minutes of fame.

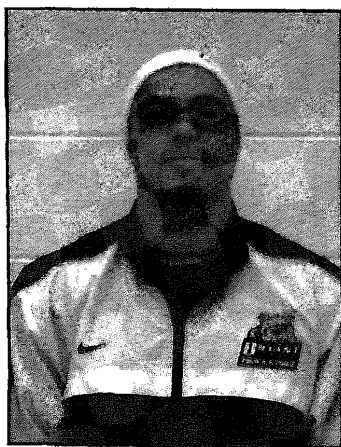
Zack Johnson outplayed the rest of the field on Sunday, and without the names on the scoreboard, there would not have been any drama on the back nine; roll back the tape, and tell me Johnson didn't have this thing wrapped up by the 13th hole. Tiger didn't lose, Johnson won. And since you won't hear much of that in the sport of golf, let me reiterate: congratulations to Zack Johnson, the golfer who truly deserved to win the 2007 Augusta Masters.



Courtesy of MGT Campus

So Tiger Woods didn't have a memorable weekend at Augusta. Why is the attention on his poor performance and not on Zack Johnson's memorable final round?

Top Dogs



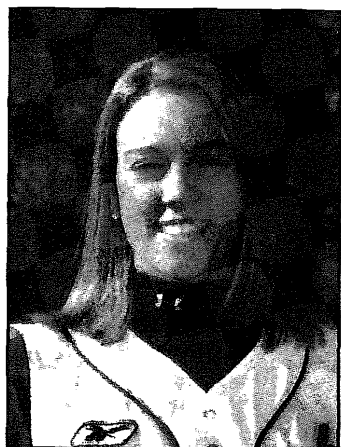
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Hafiz Greigre

Year: Senior

Sport: Track & Field

Why this dog was picked: Greigre won both the men's 100 meters and the 200 meters at Saturday's Northeastern Huskie Invitational. Greigre won the 100m in a time of 10.97 seconds and captured first in the 200m in 21.21. He would later help lead the men's 4x100 meter relay team to a first place finish in a time of 42.43 seconds and a second place finish in the 4x400 meter relay in 3:24.24.



Courtesy of the Athletic Dept.

Amanda Wilbur

Year: Senior

Sport: Softball

Why this dog was picked: Wilbur led the Bulldogs to a 4-2 week with a .571 batting average. She clubbed 3 home runs, knocked in 8 runs and scored 7 more. Her 1.238 slugging percentage led the team. On the season Wilbur is hitting .436 with 6 HR and 23 RBI. She also recently became Bryant's all-time leader in at-bats (522), RBI (105), runs (118), hits (186), and total bases (300).

Women's lacrosse riding high

By Alan Waters
Staff Writer

The Bryant women's lacrosse team has continued their great play during the 2007 season with two more solid wins. They are now 3-1 in the month of April. After suffering a tough loss against Stonehill, Bryant bounced back with a powerful 22-6 win over Southern Connecticut, and then followed that up with a 20-12 win over New Haven. Bryant continues to see great play from their entire offense and has seen great balance throughout. Leading the way in scoring once again is Shaun Leddy, who racked up 15 total points over the two wins, scoring 11 goals and adding 4 assists.

In the Southern Connecticut match up, Bryant saw great distribution in scoring with Lauren Carlisle scoring 4

total points and Amanda Gallant, Ashley Ammendolia and Delia Glover all scoring 5 points each. In the match up against New Haven, Bryant again saw scoring from their usual cast with Caitlin Hansen, Gallant, Ammendolia,



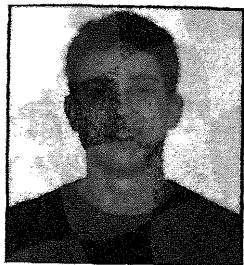
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Senior Shaun Leddy tied her career best by scoring seven goals in a 20-12 win over New Haven.

Glover and Carlisle all adding up multiple points. Chelsea Pettingill continued her great play in goal, coming up with 7 big saves against Southern Connecticut and 2 against New Haven. Bryant has now improved their record to 7-3 overall and is an impressive 5-2 in the Northeast-10 conference, putting them in fourth place as of right now. Bryant looks to add another conference win to the table when they face Southern New Hampshire Saturday at 4 p.m.

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Ho Down: Imus vs. the Hip Hop Top 10



By Greg Hirshorn
Staff Writer

Don Imus was fired for a comment he made on his April 4th radio show when he called the Rutgers female basketball players "nappy headed hoes." The outrage over this incident was tremendous, and it was the first story on most news stations. What Imus said was wrong, but he does not deserve the amount of criticism that he is currently facing from anybody and everybody.

The words that Imus used carry implications and heavy meanings which can be debated as to exactly what he meant by what he said. As I listened to the audio of what Imus said I honestly believed that he had no ill and hateful will behind what he said. It was a lighthearted comment that crossed the line. Those comments are extremely offensive, regardless of the context, and have comment has captured the attention of an entire nation.

Don Imus should still be on the air today and a main reason he is not is due to the actions of leaders such as Al Sharpton. People like Sharpton wait ready to pounce on anyone who makes any kind of racial comment. I do not agree with these comments at all but, Sharpton and like people are only around to point

fingers, blame others, and complain about society only to elevate their own platforms.

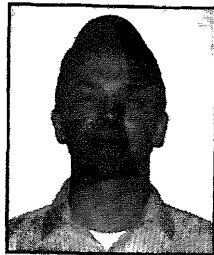
I seem to remember Sharpton himself encouraging protestors during the Duke rape case which was recently dropped. His encouragement sparked groups of protestors to head to Duke's campus, causing property damage and even had people going as far as sending death threats to Duke lacrosse players. These innocent players had to deal with unbearable criticism all because it fit the race-obsessed agenda of Sharpton. The lives of these players were made worse due to the encouragement of good old Reverend Al.

Don Imus' comments may have offended some of the Rutgers basketball players but he did nothing to incite others to use physical or emotional violence towards these women. I would be shocked if any of these athletes even listened to Don Imus on a frequent basis, which is a different story entirely. As opposed to the actions of Sharpton, Imus did not encourage people to take wrongful action against a group of people.

If Don Imus was not fired in this situation he could have had some positive, long term impacts, but instead people were too quick to jump on Sharpton's bandwagon, calling for the head of Imus. A dialogue could have taken place between Imus and the black community discussing important issues on the airwaves. Now that he is jobless, Imus will not get a chance to have any dialogue with the community to talk about the root cause of the issue at

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The Daley Soap Box: Separate and Unequal



By Ryan P. Daley
Opinion Editor

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Two hundred thirty-one years after Thomas Jefferson revealed these words, we still live in a world full of oppression and outright bigotry. It was not until 1865 that we first gave blacks the freedom they deserved, 1870 we first allowed blacks to vote, 1920 we first allowed women to vote, and 2004 when only one state, Massachusetts, first allowed same-sex couples to become married. Sure, we are making some progress but there are some major obstacles: neo-con bigots stuck with the mentality of Neanderthals sitting in caves scratching their armpits and banging rocks together.

The question of civil same-sex marriage is not over politics at all; it is over language, or so some may make you think. The religiosity of the term is what offends most opponents of civil same-sex marriage, so they advocate for civil unions, citing marriage as a social and religious institution traditionally and conventionally between a male and a female only. They also tout the lines that a family needs a father and mother fig-

ure, and to deprive children of these childhood development necessities is abuse. Furthermore, we hear that the government has no interest in recognizing same-sex couples because they do nothing to help perpetuate society (a hypocritical argument of those in support of civil unions). These bigots assert that marriage cannot be between same-sex couples, so in order to make things fair, same-sex couples deserve civil unions, which are ostensibly the same. They are not, and there is absolutely no foundation in the contemporary argument against civil same-sex marriage.

A marriage is not the same as a civil union. According to GLAD and the U.S. General Accounting Office, a marriage grants more than 1,000 state and federal benefits whereas a civil union grants merely 300. A civil union is not recog-

nized federally nor does it have to be on the state level outside of the granting state. Unlike in marriage, gifts and inheritances are fully taxed, and partners of a civil union must file their federal tax returns separately.

In addition, partners in civil unions cannot receive veterans or social security benefits upon the death of a partner. Marriage is recognized around the world and with it comes unequivocal legal rights, reciprocal obligations, and protections; civil unions do not have any of this. The argument for civil unions and against civil same-sex marriage is inherently an argu-

ment for separate and unequal institutions in our society.

The argument that homosexual couples deprive their children of the necessary developmental guidance from a paternal or maternal figure has no ground either. Some studies have shown that both a male and a female figure are important for a child, but plenty of children mature to lead a 'normal' life after growing up in a family with same-sex parents. Children may even be better off in families with same-sex parents; most studies indicate that children with same-sex parents are more tolerant, kind, and accepting of other people, even as early as the pre-school level.

If the "a family needs both mother and father" were a legitimate argument, then what are we to do with families consisting of single parents?

"The argument for civil unions and against civil same-sex marriage is inherently an argument for separate and unequal institutions in our society."

Homophobes would make you think kids without a father figure will grow up to be deranged, but you'll never hear any of them advocate for relocating children from single parent homes into foster homes. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates 31% of all children under the age of 18 live in single parent homes and

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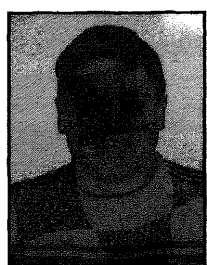
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Kennedy Uncensored: Fighting the Culture War



By Brian S. Kennedy
Assistant Opinion Editor

Perhaps you have experienced this: you are in class and the professor makes an off-color political comment that has nothing to do with class material. Sometimes it is horrendous enough to force you to object, other times it isn't worth disrupting the class further. This experience is not nearly as rare as it should be, and examples of recent abuses of this authority have been well-documented. A few examples: Jay Bennish's anti-american and Zionist conspiracy rant in his social studies class, Sally Jacobsen taking her class and tearing down a university approved pro-life display because it didn't jive with her views on abortion, and Steve White, 8th Grade science teacher who used his class to show an anti-Bush film. There are even those in academia who believe if you support the war, but have not served in Iraq or the military, you are a hypocrite and a coward.

While the War on Terror is pivotal to America's existence, a less obvious and less violent war occurs in our own county, of which the incidents above are battles. That war is the Culture War, and it is extremely convenient for liberals in the Culture War to have all conser-

vatives serving in the military, far away from the college campuses where they indoctrinate students. They will argue, of course, that no such Culture War exists, just like they argue that the War on Terror is "Bush's War." They will argue you are simply making excuses not to put your ass on the line. They do this while they sit at their desks with their tenure, free from the effects of the real world our parents, older siblings, and soldiers have to deal with every day. They will pontificate what their political opponents should do to be patriotic lest they be hypocrites and cowards, all while placing no requirements on themselves.

Here's an idea, how about if you oppose the war you have to quit your job in academia or stop going to college and become a full-time protestor for Code Pink or ANSWER? Oh sure, it's a huge time commitment, the streets of many major cities are fairly dangerous, and it pays considerably less than an ivory tower career, but if you think this is an immoral war set up by George W. Bush that does nothing but create widows and kills young people, don't just sit there and say "I oppose the war" get up and do something about it! Otherwise you too are cowards and hypocrites who are simply afraid to be associated with openly communist and insane anti-war elements that are just "fighting the good fight" against "this illegal and immoral war."

The Culture War is a pivotal concept to understand. If there is no Culture War, a professor's attempts at

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liberal indoctrination in class are nothing more than offbeat political commentary. "People your age are dying for Bush's War," "there are now 3800 widows due to the War," all become personal expressions of opinion with no real effect or purpose. However, because there is a Culture War I prefer to be called a hypocrite and a coward for not serving in Iraq instead of having the rest of the class be fed another heap- ing helping of propaganda that otherwise would have resulted without my presence.

The point is while the War on Terror is central to America's physical survival, the Culture War is pivotal to America's cultural survival. The Culture War can be summed up thusly: feminists, multiculturalists, and anti-war elements are actively abusing the authority of their position as professors or the administration of various feel-good "centers for the disenfranchised" to make off-color political comments logically acceptable to students on campus. Conservatives are actively fighting this indoctrination on campus, either through media organizations or groups on campus. While it is not a problem at Bryant, many universities have speech codes that amount to little more than restriction of any speech that does not fall in line with the administration's political agenda.

The College Republicans down the road at URI are

having their funding cut off by an overreaching student senate that did not like the content of their satirical WHAM (White Heterosexual American Male) Scholarship. The \$100 "scholarship" was designed to highlight the inherent racism in real scholarships that are made available not based on need or merit, but on skin color, sexual orientation, or ethnicity. In addition to the removal of funding, URI's Student Senate is also demanding a Senate approved apology to be featured in their student newspaper and demanding an event outline that the Senate must approve before the URI CR's can hold any events. This is commonly known as "fascism," but fascism is tolerable when it is politically correct feminism, I suppose. No wonder feminists viciously attack pro-lifers in America while they espouse cultural relativism for Muslim nations. Women's rights are only important in a politically correct cultural context, therefore execution of homosexuals and denigration of women is perfectly fine if it happens in Iran, but opposing abortion rights in the US is a horrendous abuse to the sisterhood.

Racist. Bigot. Homophobe. Hateful. I've been called all manner of things for either supporting conservative causes or attacking liberal ones. It has been said that I "don't get" many things which liberals support. Observe "The Vagina Mono-

logues" and the reaction it incited: nine people responded with at least three different interpretations of The Vagina Monologues' purpose. Apparently its supporters "don't get" it either, since they all seem to have a different idea of what it stands for. Why dredge that up again? It is part of the Culture War, of course. If I'm going to spend time supporting or denouncing anything in my column, it has to be important enough to warrant my attention. The most serious purpose for the Vagina Monologues is that it stands opposed to violence against women. Therefore I went to the play, took notes, and critiqued how it handled that very serious topic based on its content. If I thought it was just about "celebrating female sexuality," creating shock value, or telling women's stories I wouldn't have bothered. All of those issues have varying importance to people, but violence against women and the relationship between men and women is relevant to everyone. Fighting the Culture War means you have to take stances that are unpopular; it means you have to gore a few oxen and be personally attacked, but it is a war that needs fighting nonetheless.

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sad culture. Sky News was covering it around the clock because they didn't have anything more important to report; none of their citizens were being killed in an unjustified war, no one was embezzling money and no one was getting murdered. Instead, the focus was on the sad state of America. My heart goes out to all those affected by the tragedy at Virginia Tech, whose lives were stolen and whose lives were ruined in a flash. But I also implore our nation's people to think about why incidents like this happen. What role is the media playing? The war? What can we do to change and how fast can we do it, because the longer we wait the greater the death toll will be next time.

were calling in experts and talking about the United States with such a disappointed and unsurprised air. It made Lindsay and me really think. It was the first time we had ever experienced such an event from the outside looking in. We started to see how the rest of the world views the United States. We hear it all the time at home but it is different being on the other side. We tried to make sense of it all, while trying to make things clear to our Irish roommates. We tried to explain that the shooter was probably unstable or that something was behind the act but they could still not understand what place the violence had in all of that. Neither could Lindsay and I. All we could see was that America really is such a violent and

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hand. These conversations could have been on the air making some serious headway in race relations.

Another thing I looked at was the hip hop music top 10 songs and 9 of those 10 songs included the words 'hoes' or 'bitches'. Congratulations to Akon with Bone Thugs N Harmony for producing the song "I Tried" without using either of those two words. If these words are that offensive than they shouldn't be as prevalent in society as they are today.

I do understand that the

context of the statements differ between Imus and rap artists who put out albums. A person who makes these comments on a talk radio show should be judged more harshly than a performer using those words in a song. My question is, just how much harsher should he be judged? Is firing Imus appropriate when steps toward an interracial understanding can be made with his voice still on the air for everyone to hear? Instead of making some actual progress after the comments all we have is a lot of angry people who don't like Imus.

DSB: Marriage

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over 10% of all households are single parent homes. There has to be a line drawn somewhere. Controlling society and prohibiting that which is not 'normal' is fascism. It is not the government's job to regulate every social relationship and only provide marital benefits to those of who are biologically capable of increasing our population. To deprive certain social groups of specific rights while granting them to others is simply unjust.

It is illogical to say that only heterosexual couples deserve the benefits of marriage because they perpetuate society. Homosexual couples have the same, if not greater ability to perpetuate society. A homosexual male couple has the same ability as a heterosexual couple to adopt children. Homosexual female couples have this same ability, but also the ability to procreate twice as much as a heterosexual couple.

How do the naysayers feel about couples facing the common problem of infertility? Infertility affects nearly one in four couples. Does this mean that they do not deserve the right to marriage simply because they are biologically inferior to a heterosexual couple who have no procreation problems? We might as well make couples sign, at the time of receiving their marriage license, a contract with the government to pledge reproduction or loss of all marriage benefits, according to this logic.

Same-sex families are not a social experimentation. Homosexuality in pederasty and Sapphic love dates to the seventh-century BC. Same-sex couples have been fairly commonplace in society for over a century, and since our society has become more tolerant and accepting in the past few decades, same-sex couples have raised families, even without state protections granted to heterosexual families through a marriage license.

Sadly, there isn't much sanctity left in marriage. That's no excuse to discount it, but the religiosity it once had is no longer associated with it as a state institution. Expert studies conclude that between 40 and 50% of all marriages end in divorce. All four of the states who offer either same-sex marriage or civil unions are in the Northeast - the region with the lowest divorce rate according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Massachusetts, the only state with legal same-sex marriage, even

has the lowest divorce rate in the entire country. Of course, civil same-sex marriage is far too contemporary to conclude what effect it has on divorce rates, but the fact that the states with the lowest divorce rates is highly correlated with the those who offer same-sex couples the most benefits is certainly very interesting. So is the fact that the most vocally anti-gay states in the Bible Belt who hold the title for the highest divorce rates might think about reassessing what they preach about family values and the sanctity of marriage. (Should I also point out that those Northeastern states also have the highest level of education in the country while those Southern states have the lowest? Nah, that wouldn't be fair; it has nothing to do with this argument.)

Marriage may have started as a religious institution, though it was a social arrangement that created the household and family, a place for childrearing, economic production, and familial care and affection. Marriage is not the prerogative of the heterosexuals. Attuned for our times, it is an institution recognizing the union between two people, regardless of sexuality or gender. Civil same-sex marriage doesn't ask any religion to recognize its sanctity. What it asks us is as a society to recognize that two people of the same sex are perfectly capable of raising a family and therefore deserve the same rights and benefits given to a heterosexual couple, and to be free of the current restrictions placed on same-sex couples by civil unions. Any argument against civil same-sex marriage is completely fallacious.

The homophobes, bigots, and fascists espousing, through archaic logic, nothing but hatred in their constant aggressive maligning of social groups which don't share their doctrines, want to restrict homosexuals from an institution to which they have every right. The antebellum attitude of the neo-cons is disgraceful to the US Constitution, whose 14th amendment mandates "No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." Live and let live.

Looking In

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embarrassed. Lindsay and I explained that "no," Virginia, or Blacksburg for that matter, were not considered to be "hot beds" of violence. From there, the discussion started rolling from American culture and gun laws to campus safety and personal experiences. Mikey was really interested in what Lindsay and I had to say on the matter but also seemed as lost as to why something like that would happen. Paul, on the other hand, thought he had it all figured out; that Americans were violent people and that "everyone" owned a gun. The British news, in the background, treated it like a sports cast, reporting the latest death toll like another rugby score. It was very unnerving. They

The Opinion pages of The Archway feature the opinions of the identified columnists and writers, which are not necessarily those of the newspaper or Bryant University.

Letters to the Editor:

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to Brian Kennedy's article, "Pacing Moral Relativism," that was published on April 13th. I disagree with many of the points that Kennedy makes about homosexuals, and specifically homosexual marriage. When talking about what makes someone gay he states "If the only thing that makes you gay is having sex with the same gender exclusively, then essentially the homosexual lobby is asking us to approve of government benefits for any two consenting adults to get it on." It does not seem as though he did much research on what being homosexual means; having sex with someone of the same sex does not define one as being homosexual; it is the mere fact that one is able to fall in love with someone of the same sex that differentiates and defines someone as being homosexual. One cannot decide whether or not one wants to be gay and also cannot send a homosexual to a psychiatrist and think that it will turn them heterosexual. Kennedy also says that "race is something you cannot change" and that being homosexual "is more ambiguous," however just because one cannot see that someone is gay on the surface, does not mean that it is something one can change. Also, in a society where it is not yet considered part of the norm, why would someone chose to be gay?

Our society portrays certain norms such as men are better at sports; just because being homosexual is not what people are used to does not mean that it is wrong. If one was gay, would you want someone to tell you that you cannot be happy with someone just because they are the same sex as you? That is depriving those homosexuals of being completely content with their life, and I am sure if the government forbade him of doing something, he would want equality just as they do. He makes it seem like homosexuals are only homosexual because they want to "get their jollies on," when that is not the case at all, and I think that he should try to talk to a homosexual in order to broaden his viewpoint on this issue so he is not so narrow-minded about the subject.

He also says that children "deserve a mother and father" and "role models don't cut it" but what about those children who have foster parents, only one parent, or aunts and uncles as parents; foster parents are technically considered "role models" because they are not related by blood, so he shouldn't just say that he only thinks homosexual couples will cause psychological harm to the children. In every mix of parental units in a family, there will always be those who cause psychological harm, regardless of whether there are a mother and father or not.

If he wants to talk more about this issue, he can come to a Bryant Pride meeting held on the third floor of the Bryant Center, every Tuesday at 6pm.

Jenna Coates
Class of 2009

Dear Editor,

I am writing in reply to Brian Kennedy's outrageous article concerning General Pace and his portrayal of homosexuals in the armed forces. First off, let me say as a military dependent of a father currently serving in the U.S. Air Force, I have known men and women who are, as Mr. Kennedy stated, immoral because they have homosexual relationships and I have seen first-hand the open discrimination they sometimes face even though the official military policy, and you can quote me on this, is "Don't ask, don't tell". This may seem like an effective policy, except that since the military officially "doesn't want to know" about sexual orientation, they do not care if individuals are discriminated against for it. General Pace's remarks are the tip of a discriminatory iceberg that has been well-hidden in today's military, and Mr. Kennedy spouted off his "moral crusade" about a topic which he obviously knew nothing.

But this aside, how dare anyone even use the terms "homosexuality" and "immorality" in the same sentence. Moral relativism will always exist in our society because, and I'm sure some may be shocked to hear this, we don't all have the same morals, so there is no "right" way to live. Politicians in Massachusetts who are pushing legislation to have certain books as part of a curriculum are not "forcing homosexuality down your throat" they are attempting to educate children at an earlier age about alternative, yes I said it, forms of lifestyles, an education that would probably have cleared up much of Mr. Kennedy's confusion. If we formerly considered transgender people crazy, as Mr. Kennedy stated in his article, yet we now embrace them for who they are, how can you call that a waste of tax dollars?

In my personal opinion, becoming a more intelligent, sensitive, and accommodating society is never a waste of money. I'm sure Mr. Kennedy would much rather have his money spent to further this "moral crusade" he seems to be leading, but unfortunately the rest of the country and the world does not think the same way as him. In closing, I believe many should go take a look at our own Declaration of Independence and strongly contemplate why we, as Americans, have the right to the "pursuit of happiness."

Ryan Smith
Class of 2009

Words of Wellness: Take Charge of Your Health!



By Jen DiPrete
Staff Columnist

On Tuesday, April 10, the Office of Health Education offered a workshop on stress management. Unfortunately, attendance was not high. Other workshops and programs on fitness, nutrition, and men's and women's health were presented throughout this semester prior to the program on stress management. Sadly, once again, the turnout was lower than expected. I find it all very confusing.

Men ages 15-35 have the highest rates of testicular cancer, one in four people has a sexually transmitted infection (STI), and cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death for Americans. Tobacco use is the number one cause of preventable death for Americans, closely followed by overweight and obesity. While genetics may play a role in some of these illnesses, many can be controlled with lifestyle behavior modification. In other words, making the correct choices about YOUR health is in YOUR control.

Why do individuals binge eat? Binge drink? Use tobacco products? Most people I have encountered give a similar response: "I'm stressed out." Stu-

dents I have spoken with seem to think their unhealthy habits will mysteriously vanish once they graduate from college because they "won't have as much stress." Ah, if only it were that easy. Stressful events in life happen regardless of age and one's place in life. The type of stress and its origin just changes.

In addition to the stress management program that took place on Tuesday, April 10, the Wellness Councils of America (WELCOA) named Rhode Island the first Well State in the country. WELCOA focuses on building Well Workplaces and is dedicated to the health of employees at both small and large businesses. I was at the Rhode Island State House on April 10 with Bryant colleagues for the announcement and celebration led by Governor and Mrs. Carcieri. Twenty percent of the workforce in Rhode Island is employed in organizations that have earned the designation as a "Well Workplace." Bryant University and its employees are included in that figure.

Okay, so why does this matter? Upon graduation (whether it be this May or three years from now) many will be entering the workforce. Employers do not want to pay health care costs for unhealthy employees, especially if the health conditions employees are being treated for can be prevented by making better lifestyle choices. If we have to look at this from a bottom line perspective: a healthy employee is a present employee, a present employee is productive; productivity is good

for business. As a result, profits are increased. An employee that is absent because of chronic bronchitis, treatment for emphysema and asthma due to tobacco use, costs a company in more ways than one. The total health care price tag in the United States is now nearly \$2 trillion a year. Projections suggest the cost may increase to \$4.3 trillion by 2012. Between 95% and 98% of spending is for treatment of disease and illness. No more than 5% is spent to prevent illness (Wellness Councils of America, 2005). In order to control the frightening cost of health care, we need informed, motivated, and accountable citizens.

Bryant is an educational institution preparing individuals to do their best in their chosen profession and in life. While attending co-curricular events on the latest business trends is important, one's overall sense of well being is equally crucial. Exercising and eating properly isn't just about looking good. The numerous decisions you make throughout the day, week, month, etc. impact your level of well being. Strive to "claim your education," and attend presentations to enhance yourself as a whole. As busy as everyone is, I encourage you to take some time to treat yourself well. Please take advantage of the FREE workshops on health and wellness that are available to you throughout the school year. Be PROactive, not REactive.

Be well!

Observations

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New E-mail for Seniors?

The other day Bryant had a front page feature on a new e-mail system for seniors. Keeping in line with Bryant's "most connected campus," the link led to an error page. Is there a new e-mail system or is this a late April Fool's Day joke?

Choked up over chalk

How much do we pay for tuition and why isn't there enough chalk in some of the classrooms? Not a big deal... we were just wondering if anyone else noticed.

Have a Heart?

11 million people died in the Holocaust. 3200 undergraduate students attend Bryant University. 27 people attended the Holocaust remembrance ceremony on April 18th in Papitto. 10 were students... Now that's apathy so thick you could cut it with a knife.

Congratulations, Professor Camp.

Congratulations on your 2007 Distinguished Faculty Award. You certainly deserve it and you're much missed by us and the rest of our community. In the spirit of your award, we would like to offer some advice for your retirement: In the words you concluded your final lecture after 34 years at Bryant, "Don't take any wooden nickels, and keep the faith." Salute!

Do you like reading "Observations?" Think you've got some good observations of your own? E-mail suggestions to archwayobservations@gmail.com. We'll be compiling an end of year collection worth skipping your finals for.

Do you have an opinion? If so, submit a Letter to the Editor or join *The Archway's Opinion staff*. Email archway@bryant.edu

Bulldog Reviews: Aqua Teen

By Michael Pickowicz
Staff Columnist

Here's a movie I've been waiting a long time for. It's the film whose promotions not only caused a panic in Boston, but also got the head of Cartoon Network to resign his position. That movie is none other than "Aqua Teen Hunger Force Colon Movie Film for Theaters." Now, those crazy food items are back and ready to cause more comedic chaos, big screen style.

"Aqua Teen Hunger Force" is an animated comedy that follows the ongoing adventures of Master Shake, a milkshake, Frylock, a side of fries, and Meatwad, the transforming ball of meat. While it's difficult to describe the plot of this movie, I can basically say it involves an ancient piece of exercise equipment, the Aqua Teen's origins, Time Traveling Lincoln, star swipes, and an evil slice of watermelon.

If you've never cared for "Aqua Teen Hunger Force" the show, I find it hard to believe that you'll like this movie. This movie makes no sense whatsoever. For fans of the show, myself included, this is one of the best attributes of the show. Also, this movie includes so many inside references to the show, it would almost be impossible for anyone unfamiliar with the characters to follow along.

The "Aqua Teen Hunger Force" movie retains all the same funny jokes that the show has. That being said, this movie is insanely funny and is easily on par with the humor of the first few seasons of the series. For those who are unfamiliar with the series, here's a

quick test: Do you find blasting kittens out of plasma cannons to attract woman funny? If so, this movie's for you. Returning are some fan favorite characters including Carl, the Plutonians, the

expect from them over and over again. While still funny, it makes you wonder if [Adult Swim] could have easily made this into a direct-to-television movie and saved us the eight bucks.

If you're a fan of the show "Aqua Teen Hunger Force," you will love this movie and know what to expect from it. It's easily some of the best humor the show has put out. None of it makes sense, but that's its appeal. That said,



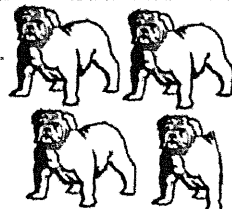
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Mooninites and, my personal favorite, The Cybernetic Ghost of Christmas Past. Their interactions with the Aqua Teen crew are as hysterical as always, providing conversations that go nowhere and mean nothing. Also, fans can look forward to most of the series' "loose ends" being tied up during this movie.

While I did find the movie great, I did have some complaints which seemed to damper the film. First of all, the movie is far too long. One of the best aspects of the television show is that it's simply 15 minutes of random humor. Here, we get over 90 minutes worth. While it remains funny throughout, I find this type of comedy is better in small doses. I also found the movie to be too held back. No risks are really taken in the movie, as characters act just how you would expect them to act in a normal episode. Everyone spouts the usual lines you would

is brought to the table, as it feels like an extended episode. Also, even the most diehard fans may find the length hard to handle. While "Aqua Teen Hunger Force" plays out like a long television episode, this is in no way a bad thing for fans who have grown attached to their favorite fast food object's brand of wacky, random and tasteless humor. This movie receives 3 1/2 Bulldogs out of 5.

This Movie earned 3.5 out of 5 Bulldogs



Alan & SPB: The Joint Adventure Stand Up Comedian Eric O'Shea

By Alan Waters
Staff Writer

Yet again Alan was able to take some time out of the day and, thanks to SPB, get some laughs in. Once again he was not let down the slightest. Eric O'Shea came to Bryant last week, and as the College Comedian of the year for 2007, he did not disappoint. He was able to use his natural A.D.D skills, something that we all have in college now-a-days, and yes, I did just call it a skill.


I mean come on, who other than college kids today can be watching television, playing XBOX 360, listening to some music, talking on the phone, and oh by the way, studying to make our parents proud? Okay, so maybe the book is just out for looks, but seriously, A.D.D is not as bad as it is made out to be and Eric O'Shea can sure make it work. He combined his material with a natural ability to make everyone laugh -- something Eric says "keeps things going" -- and many comedians struggle with this. Eric believes "you need to have enough material for people to think about and then add in some call back references along with some ADD." In his mind that is how he keeps the crowd laughing and interested in the act, and it worked. Eric O'Shea has been in the business for over 14

years and loves performing in front of colleges, having done so for over 10 years now. He has been on VH1's "I love the 70s" along with small films dealing with comedy. All of this experience has one thing in common, laughs. Though he had many good reference jokes, he was able to use the crowd to his advantage, playing off every person that walked in late, especially a guy who strangely laughed at a cat, and a guy in the front row that just could not help but shake his arms violently while laughing.


There were some great parts but I have limited the best to three in my mind: 3) His Elmo impersonations, which by the way have had over 700,000 hits on break.com. Now I do not know whether it was funny that he could do it or whether it was sickeningly good. 2) This one was tough. I was really debating it but the song parody took number two, it was great. It was the first time I had seen something like it and man was it funny. Even my buddy Mike was cracking up after holding it in the whole show, and when he laughs trust me, we all laugh.

Finally, the top moment for me, which actually made me cry laughing, was his Family Guy impressions. They were priceless, not to mention the fact he went through the whole family, but each one got better as he went through. By the end, much to the


Horoscopes




Scorpio
Gentle memories can lead to many peaceful dreams. Pay attention, while you're sleeping, and discover new treasures.
10/23 -




Sagittarius
Put more of your imagination into your work for a while. Your suggestions will be appreciated and could lead to financial success.
11/22 -




Capricorn
While you're out there, having fun, also do some shopping. You can find a deal or two worth bragging about.
12/22 -




Aquarius
Pay the bills before you take off on your weekend adventure. If you don't, you may not have enough left to do it on Monday.
1/20 - 2/18




Pisces
You're the calm and steady one this time. Help the others cope. It's OK to offer advice now, too, even if unsolicited. You're thinking more clearly than most.
2/19 - 3/20




Aries
You're in the enviable position of following your own plan. This allows you to make changes quickly, which will be required.
3/21 - 4/19




Taurus
Tell a person you've loved forever exactly how you feel. You can do this with flowers or cookies, but words work better this time.
4/20 - 5/20




Gemini
Tell friends you'll see them another time. If you're not sick enough to stay in bed, pretend you are. This counts as preventive medicine.
5/20 - 6/21




Cancer
You've had a rough few weeks, but you made it through. We know you survived. Cause you're reading this column. Consider yourself a winner.
6/22 - 7/22



Leo
Don't buy toys or romantic gifts. Infer that you're out of money, even if you're not. You'll be able to get a better deal soon.
7/23 - 8/22



Virgo
Collect your check and go shopping. You've waited long enough. The prize when you've mastered deferring gratification is, guess what?
8/23 - 9/22



Libra
Be obsessed with details. As you get them tidied up, you become more confident. It's amazing how that happens.
9/23 -

crowd's beckoning, he proceeded to knock his imaginary walker and speak like the old creepy guy on Family Guy, and man were we all creeped out, but in a good way. I mean if that is possible, because if it is then we were.

Overall the show was great and Eric had nothing but good things to say about SPB and their advisor Meredith. "Meredith is great; it is always nice to work with fun but professional people." That can be said about the whole SPB team, which in my mind keeps getting better each week and keeps bringing better events as well. So until next week, Be good, and if you can't be good, be damn good at it!

Taking Back Sunday thrills at Tsongas

By Dave Giardino
Assistant Sports Editor

The city of Lowell, Massachusetts is just a bit louder now - pun intended - because of the commotion at Paul Tsongas Arena on Friday, April 6. A city more known for its mills and an arena more known for its sporting events were home to high-octane drumming and blazing syncopated riffs that Friday night. The basement band that began as a complete unknown quickly turned into a household name with their newest album, "Louder Now," which conveys more energy and life than their previous two albums - "Where you want to be" and "Tell all your friends" - combined.

Many alternative rock bands' vocals are just not as good live as they are on their albums - Taking Back Sunday is certainly an exception. Adam Larazza and Fred Mascherino, lead vocalists for TBS, kept energy levels high and the crowd rowdy throughout the entire set. The band opened with one of their smash hits off their new album, "Liar (It takes one to know one)," and stirred the crowd into a frenzy of mosh pits and crowd surfing. Mark O'Connell excited the crowd throughout the set with powerful, riveting drum solos, improvising beyond just what was laid on the album track. The set included Taking Back Sunday's most popular songs - the aforementioned "Liar," as well as "Up Against," "Cute without the 'E' (Cut from the Team)," and "MakeDamnSure," which was the encore and finest song of the night.

The track list, full of TBS' more popular songs, seemed to exhilarate and entertain an audience of predominantly teenagers and adults no older than 25. Many bands, including the likes of Fall Out Boy or The Starting Line, will play primarily older and less-known songs, as if to make a tribute to their days in the underground and "the fans that were with us from the beginning." Yet, Taking Back Sunday skewed from this

popular technique, and in doing so, produced a more quality, entertaining concert.

The band only slowed it down briefly with some acoustic performances that showcase Adam Larazza for what he truly is - not just screamer, but a phenomenal vocalist. The sound quality, particularly in an arena not built for the punk rock concert, was superb, as was the lighting. The band played off the atmosphere of a pumped-up crowd from the very beginning, and never lost an ounce, taking short times between songs even when equipment changes and tune-ups were necessary, a tribute to TBS' attention to detail.

The few weaknesses came mostly before Taking Back Sunday even came on stage - their openers, Armor for Sleep and Under Oath, did little to excite or stir up the audience. Armor for Sleep, the first act, seemed to sleep through their set list, and though Under Oath certainly did their best to wake up the crowd, their irritable screaming did little to entertain an unresponsive audience. The floor that couldn't squeeze another body onto it for TBS was basically left unpopulated for the opening acts. For a concert that costs over \$30, you expect the main band to bring along some superb entertainment. Many times that price will get you multiple, well-known bands. After all, the 2006 Nintendo Fusion Tour brought together Fall Out Boy, The Starting Line, Boys Night Out, Motion City Soundtrack, and Panic! At the Disco, for around \$25.

The one weakness in the TBS set was its length - or more so how the band introduced their songs. Larazza began to announce TBS' "final songs" about midway through the set. Though the band produced multiple encores, it seemed as if they were a bit rushed to leave Lowell, Massachusetts that evening. Yet overall, Taking Back Sunday played a riveting, powerful set that rocked Paul Tsongas Arena and all who dared to be caught in its mosh pits that Friday night.

Spamalot gets rave reviews

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Winner of the 2005 Tony Award for Best Musical, Monty Python's *Spamalot* tells the legendary tale of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table and their quest for the Holy Grail. *Spamalot*, a hilarious musical, is based on the '70s cult comedy classic *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*.

Spamalot is a parody of the tale of King Arthur and his Knights' quest for the Holy Grail with an added comedic musical twist. In *Spamalot*, King Arthur is given the magic sword Excalibur by the Lady of the Lake. He later searches for members to join his Round Table, which eventually includes Sir Lancelot, Sir Robin Hood, and Sir Galahad. The King and his Knights then go in a roundabout search for the Holy Grail. They soon deduce that the grail that they are searching for may well be within themselves.

Throughout the musical, there are several humorous moments. One in particular is when they come upon a French castle, guarded by obscene and abusive sentries. The Knights conceive the notion of building a large wooden rabbit, much like the famous Trojan horse, to break in to the French castle to find the Grail. The plan seemingly works for the Knights, who stood outside of the castle walls with the large wooden rabbit, only to realize that they should have been inside of the rabbit before it was taken beyond the gates. The French guards add much of the comedy during these scenes by yelling obscenities and acting immaturely throughout the encounter with The King and his men. Later in their quest, the Knights come in contact with a fuzzy bunny who they believe may hold a clue to the Grail. Sending in one of the Knights to try to coax the bunny from its spot, Arthur and his Round Table watch as the bunny bites the head off of the Knight. In shock, the Knights realize that this was no ordinary bunny, but a killer rabbit. The King and his followers momentarily grasp the notion that in their quest for the coveted cup things are not as they appear to be.

All of the actors and actresses in the show were exceptionally talented singers and dancers, but in my opinion, the star of the show was the Lady of the Lake. The Lady of the Lake is conceived as a Diva longing for the limelight. Her vocal range was impressive. She could jump from over the top dramatic to perfect operatic all the while impersonating a variety of Diva archetypes. Also spattered throughout the show are spoofs on other established plays that are used as comic relief. The show's final song ("Always Look on the Bright Side of Life") is performed as a group front and center stage. The audience is encouraged to sing and whistle along with the cast.

Spamalot is a refreshing comedy about a quest for the Holy Grail. This musical has to be one of the most enchanting tuneful shows to come along in quite some time. *Spamalot* is a must see for all those who are looking to find their Holy Grail.

Buon Alimento: Via Via

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Considering we broke the Archway bank last week with our trip to Mill's Tavern, we thought we would take it easy with this week's food review and find something more accommodating to the college student's budget. We visited one of Providence's finest pizza places, Via Via, located off Thayer Street on the east side of Providence. While reading this article, keep in mind that two of the toughest pizza critics are offering their opinions (it's tough to please a native New Yorker with pizza).

Atmosphere - Via appears to be one of Providence's best kept secrets, in that there never seems to be more than two or three people in there at any given time, even on a weekend night. Overall the atmosphere is uninviting and lacking in any sort of welcoming aura. The dining area seems poorly maintained and we recommend avoiding

the rest room unless you really have to go. Via could have charm considering its rich geographic location, if they would just put some effort into decorating.

Food- While we've only ordered from the pizza menu, we don't really recommend trying anything else, as pizza is really what Via is known for, and the other menu items don't seem that appealing. Via has a wide range of toppings from pepperoni to pesto chicken. Having frequented Via on many occasions, we have found that the pizza is consistent in its good taste. The pizza is prepared in a brick oven, giving it that unique flavor and a perfectly browned crust. Some of our favorite pizzas include, lasagna, BBQ chicken, pesto chicken, and sausage and green peppers.

Service- You're not going to Via to be served, you're going to stuff your face with pizza. Except the fact that you are going to a pizza place and there isn't much service involved. It did become slightly awkward when the guys behind the counter

started yelling at each other when they were making our pizza. We really weren't sure what to think, so we didn't say anything. We were, however, impressed by how much one of the employee's voice sounded like Turtle from the HBO show *Entourage*.

Price- Via is a little on the expensive side considering it's just a pizza place. A small pizza will cost you approximately \$10. A large pizza will cost you \$16-\$18. While we recognize that it's not the cheapest pizza in town, it's still worth the price.

We feel that Via Via is a great place to go for pizza on the weekend. It is definitely worth taking the trip to Providence. It may not be the nicest place we have reviewed but we promise you that the food will make up for all the negatives we have discussed. There is no excuse to not make it to Via because, in Junction fashion, it is open until 2am on weekends. We would go as far as saying that we would match it up against any other pizza place in Rhode Island.



Why is it a fire hazard for students to park in, what is left of the circle in front of hall 1, for a half hour, but not a fire hazard to pack in 10 of the construction worker's trucks in that small area all day?! I believe a fire hazard is a fire hazard no matter who is doing it.

~Lauren Godish

As of right now, the remaining parking spots outside of Hall 1, where the "half circle" once was, are now all fair game. At the beginning of this school year, this was not the case; as the Department of Public Safety was originally asked to keep the area open for the ability of construction vehicles to enter and exit easily. Eventually the spots became more convenient for the construction workers to park in, so they started to park there. These spots are not considered a fire hazard because they exceed 20 feet from the building. The workers park three vehicles across by three deep, leaving people blocked in. More recently, it was concluded the spots are now available to everyone. This was due to an incident with a student's car being towed from the area. After the student presented his case to the Department Chief, George Coranado, they concluded the parking rules should apply equally to all. The student was reimbursed for his troubles and now the spots are open to anyone. The only problem Chief Coranado expressed was the potential for students to be blocked in by construction workers. In the event of it happening, Public Safety will take no action. Essentially, students park there at their own risk. It is not a fire lane so you won't get a ticket, however you might not be able to leave. My suggestion is to stick to the allotted parking spots around campus and there won't be any problems whatsoever.

-Email ALL QUESTIONS TO askjoedoe@gmail.com
-I accept any and all questions both about and not about the campus.
-Inappropriate questions might not make the paper but will be enjoyed!
-Questions do not have to be signed, however I strongly welcome people to take pride in the question.

Thanks for your questions ~Joe Doe

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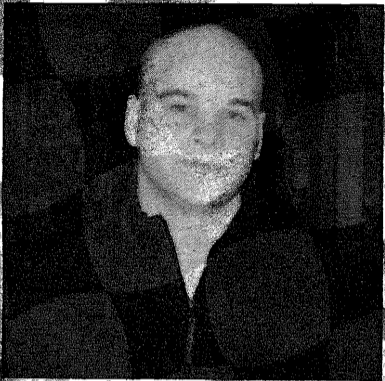
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Students Speak Out

Do you feel safe at Bryant?



"There is an image of safety here at Bryant but it isn't actually as safe as it seems."
Rob DesMarais '09



"I feel safe here at Bryant. Unfortunately, tragedies can't always be prevented, but I think Bryant has a safe environment."
Beth Schlatterer '07



"I feel really safe here with the faculty and students. There aren't many problems and when there is DPS is always there. I even feel safe walking around at night because it is such a small community."
Alicia Coleman '09



"I feel pretty safe because there is only one way in and one way out. It is a small school so if there was a shooting we would notice."
Mark DeMelin '10



"I feel really safe at Bryant. I transferred here from a big school and the security was nothing compared to Bryant. The fact that you can only sign in one guest at a time and checking cars as they come in makes me feel safe and comfortable."
Christine Lasota '08



"I think it is pretty safe because of where we are located and there is only one building so it is much easier to keep track of where people are located."
Lindsay Tatelman '08



"I'm pretty safe because of how DPS is at the boot and their presence on campus, plus we are rated one of the most safe campuses."
Adam Vuolo '08



"Given the size of the school and the amount of DPS patrolling, I feel safe. There are cameras all over the place and the regulation of guests on campus makes it much safer."
Nick Leger '08