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Bryant survives flood of '07

By Tracey Gant Campus News Editor

Ever wondered what it would be like to not have water for 12 hours? Bryant University students experienced that this past Sunday when a water main broke. The campus began to flood near the Bryant Center and the water was building around one drain on the strip outside of hall 16. Students surrounded the area wondering where the excessive water was coming from and why it had occurred. DPS immediately came to begin work on cordoning off the area and found that they needed to call a crew in for repairs.

Around 5 p.m. when students were coming back to campus from the weekend or getting ready for dinner the flood began. By 8 p.m. students had no water and some were left stranded in the shower, shampoo and all, waiting for water to come back on. Trucks and tractors appeared relatively quickly and were digging up pavement to find the broken line. The crew could not shut off the water mains and therefore worked with the water pouring out until they were able to figure out how to fix the problem.

Water continued to grow as it rushed toward one drain outside on the strip between Hall 14 and Hall 16 and built up around four or five cars. This damage was severe, and repairs went late into the night as the crew shined lights on their work and braved the cold. The crew was not done until nearly 4 a.m. after major construction to a pathway connecting the Bryant Center, Unistructure, and various Halls.

Some students went to the Unistructure to use the lavatories since there was no water in their suites. Others needed to brush their teeth before bed so they filled containers with water from other buildings and returned to their suites. All halls were lucky since there was no flooding, but the



Lauren Cimino

DPS cordoned off the surrounding area on Sunday when a water main broke outside of the Bryant Center. For more flood pictures, please go to www.bryantarchway.com

Bryant Center did have some flooding, which was cleaned up as soon as the situation was assessed.

Water came back on late that night, but some of the townhouses were without water because of their placement on campus and where the water was flowing from. Students joked about the flood of Bryant University and it was one of the more eventful things that has happened on campus in a while.

Introducing Atka the Artic Wolf

By David Nelligan Staff Writer

Last Friday, November 10th, the Wolf Conservation Center visited Bryant University to promote wolf awareness. The presentation was put on by the science and technology department in Janikies. The WCC "promotes wolf conservation by teaching about wolves, their relationship to the environment, and the human role in protecting their future." The center even brought a wolf by the name of Atka that they walked up and down the aisle for everyone to see. Atka is a 3 year old arctic gray wolf that has lived at the conservation center his entire life. Atka helps the center to try and educate people who may have negative feelings about the animals, thinking they are dangerous and vicious which is opposite to the truth.

Wolves in the wild are not dangerous to humans and have such a keen sense of hearing and smell, they will know a human is in their territory and run away long before a human can even see a wolf. Wolves also provide a very vital role in the ecosystem. As a high member in the food chain, wolves keep the population of

animals such as deer and elk down by consuming the sick and weak. BY keeping the deer and elk population

down and keeping them on the run, vegetation has the ability to grow back to its full potential that the deer and



James King

At a program sponsored by the Science and Technology department, the Wolf Conservation Center brought Atka the Artic Wolf to promote awareness of the environmental benefits of wolves. For more pictures from this event, please go to www.bryantarchway.com

elk have been eating. Wolves also help feed the scavengers of the land such as

birds by leaving the carcasses of their kill for the birds to pick clean. With the birds being fed, other animals such as squirrels and rodents can flourish because they are not being constantly hunted. This pattern of growth will continue throughout nature all because the wolves have come back to roam the land. The center also teaches about wolves in general like the fact that they used to be populated all over the country until the government tried eliminating all wolves by hunting them. Also, wolves live between 6-8 years, grow between 80-120 pounds, and are related to coyotes, foxes, and dogs.

One of the WCC's main goals is to boost the wolf population in the U.S. by raising and reintroducing wolves into the wild in federally designated areas that can sustain a wolf population. Currently the only wild wolf packs that have been discovered are in North Carolina, but with the help of the conservation center, hopefully within the next 10-20 years the wolf population will

be much larger.

Seniors get a taste of New England

By Greg Hirshorn Variety Editor

On Friday November 9th there was a fundraising event for the class of 2008. This was the first major fundraising event for the class; they have also held a "pie an RA" fundraiser which was successful. This fundraiser was themed 'Tastes of New England.' A large tent was standing in the N-block townhouse parking lot and inside the fun took place.

Students had the chance to buy admission tickets online before the event took place, but there were also tickets available at the door for ten dollars. The admission ticket included three alcoholic beverages and all you can eat New England themed cuisine. There was a very nice selection of both beers; such as Magic Hat, and Newport Storm and wines associated with the New England area. The food at the event also had a New England flavor as corn chowder; crab cakes, shrimp and other traditional dishes were served.

This opening event gave the senior class gift committee a chance to address the seniors in attendance regarding the issue of the senior class gift. The topics of donations and ideas for the gift itself were addressed. Students were told that they should talk to members of the gift committee and let them know if they have any ideas for a gift that they would like to see given by the senior class.

Several members of the administration were in attendance at the event including President and Mrs. Machtley. President Machtley spoke to the class about making a lasting impact on Bryant so that the class of 2008 will be remembered at Bryant even after they have gone on to graduate.

The goal for the year is for the senior class to raise a total of \$25,000. Motivation was given to the class of 2008 when the announcement was made that if the class could raise \$5,000 in the month of November then that amount would be matched through a special alumni fund. Friday night alone the class raised \$7,125 giving the fund raising effort a fantastic start. An additional \$1,000 would be

given by the trustees if the senior class can achieve 15% of the class, about 120 students, to participate in the fundraising effort.

Seniors have the option to make a pledge at this point in time or make a pledge over the course of five years. The gift will be presented to Bryant at the class' 5th homecoming reunion so people can donate to the fund up until that point in time.

Other senior fundraising events are taking place as well, like the senior event that took place this past Tuesday when seniors had the

chance to buy a bus ticket to a surprise location for the evening. Attendance was high as the two buses that left Bryant were both very close to selling out.

The overall feeling was that the event was a success, as it introduced students to the gift committee and allowed for everyone in attendance to have a great time in the process. Senior class gift chair Michael Oliveri commented that, "We have already reached our initial goal of \$5,000, and now need to

Joe Domaney

Malory Harvey, Amanda Jarvis, Meg Hauck enjoy the Senior Class Gift event last Friday.

work on getting the participation up."

Many more events will be coming up in the near future to raise money for the senior class gift. The fundraising is still in the very early stages, but it can be seen through the involvement of the committee and the entire senior class that the necessary funds will be raised in order to give back to Bryant for years after the class has gone on to graduate.

NACA recognizes Bryant with three awards

By Taryn Beaudoin Copy Editor

From November 1 to November 4 members of the Student Programming Board (SPB) along with members of the Center for Student Involvement (CSI) staff attended the

ment (CSI) staff attended the NACA conference in Hartford, CT. Over 250 schools participated in the event from all over the Northeast. Through interaction with other universities, staff, and entertainment businesses, the participants were able to attain new ideas for the upcoming semester. Besides new ideas, Bryant also brought back three awards from the conference.

So, what exactly is NACA? NACA stands for the National Association of Campus Activities. Since 1960, it has grown to become one of the nation's largest collegiate organizations for campus activities. The goal of the organization is to create an atmosphere where students can network and exchange information about programming. While providing this service, NACA values the development of student leaders and the productivity of their entertainment programming. Through participation in the conferences, Bryant members have gained knowledge and contacts that aid the future success of campus programs and events.

Throughout the conference, participants engaged in day-long activities. The mornings consisted of Education Sessions where participants chose six or seven sessions to attend. These sessions were geared toward professionals and students ranging from basic programming to techniques on how to advise students. After a mid-day break, participants moved on to afternoon events. These contained presentations of different acts, including comedians, bands, and other programming events. This gave the students and advisors a chance to experience events first hand in order to determine if they would like to see them again on their own campuses. There was also a marketplace where SPB members could network with agents and performers to gain discounted prices on events for next semester.

When the students were not partici-

from a luau party to diversity lunches with Caribbean food. "This allows students to come together and experience culture through a meal" says Lindsay. John Lindsay has recently accepted the role of Conference Coordinator for next year's Northeast



Courtesy of Meretdith Morris

The Student Programming Board poses for a photo after winning the Excellence in Programming Award for the second year in a row and the Student Leader Award won by David Georgantas.

pating in activities or watching presentations, they were interacting in special events with themed dinners and socials. Bryant's very own Director of the Center for Student Involvement, John Lindsay, was the coordinator of the Special Events Committee. Mr. Lindsay has been participating in NACA for over 10 years and says "every year gets better and better." The theme of the conference was "NACA Northeast Cruise: Next Port - Programming!" Lindsay and his committee planned events that ranged

NACA conference, which will be held in Hartford, CT.

After the weekend activities, the Bryant representatives received three awards. The first award was the Excellence in Programming Award. SPB took the award for the second year in a row which, according to Lindsay, is a rare occurrence. The award is self-nominated and then selected by a committee. The finalists then give a 15-20 minute presentation on their activities which are voted on from there.

The award was given to Bryant's SPB

for their outstanding programming organization.

organization.

The other two awards were received by two individuals in the Bryant community. Both individuals were secretly nominated for the particular award requirements. David Georgantas won the Student Leader award. This award recognizes the contributions of the region's undergraduate leaders who make an impact within their organizations. Meredith Morris, advisor to SPB, claims that "David really deserves the award. He is an amazing asset to the group and does a lot of behind the scenes work that make a difference." David's hard work ethic and leadership have made a positive impact on the progress of SPB this year.

The second individual award, the David A. Ross New Professional Award, was given to CSI's Meagan Sage. This award recognizes an individual who demonstrates commitment to excellence in service to their college or university and NACA Northeast. Meagan has been involved with NACA both as a student and professional. Her leadership and integrity have made a positive impact within all the organizations she advises. "I'm truly honored to have received this award," stated Meagan. "NACA is an organization I have volunteered at for the last eight years and one that I hold very dear to my heart. Being recognized by this organization means a lot to me."

By participating in the NACA conference, SPB has brought back many ideas and performers for the upcoming semester. These include comedian Rob O'Reilly, musician Jason Levasseur, and NBC Phenomenon's magician Mike Super. There will also be a new event called the Adult Circus that includes juggling and mind reading. The Archway team is excited to hear about all these events and congratulates SPB, David Georgantas, and Meagan Sage for a job well done.

Who will be the next president?

By Steve Demers Assistant Sports Editor

A group of 30 faculty and students with diverse political opinions gathered last week to discuss issues surrounding the candidates running for president in 2008. The discussion was titled, "Are Americans ready for a

president?" and was sponsored by the Bryant Republicans, Bryant Democrats, The Alliance for Women's Awareness, Bryant Pride,

MSU, the Political Science faculty, and the Women's Stud-

ies Program. For the first time in United States history, someone other than a white male may be elected to the White House. Women and minorities have run for president in the past, but this upcoming election marks the first time that a candidate from either of these groups has a legitimate shot at winning. Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama currently lead the Democratic candidate field by a large margin.

A recent poll by Newsweek magazine showed that

86% of registered voters said they would vote for a woman president if she was qualified and won the party nomination. An even larger percentage, 93%, said they would vote for a black or African American candidate. Many students in attendance, however, believe that Americans want to appear open-minded to pollsters, but would actually be narrow-minded once in the voting booth.

This assertion is backed up in the Newsweek poll. Only 55% of registered voters believe the country is ready for a woman in the White House, and 56% believe that the country is ready to elect an African American.

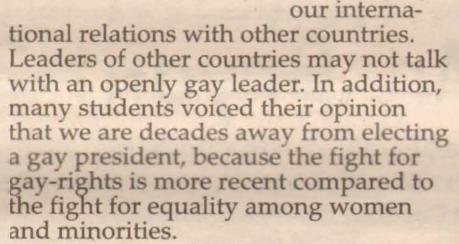
Participants in the discussion also brought up the idea of the country possibly electing a president that does not

believe in God. The general consensus was that the country would never elect an atheist, because the general public opinion is that atheists do not have strong morals. The concept of morals is one that many Americans cast their vote upon.

Students in attendance also believe that Republican Mitt Romney will have a difficult time getting elected, because of his Mormon faith. Americans typically associate the religion with racism and polygamy. The Newsweek poll results show that only 34% of registered

voters believe the country is ready to elect a Mormon president. Sixty-six percent of registered voters, however, replied that they personally would vote for a qualified Mormon.

The discussion group also raised the possibility of an openly-gay president. The topic generated a wide range of opinions and raised some serious questions. Students mentioned that even if America voted for a gay president, this may end Courtesy of MCT Campus up changing



Throughout the 90-minute discussion the opinions among the faculty and students varied, however, the enthusiasm for politics was unswerving. The Political Science department plans additional forums and discussions as the 2008 election approaches. If you would like more information, you can contact a Political Science professor.



By Maddie Archambeault Staff Writer

Bryant Students in Free Enterprise (SIFÉ), a group dedicated to allowing students the opportunity to utilize their knowledge of the business world outside Bryant, are currently working on a project to provide Rhode Island youths an opportunity for success.

SIFE teamed up with the Rhode Island Training School of Cranston (RITS) to develop a vocational program which will help these juvenile students transition into the real world upon their graduation. The students are currently in the process of restoring portable diners which is teaching them the skills needed to become successful in business. SIFE has been working diligently this year to teach students at the RITS the skills needed to restore and run four portable diners as well as helping to raise the funds necessary to launch and make a new business profitable.

These portable diners have about 10 stools, a counter, and a small kitchen. They are attached to a truck and mobile. This year SIFE began work in September by going to the school and teaching the students about business practices and entrepreneurship so that they will be able to better understand the components of a successful enterprise. The New Hope Coffee fundraiser this past week has helped a great deal in raising the funds necessary to get this project underway.

money to fund this project, RITS must raise all of its own funds. As a continued effort to raise the money to fund the whole project, Sophomore Lauren Rafferty organized the New Hope Coffee fundraiser to jumpstart the funding, raising over \$300 for the project last week. At the coffee table, bags of New Hope Coffee, a brand roasted by a local company, New Harvest Coffee Roasters in Pawtucket, RI, sold out, and left SIFE taking orders for later distribution. Combined with a donation from a redevelopment firm, this fundraiser greatly helped to raise awareness of the project and raise money for the project itself.

Because the purpose of these diners is to help the kids that graduate from RITS without a place to go or a job to support themselves, all the money raised returns to them in the form of completing the diners and gaining resources to make them successful.

The sale of coffee benefits them monetarily but, it also raises awareness of the diners around Rhode Island. SIFE also had a booth at the Scituate Art Festival, selling over 200 bags of coffee.

Events like these are a vital part of a continuous effort to let people know about the goals and projected benefits of the diners for both the community as a whole and the individual juvenile students.

The diners should be up and running in the next few months, selling New Hope Coffee and employing graduated juveniles from the Rhode



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KEEPING HEALTHY DURING THE FLU SEASON

Avoid poorly ventilated areas Avoid close contact with people who are sick Wash hands often

Keep hands away from eyes, nose, and mouth

Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing

Cough and/or sneeze into your elbow, not your hand

Avoid tobacco smoke

Avoid alcohol

Sleep 7-8 hours each night Eat well-balanced diet

Seek medical attention if you become ill

SYMPTOMS OF FLU

Symptoms of flu include fever (usually high), headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, and muscle aches. Gastrointestinal symptoms, such as nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea, are much more common among children than adults.

SPREAD OF FLU

Influenza viruses are spread when a person who has the flu coughs, sneezes, or speaks and spreads virus into the air and other people inhale the virus. When these viruses enter the nose, throat, or lungs of a person, they begin to multiply, causing symptoms of the flu. The viruses can also be spread when a person touches a surface with flu viruses on it (for example, a door handle) and then touches his or her nose or mouth.

A person who is sick with the flu can spread the virus and are contagious from one day before developing symptoms to up to seven days after getting sick. Children can be contagious for longer than seven days. For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/flu

If you are ill, call Health Services at 232-6220 to schedule an appointment. Health Services is open Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. When Health Services is closed call the Department of Public Safety at 232-6001 for an emergency medical technician (EMT).

Beware of MRSA!

By Betty Cotter Health Services

There has been a lot of media attention recently about a "super bug" called MRSA. MRSA stands for Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus. It has caused a number of skin infection outbreaks and several deaths recently. The skin infection may appear as pimples, boils or rashes that are warm and painful. It may resemble a spider bite.

Some germs that live in the skin and in the nose are called staphylococcus or "staph" bacteria. Most often they cause no harm, but sometimes staph can get inside the body through a break in the skin and cause infection. If the staph is a particular type that has become resistant to common antibiotics like penicillin, it is known as MRSA. MRSA infections can be mild to life-threatening.

MRSA is contagious and is spread mostly through skin-to-skin contact. It can also be transmitted through sharing personal items, such as towels, razors, clothes and athletic equipment. Shaving the skin can cause small abrasions and lacerations that make a person more likely to get MRSA and other skin infections. MRSA is more easily spread in crowded living conditions, such as college residence halls. Athletes who shave their bodies and share equipment are at greater risk of MRSA and other less serious types of skin infections. Athletic equipment should be disinfected routinely.

Good personal hygiene is the best protection. Wash your hands frequently. Take a shower every day. Change your sheets and towels regularly. Change your clothes daily and wash them before wearing them again. Do not share razors, towels, toothbrushes or other personal items. Do not shave your body. If you get a cut or scrape, wash it with soap and water, apply an antibacterial ointment, such as Bacitracin, and cover it with a bandage. Keep yourself in good health by eating well, exercising, and avoiding alcohol. Do not smoke or take illegal drugs.

If you develop a skin infection, such as a boil or other infection, call Health Services for an appointment. We will culture the infection to determine the type of organism causing the problem and start the student on the appropriate treatment.

If you would like more information, go to www.cdc.gov and search for MRSA.

Campus Tours Undercover: The College of the Holy Cross

By Jared Neilan, Michael Oliveri, Timothy Osborn, Philip Weiss

Staff Writers

This week we traveled north to Worcester, MA to The College of the Holy Cross. Holy Cross is comprised of approximately 2,800 undergraduate students studying various areas of the liberal arts. It's the oldest catholic college in New England and sister school to Boston College. It is well recognized for its strong academic liberal arts programs in various national rankings.

Things we liked...

- 1. Eureka- Holy Cross is currently in the process of constructing a new science center. Much of this project is being funded through money raised in the recently completed capital campaign, which raised over 216 million dollars. Based on our impression from what we heard on the tour it will be a great resource for students studying the sciences, and definitely is needed based on the current facilities.
- 2. Fives a crowd- Holy Cross students are only subject to four classes a semester. We like this idea because it allows students to spend more time on each individual class and have more time for extra-curricular activities. College students will only devote so much time to school work each week before they give up.
- 3. Collegiate feel at a college campus- From the moment we walked on campus we were impressed by the stereotypical college feel of Holy Cross. The buildings were mostly red brick and of a traditional style. The campus grounds were well maintained,

and we were impressed with the interior and exterior of buildings.

- 4. Good show- Holy Cross had one of the more organized open houses we have seen. It was similar to Bryant in the number of student representatives available to help prospective students, in addition to numerous staff members present.
- 5. Nice job Mr. Clean-Holy Cross students don't waste their time worrying about who takes out the trash, or cleans the bathroom for that matter. This is taken care of by a professional cleaning staff three times a week in all dorms. We are waiting with baited breath for them to bring this service to Bryant.

Things we didn't like...

- 1. No Cash Cow- For some strange reason Holy Cross doesn't have a graduate school. They claim that is allows for undergraduates to have more research opportunities; we think that's a load of bull. We think they are missing out on a major opportunity to growth both financially and academically.
- 2. I'm a numbers guy- At no point did the tour guides give us any hard facts about the institution in regards to undergraduate enrollment, rankings, endowment, tuition costs. While we don't necessarily need to hear everyone of these things, we would like to get a general idea.
- 3. No Diversity posters- Holy Cross had no signs of diversity what so ever. Nor did our tour guides or admissions material show any signs of an effort to indicate otherwise.
- 4. Screw you- Holy Cross is a Division I institution which competes in the Patriot League. For those of

you who aren't familiar the Patriot League wasn't interested in adding us to their athletic conference. We figure it's their loss.

5. Study Abroad and don't come back- If a student at Holy Cross wishes to study abroad they must do so for an entire year. We feel that this is a major commitment that might deter students from possibly participating in the program. They should have the option to study abroad for one semester also.

Things we brought home...

- 1. At Bryant we have an Arts and Sciences College, but we don't have facilities to support those academic programs. We recognize that these are new programs, but we have heard of no plans at all to develop an area to support this type of learning experience.
- 2. It seems as though Holy Cross has a lot more flexibility than us in terms of course selection and scheduling. We need to increase our breadth of courses offered so we have more options in course selections. Quite simply Bryant needs to expand its course catalogue, not only major in oriented classes, but also interest areas.
- 3. Holy Cross makes it a point to preserve and showcase their history. Their archives are readily accessible within their library. While Bryant does archive its history at the library, and makes some of it accessible online, we feel that it would not only be interesting, but also beneficial in preserving traditions and respecting our history if it were readily available for all who seek it.

... because few problems in life can be reduced to a formula.

It would be nice if the answers to life were so simple. They never are. But talking with a counselor can help make confusing issues clearer.

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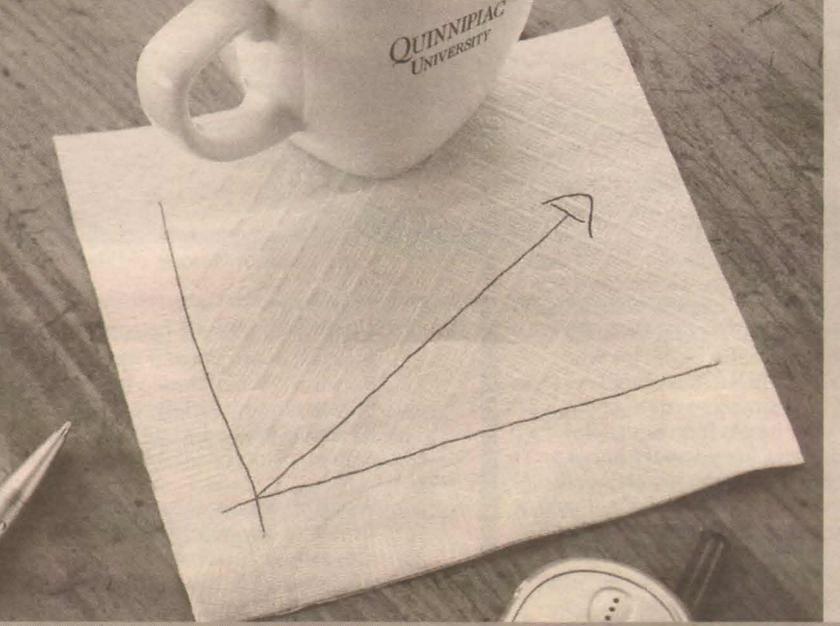
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BURGLARY (RESIDENCE) NOV 6 2007-Tuesday at 14:00 Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: A report of a stolen cell phone.

EMT CALL Medical Services Rendered NOV 8 2007-Thursday at 21:10 Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: A report of a person having an issue with medication. EMS was dispatched.

NOV 9 2007-Friday at 13:08 Location: UNISTRUCTURE Summary: A report of a person with a laceration. EMS was activated.

EMT CALL Medical Services Rendered

EMT CALL Medical Services Rendered NOV 9 2007-Friday at 13:20 Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: A report of a person having a seizure. EMS was dispatched.

VANDALISM (SCHOOL) NOV 10 2007-Saturday at 23:30 Location: UNISTRUCTURE Summary: A Unistructure door was reported broken.

ASSAULT Assault and/or Battery NOV 10 2007-Saturday at 23:30 Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: A request for an EMT for injured people. Minor injuries were the result of an assault between two guests.

NOV 10 2007-Saturday at 23:49 Location: TOWNHOUSE Summary: A report of an intoxicated person. EMS was activated.

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EMT CALL Medical Services Rendered

EMT CALL Medical Services Rendered NOV 11 2007-Sunday at 01:33 Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: A report of an intoxicated person.

VANDALISM (AUTO) NOV 11 2007-Sunday at 02:30 Location: RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: A report of vehicle vandalism.

VANDALISM (SCHOOL) NOV 11 2007-Sunday at 03:17

EMS was activated.

Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: A report of a broken window in a building entryway.

EMT CALL Medical Services Rendered NOV 12 2007-Monday at 07:02 Location: TOWNHOUSE Summary: A report of a person having a seizure. EMS was activated.

ADMINISTRATION Admin Log Entry NOV 11 2007-Sunday at 16:04 Location: HALL VILLAGE Summary: A water main break caused flooding in the Residence Hall Village and on Dormitory Road. Water break was repaired.

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.

Biz Buzz

By Maddie Archambeault Staff Writer

A weekly roundup of some of the most important happenings in the world of business

Brazil announces new oil reserves

Brazil's national oil company, Petrobras, has recently discovered a huge oil reserve off the coast of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. This finding could put Brazil in the top ten oil suppliers of the world, comparable to Venezuela and Saudi Arabia. For the United States, this means less dependence on Venezuela, a country with which relations are burdened. However; these are just speculations, the size and prospects of the oil find are still unconfirmed.

EU economic growth slows in 2008

The housing market in the United States has been in a slump, especially over the past year. The European Union is feeling the repercussions of this worsening situation, resulting in a decline in economic growth from 2.7% to 2.4% over the next two years. Oil prices have been rising steeply as well. The current price of oil being close to \$100 a barrel has fueled speculations of a global economic slowdown. The US market has such an impact on the rest of the world that this summer's extraordinarily low numbers are spreading across the Atlantic and causing the same problems abroad.

Facebook's strategy The ever popular social networking site Facebook.com is innovating the way marketers gain and spread information on products. They are converting real life relationships into electronic form while intertwining commercial information into this network. Unlike Google.com, a site that receives a commission depending on the amount of clicks a website or advertisement receives, Facebook utilizes word of mouth marketing by encouraging users to inform their friends about their likes and dislikes. They get paid if a user buys a product and agrees to let the company promote the fact through their social network. Instead of spending money on TV commercials, Facebook gets paid by companies for promoting their brands through users who advertise their love for certain products. This site is also enhancing the world of e-commerce by involving more companies online that normally wouldn't have advertised this way. A small business that someone rates as excellent could pay Facebook a fee for this great promotion opportunity and become involved in the world of e-commerce whereas they may have never even considered this. Facebook's innovative new method of marketing is expanding the world of e-commerce as well as changing the way companies market their products.

http://money.cnn.com/2007/11/08/technology/facebook_ads.fortune/index.htm?postversion=2007110908

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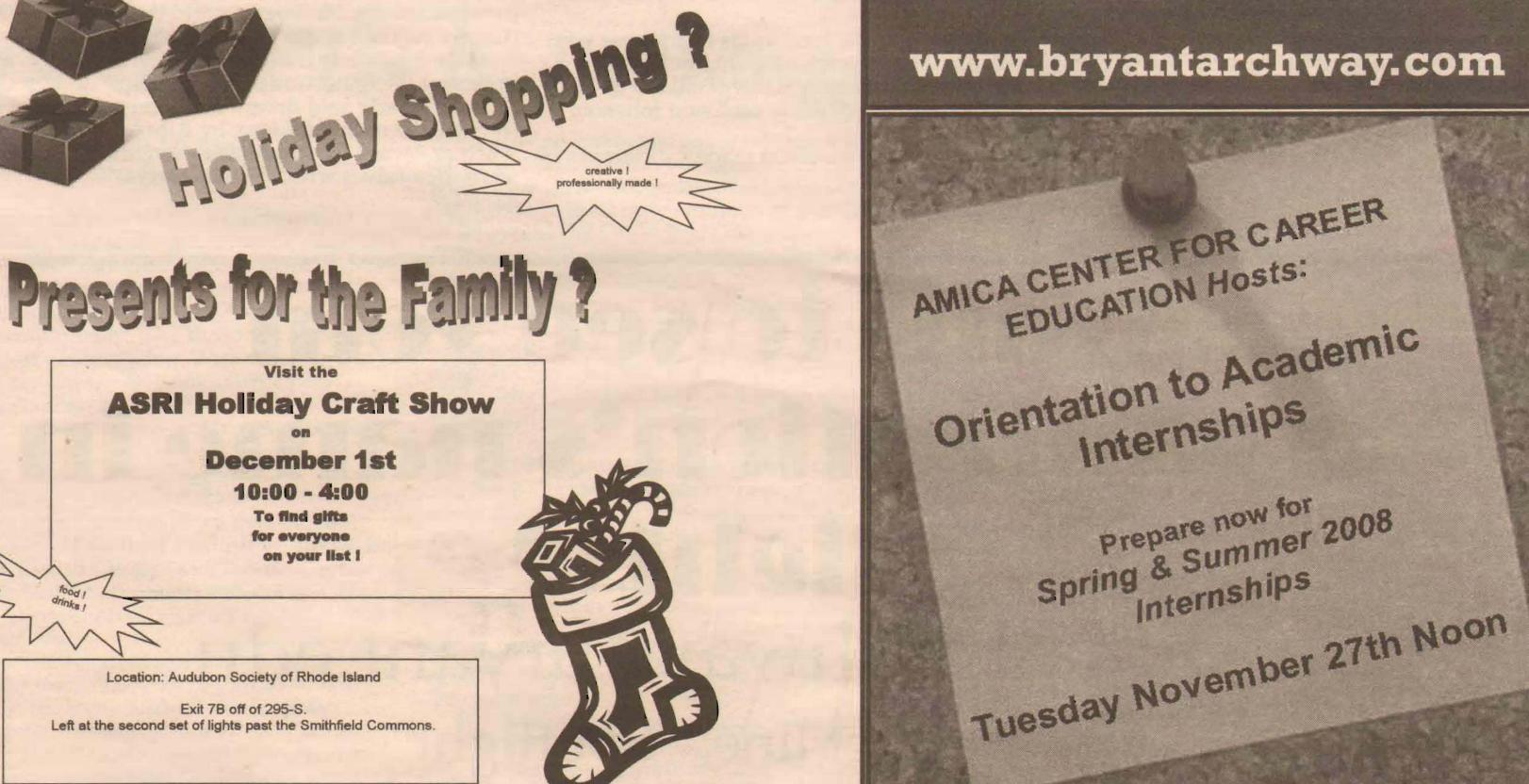
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Study Abroad Spotlight: Alex Birse, '08 Bryant wins

University: IES Paris Location: Paris, France Partner: IES Semester Abroad: Fall '06 Duration: September 2006-December 2006

Reason for going:

I have always wanted to go and experience a different culture. I felt that studying abroad would be an excellent chance for me to gain fluency in French, learn and explore a different culture, and gain more interpersonal and self reliance skills.

Best experience/memory:

I was in Denmark for a week with my two best friends from home, one of whom is Danish. We stayed with his aunt and uncle and they cooked us a traditional Danish Christmas dinner which consisted of herring, schnapps and other local Danish foods. It really nice sharing a traditional meal with locals. I experienced "hygge," which translated means closeness with family and friends.

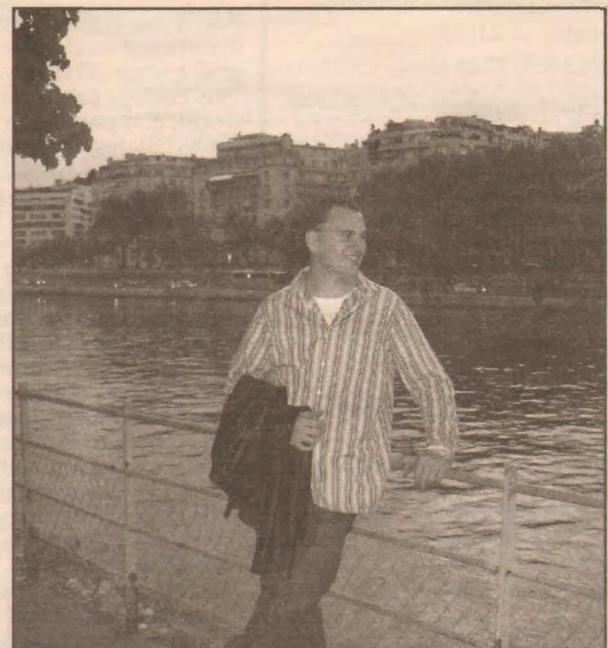
Funny cultural experience:

My friends and I were in Rome for a long weekend, and we were waking through the streets and we saw a group of protestors. We wanted to see what they were protesting against, and it turns out that it was a Communist rally. We were very surprised to see that, and we thought it was funny that there was a Communist rally in the year 2006.

How was the school different from Bryant University?

For one class I only had to write one paper. This was extremely different than the group projects, tests and quizzes we have here at Bryant.

How did this experience change you? Living in France I learned to place more time and value on the quality of life, friends and family. I now enjoying take more time enjoying food and friends instead of always rushing as many Americans do.



Alex Birse stands by the water in Paris, France

Would you study abroad again given the opportunity?

Without hesitation, I would absolutely go abroad again and highly recommend it to those who are thinking about it. As a senior graduating in May I am looking for careers that will give me an opportunity to work internationally.

Manufacturing Partner Award

By James King Staff Writer

On Saturday, November 3, Bryant University received the prestigious 2007 Manufacturing Partner Award from a local trade group, the Rhode Island Manufacturer's Association (RIMA). The award signifies that Bryant has made the greatest contribution to the manufacturing community of Rhode Island. Specifically through the programs at the John H. Chafee Center for International Business, Bryant has been recognized by RIMA for helping Rhode Island companies to become more global.

There, Mr. Raymond Fogarty, the director of the Chaffee Center, explained what the Manufacturing Partner Award actually meant for Bryant. Mr. Fogarty informed the Archway that the award serves to acknowledge "people over the years who've assisted manufacturers." He also said "It is a nice complement for a university; most don't get this distinction." He attributed the win to Bryant showing RIMA that "Bryant understands manufacturing" and by showing others at the 2007 World Trade Day that "manufacturing is alive and well."

World Trade Day celebrates international business and the sharing of information on how to succeed in the global market place. Any business is welcome to attend, but the 2007 World Trade Day was devoted to manufacturing. This decision influenced on the RIMA committee that nominates organizations, according to Mr. Fogarty. He also explained that, "The Chafee Center works daily with manufacturers to increase their knowledge of the international marketplace." The Chafee Center did not just put on one day to devote to the manufacturers, but actually spends much of its time helping manufacturers.

One reason why the Chafee Center spends so much time



President Machtley displays one of Bryant's most recent awards.

SAAC supports local food bank

By Brigit Clancy Assistant Variety Editor

On Saturday, November 10, during the Bryant versus Bentley football game, Bryant's Student Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) in partnership with LaPerche Elementary School in Smithfield (RI) sponsored a food drive. Those attending the game who donated a canned good item received a \$1 discount on their admission ticket. Caitlan Johnson, a member of Bryant's sophomore class, said, "We are combining the food we get (at the gate) with the elementary school's collections to make baskets for some of the families in need at LaPerche and the rest is going to local (Rhode Island) food banks." Johnson, along with Assistant Athletics Director and Head Field Hockey Coach, Coni Fichera, and the SAAC representatives were in charge of the collections.

"In the past we have donated to the Rhode Island food bank in Providence but this year we are looking to donate to people immediately in our community," said Johnson. "We have done a food drive at Bryant for the past 15 years, which is one of the oldest standing traditions of SAAC, but this is the first year that we are doing a partnership with LaPerche."

The goal is to exceed the 3,000 pounds of food items they collected through the food drive in 2006. "Last year we collected 1,500 pounds at the football game and 3,000 pounds overall and our goal for this year is to collect 3,000 pounds at the football game alone!" commented Johnson.

All of the people involved have worked extremely hard to make the collection a success. Johnson said, "The Athletic teams have gone around to the dorms this past week collecting nonperishable food items from the students here on campus to add to the drive. Bryant University athletes will be helping the elementary school students put together the baskets for the families and food banks before Thanksgiving break. We are bringing the food to LaPerche and the local Rhode Island food banks on November 20th."

Johnson has graciously agreed to collect all of the non-perishable food items from those who were not able to attend the game. "I have been arranging a time to pick up donations from them. If people would like to donate but did not make it to the game, they can email me at cjohnso8@bryant.edu before November 20th and I can arrange to pick items up," said Johnson.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the food drive. Everyone involved made a difference in someone's life.

helping Rhode Island manufacturers can be attributed in part to the fact that it is the Rhode Island World Trade Center and in another part, also the site of the Rhode Island Export Assistant Center. Bryant is the only university that is both a state director of trade and an executive training center according to Mr. Fogarty. With one of the top IT departments for administration and usage of technology, Bryant is unlike many institutions. Although the Chafee Center focuses on Rhode Island, internationally, Mr. Fogarty told the Archway, "The Chafee Center is noted as the most comprehensive international business development center in the country as it is a WTC and oversees the State Trade Directorship.

Mr. Fogarty said Bryant has received "one of the top awards recognized in the industry by RIMA." The Manufacturing Partner Award was won over more than 3,000 groups that concern themselves with manufacturers.

Want to see your organization's name in lights?

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A Fitting Finale

The Bulldogs secured their first - and only - Northeast-10 Conference title last Saturday, and with it earned a spot in the NCAA postseason. If that weren't enough reason to celebrate, they did it by defeating their bitter rivals in front of one of the largest crowds in Bulldog Stadium history.

By Tracey Gant Staff Writer

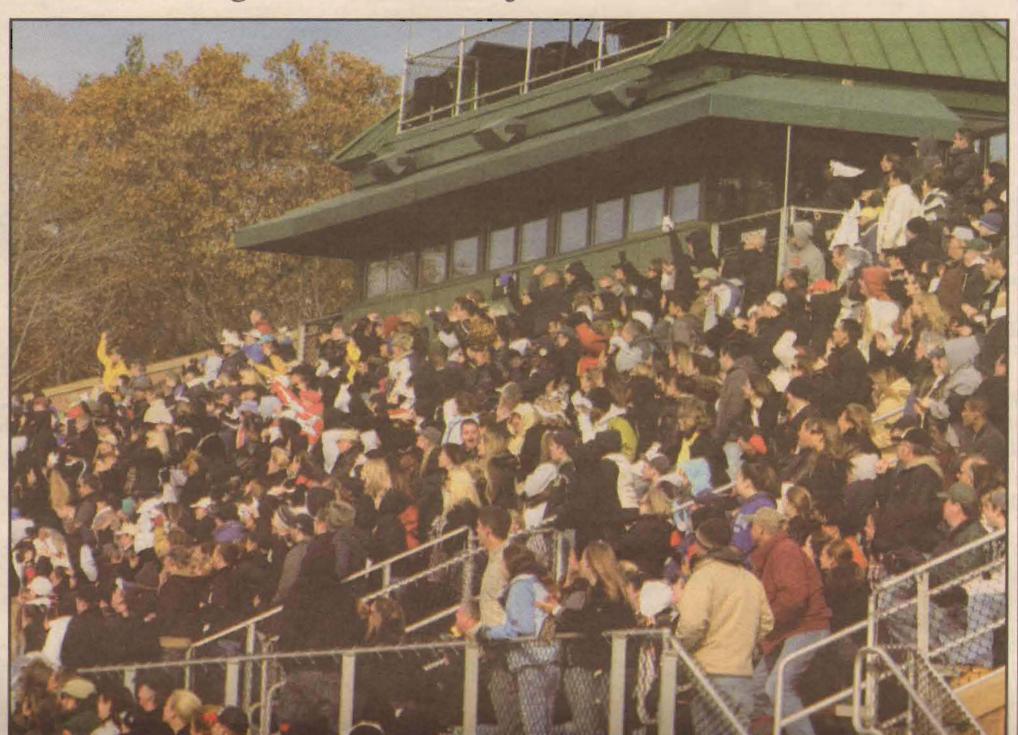
The crowd poured into the stands as they awaited one of the biggest football games Bryant University has played. Bryant students showed their team support as they all wore black to promote the theme of *Blackout*.

Bentley College has always been the Bulldog's rival within the Division II conference, but with Bryant going Division I, this game was a way to leave Division II with a bang. Bentley previously had tried to go into Division I, but was denied and therefore losing this game could make some people wonder whether Bryant University was ready to go into this new Division.

This past season the football team has shown how much improvement has been made and being ranked so highly in the conference truly shows their accomplishments.

All students were pumped for the game and dragged themselves out of

bed early to get good seats and cheer on the team. The first 150 Bryant students who came to the game got free towels that said Bulldog Blackout.



Courtesy of Cristine Cox

The crowd of 4,748 shows their support as the Bulldogs left no doubt who deserved the Northeast-10 Conference title with a 29-3 victory over their bitter rivals, the Bentley College Falcons.

The game began with the kickoff by Bulldog freshman Karl Turner. When the game began, Bulldog fans cheered and not even the blistering cold whether could make

Bryant University students not come out to watch their team.

The Falcons scored first with a field goal in the beginning of the first quarter, but the Bulldogs were not discouraged as Bentley punted the ball too short and it ended up on the 34 yard line, allowing Bryant to attain a 36 yard field goal by freshman Chris Bird. With only four minutes left in the first quarter the score was tied 3-3 and the fans were getting rowdier by the moment. During the second quarter the Bulldogs were not only offensively strong, but played strong defense as well. This helped them to stay strong and score some of their touchdowns.

During the second quarter the Bulldogs intercepted

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It was over when: Junior defensive end Don Smith stripped Falcon quarterback John White at the Bentley 10 yard line, where teammate Mark Gunther picked up the ball and ran it in for a touchdown, giving the Bulldogs a 20-3 lead in the third quarter.

Players of the game: How about a game ball for the entire Bryant University defense? A defense that was torched at Stony Brook and showcased on ESPN for its suspect performance against Southern Connecticut allowed only a first quarter field goal and recorded 9 defensive points, including a safety.

What this win means: For the first time in the program's young history, the Bulldogs win the Northeast-10 Conference outright, and clinch a postseason birth.

Wait, What? Though the Bulldogs won the NE-10 title, they were selected behind Southern Connecticut - who finished lower in the NE-10 - and are forced to travel to Southern Connecticut this weekend for postseason play. So that's what winning the conference gets you these days?

Next: At Southern Connecticut, November 17, 12 pm.

Northeast 10 Conference Standings					
School	<u>NE-10</u>	Overall			
BRYANT*	8-1	8-2			
Southern Conn.	7-2	8-3			
American Int.	7-2	7-3			
Bentley	6-3	7-3			
Stonehill	5-4	5-5			
C.W. Post	4-5	4-6			
Merrimack	4-5	4-6			
Assumption	3-6	4-7			
Pace	1-8	1-10			
Saint Anselm	0-9	0-10			

Outside Pitch: Bulldogs get short-changed

By Stephen Demers
Sports Editorial Assistant

The Bryant football program has made great strides over the last four seasons under the direction of head coach Marty Fine. Last season the Bulldogs went 8-3, earned a share of their first NE-10 Conference title and earned their first ever berth in the NCAA D-II Championship. The Bulldogs hosted the first round playoff game against West Chester, but loss 31-29. This season the Bulldogs surpassed everyone's expectations by clinching the NE-10 Conference title outright with an 8-1 conference record.

After Bryant's huge 29-3 win over Bentley last weekend, it appeared that Bulldog Stadium would host a second playoff game in its short history. After all, the Bulldogs won the conference title outright. The NCAA Division II football committee, however, had other ideas. The Bulldogs were selected as the No.5 seed in the Northeast region and drew a road playoff game against conference foe and No. 4 seed Southern Connecticut.

The Southern Connecticut Owls are an extremely powerful football team. They were picked to win the conference in the pre-season coaches' poll. Bryant, meanwhile, was expected to finish fourth. The Owls also have an explosive offense. Quarter-back Steve Armstrong sits atop the NE-10 averaging

259.1 passing yards per game while running back Jerom Freeman boasts a league best rushing average with 154.3 yards per game. The Owls also handed the Bulldogs their only conference loss all season, a 56-28 loss at the Owl's Jess Dow Field.

Despite all of these impressive statistics, the NCAA selection committee, however, claims that they look at winning percentage and strength of schedule as their two primary criteria when determining playoff rankings. Bryant had a better winning percentage (.889) than Southern Connecticut (.778). The Owls had two conference losses earlier in the season against Merrimack and American International. American International finished with an identical 7-2 record and tied for second place with Southern Connecticut. Merrimack, meanwhile, finished the year in the bottom-half of the conference with a 4-5 record. Bryant beat both of these teams during the regular season.

Both school's have an identical strength of schedule, because they play the same team's. Southern Connecticut did have a 1-1 non-conference record, and the Bulldogs compiled a 0-1 non-conference record. These games, however, do not factor into the rankings.

It's obvious that the selection committee used head-to-head competition as their primary factor when determining these rankings. Bryant's 56-28 loss against Southern Connecticut was certainly

damaging. The score, however, doesn't always tell the entire story. Bryant actually tied the game midway through the third quarter, before the Owls opened up the game. The Bulldogs were ranked No.1 in the region going into mid-October, but dropped to No. 5 after their loss to Southern Connecticut. The Owls, meanwhile, went from No.10 to No.4 in a matter of weeks.

Another factor that should be closely examined is the idea of attendance and revenue. The NCAA claims that the host team must have revenue potential, and a positive attendance history. Last season, 5,234 fans packed Bulldog Stadium to watch Bryant take on West Chester in the playoffs. This season, Bryant has continued to see attendance increases. In fact, they regularly outdraw all of the other local collegiate football programs. Overall, 15,741 fans showed up for the Bulldogs four home games this season. Southern Connecticut hosted six games this season, and drew a combined attendance of 8,339.

Saturday afternoon is shaping up to be a great game between two exciting football programs. The winner of the game will travel to face No. 1 seed California (PA). There is no question; however, the Bulldogs got the short end of the stick in the playoff rankings. A team that wins a conference title outright deserves to host a playoff game. The Bryant fans, coaches, and especially the players deserve better.

Club Spotlight: Bryant Hockey

By Greg Hirshorn Staff Writer

The Bryant Bulldogs hockey season can be broken down into two easily observable parts. For the first five games of the season Bryant came out hot as they moved their way to a 5-0 start. The next four games on the schedule showed a slowing of production on the part of Bryant as they went on to lose those four games to bring their overall record to 5-4. The Bryant team this year has no one dominant area, but when everyone does their part the job gets done and the Bulldogs win.

The captains of this year's team are seniors Paul Todesca, Pat Sullivan, and Joe Marcaurelle, and junior Rob Jones. It is ironic that these four players are the captains as they each have a different and distinct role that they fill on the team. Todesca is a gritty player who is determined to get to the puck by forechecking and being consistent in pursuit of puck possession. Sullivan is a player who has great skill in passing the puck as he seems to always find an open man in front of the net with one of his passes from the point. Marcaurelle is the net minder which makes his role different from the other three, but he always brings his best to the table to stop the opposition from scoring. Jones is a more physical player who has the needed ability to check with great force to knock over opponents and send the message that Bryant is a physical team that will not put up with any garbage.

In the first game of the season the Bulldogs defeated Endicott College by the score of 7 to 2 in front of a good sized crowd of Bryant students and supporters. The key in this game was the fact that Bryant was not hesitant in shooting the puck and took shots whenever they had the chance. In hockey when a team is persistent in their testing of the goalie, even if the shots are not of the highest quality, some of the chances are going to amount to goals, and that was exactly what happened to Bryant.

For the second game of the season Bryant faced the challenge of going on the road to take on NYU at Chelsea Piers in Manhattan. NYU, which is a traditionally strong team, always gives Bryant a good fight and competitive game. This game was no exception as NYU gave Bryant a strong effort by scoring four goals. Bryant was on the strong end though as they netted five goals to defeat NYU on their home ice, which is always a tough challenge.

The third game of the season was another home game for Bryant as they took on the UConn Huskies. Bryant looked strong in this game, coming away with a 5 to 3 victory. It was once again shown that persistence and making an abundance of shots, even if they are not the best quality, will lead to goals.

Game number four was against the very talented UNH. Just to clarify the team that Bryant plays is not the varsity squad but a club team that the school has. Even with this being said the players on UNH are traditionally very strong and physical, and they use their oversized ice rink to their advantage in the type of game they play. This game was a nail biter; with under a minute left Bryant's leading scorer Jim Ross put the puck into the net to lead Bryant to a 3 to 2 win. Game five was a home game for the Bulldogs against UNE. They showed off their offensive abilities in this game on their way to a very dominant 8 to 1 victory. It seems that the Bryant offense really turned it on during this game and hopefully we will see more of this type of scoring trend in the upcoming games.

The first loss for the Bryant team came in unexpected fashion in game number 6 at the hands of UMASS. A hot Bryant team was slowed down by UMASS in a 7-2 Bryant loss. The next game was another disappointment for the Bulldogs as they lost to Westfield State. The following week contained more disappointment for the Bulldogs as they dropped games to CCSU and Montclair State University. More scoring is needed from Bryant if they want to continue their hot start to the year. The defense also needs to be stronger to prevent high scoring games for the opposition which have occurred in the majority of Bryant's losses.

The starting goaltender most of the time for Bryant is senior Joe Marcaurelle. You can see that Joe got off to an extremely hot start this year. This kind of goaltending is even more impressive when you look at the competition he has put up the numbers against, squads like NYU and UNH which are known for their traditionally high scoring. A few games have been tougher for Marcaurelle and the Bulldogs, but he is still a strong goaltender with the ability to win games.

Some of the point (points are your goals plus your assists) leaders on the team are Jim Ross with 7, Dan Chevrette with 6, and all with 5 are; Phil Moore, Paul Todesca, and Jeremy Link. The great thing about these players is that four out of the five of them are not seniors. This makes it so that the present situation of Bryant hockey is great but the future holds more success to come.

Senior Joe Marcaurelle stated that, "We need to play solid defense because the teams we are playing are very good and can score on any chance they get, and then we need to generate and capitalize on any scoring opportunities that come our way". He went on to say that, "special teams have played a huge factor in our season thus far so staying out of the penalty box and then utilizing our power play will give us a good chance to win some games".

The hockey games at Bryant are non stop and exciting action. If you would like to attend a game at Levi rink where the team plays its home games the directions are available at the teams web sight which is: http://www.bryant-hockey.com/. The next home game is Friday November 16th vs. NYU. The game has the start time set at 8:10. The team can use everyone's support and hopes to see you all at the games.

Bryant defeats Bentley in season finale

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a pass from the Falcons, giving them a chance to enter the end zone. Sophomore Tyler DiGiovanni was alone in the back of the end zone and received a pass to make the score 10-3 as the second quarter was ending. Now with only five minutes left in the quarter the Bulldogs were still able to score one more field goal to end the first half with a score of 13-3.

At half time Bryant cheerleaders showed their support for their team as well as Velocity dance team who performed a medley of "Tambourine" and "Get me bodied." After the performances all students were back in the stands, warmed up, and ready for the rest of the game. Dur-



Courtesy of Cristine Cox

The electric atmosphere of Bulldog Stadium spilled over onto the field as the two squads exchange words before the start of Saturday's game.

ing the third quarter junior Don Smith stripped the Falcons of the ball and Mark Gunther picked up the ball and scored a touchdown, making the score 20-3.

As the quarter went on, the Bulldogs tackled the Bentley quarterback within their end zone, accumulating a safety and making the score 22-3 to end the third quarter. When the fourth quarter began the crowd was already ready to root on a winning team. Nearing the end of the fourth quarter the crowd was cheering that they wanted one more touchdown, and the Bulldogs gave it to them. Senior Sean Bergin scored a 39 yard touchdown to make the final score of the game 29-3. Everyone in the stands stood and screamed as the team poured the containers of water on the head coach Marty Fine. Nothing could bring the team down because they were on there way to the championships and were number one in the Northeast-10 Conference.

At 11:30 on Sunday morning it was announced that Bryant football was selected to compete in the NCAA championship. This Saturday the Bryant Bulldogs football team will travel to New Haven to compete against Southern Connecticut. This will be a very competitive game since the Bulldogs first loss of this season was to Southern Connecticut on November 2nd. As they compete they will move up the line into the championship with every win. No matter what happens this team has proved they are ready for Division I. The Bulldogs would love all the support they can get as they head to Southern Connecticut, so if you have the time head on down there and show the team your support!

Wellness Weekly

Coach Tim's Workout for the Week

Day #1
Walking lunges: 3 sets
of 12 with each leg
Wide grip Bench press:
4 sets of 6
Incline Dumbbell Press:
3 sets of 8
Dips: 3 sets of 7
Leg Extensions: 4 sets
of 7
Leg curls: 4 sets of 7
Stability Ball Crunches:
3 sets of 25

Leg Raises: 3 sets of 12

Chin Ups: 3 sets of 6
Front Squats: 4 sets of 8
Military barbell press: 4
sets of 6
Seated Cable rows: 4
sets of 10
Incline bench Press: 3
sets of 6
Dumbbell Curls: 4 sets of 10
Triceps Extensions: 4
sets of 10
Medicine Ball Twists: 3
sets of 20

Stability Ball Hyperex-

tensions: 3 sets of 12

Day #3
Lunge/Side
Lunge/Squat Circuit: 3
sets of 6 each
Back Squats: 5 sets of 6
Bench Press: 5 sets of 5
Lat Pull downs: 4 sets
of 10
Seated Dumbbell Shoulder presses: 4 sets of 7
Crunch/Reverse
Crunch: 3 sets of 25
Stability Ball Lockouts: 3 sets of 1 minute
each

Why the New England Patriots will NOT win the Super Bowl

By David Giardino Sports Editor

Let's assume, for a second, that New England isn't the championship capital of the world right now. Insane, right? It'd be easy for any analyst or fan alike to predict that come February, the Patriots will be hoisting the Lombardi trophy, and Bill Belichick will finally have a ring for that finger he has been metaphorically sticking up to every team in the league this year. Is it possible – even remotely conceivable – that the New England Patriots, team "Manifest Destiny," will not be making room for their fourth Lombardi trophy in seven years? The easy answer is no.

But here are just a few reasons why every non-Patriot fan shouldn't turn off their televisions in the

coming months:

Offense doesn't win championships.

The Patriots (39 points per game) are on pace to obliterate the previous record (34.8) for average points per game in a season. So what? Out of the top 11 highest scoring offenses (per game) in NFL history, only *one* – the 1999 St. Louis Rams – won the Super Bowl. And it isn't just a great defense or the injury bug that has historically slowed these offenses down. Great offenses in years past have been slowed down in a number of unforeseeable ways. Could the Patriots? How about this example:

Assuming that the Patriots lock up home field advantage throughout the playoffs, they may have slowed their offensive firepower down in the process. The sleet, snow, and sloppy conditions New England winters bring could make even the most prolific passing games a non-factor in the playoffs in January. And if a game were to be decided heavily on a running game, who do the Pats turn to? The injury-plagued Laurence Maroney only averages 15 carries a game in his young career. Is the rest of the journeyman New England rushing attack ready to carry the load? Can it outshine the dominant rushing attack of the Colts or Steelers?

Weather aside, since when has a brilliant passing attack equivocated to Super Bowl glory anyway? Last season, Peyton Manning became the first quarterback in eight years to lead the league in passer rating (a statistic that relatively sums up a team's passing attack) and actually win a Super Bowl that season. Though Tom Brady may in fact break NFL passing records this season, historically this isn't a tell-tale sign of a Super Bowl champion.

The curse of perfection.

OVERALL RECORD

After an emotional game at Indy, the Patriots bye week could not have come at a better time. Still, it's a long second half of the season, and New England still has a remaining schedule consisting of games at Baltimore, at the Giants, and against Pittsburgh – all very physically demanding teams. Though their division opponents aren't even in the same stratosphere, look for the Bills, Dolphins, and Jets to at least play New England more competitively the second time around. So the question remains: how im-

portant is perfection to Bill Belichick? Will he play his starters hard down the stretch in meaningless games, risking fatigue or injury? Many look to the final week's game against the Giants as a possible conundrum: if the Pats are still perfect, do they play their starters in a road game against a potential

playoff team
with a physical
pass rush? If the
Patriots wish to
remain perfect,
then they may
be forced to
forego resting
players and
continue to risk
injury down the
stretch.

The impact of Adalius Thomas

Forget the numbers: the Patriots defense was not good enough in the last two seasons to get to the Super Bowl. How'd they prove this? By getting lit up in their previous postseason defeats (at Denver and Indianapolis). There is no

doubting the offensive improvement, but have they improved enough on defense? The key acquisition of linebacker Adalius Thomas will be the deciding factor. If he truly is the X-factor New England thinks they have, look for him to play a much more influential role in January than he has in the first half of the season. But what if he isn't?

Then New England's defense is where it was last season: pretty good, but certainly not impenetrable. The Colts ran the ball with ease in a game that they were without their left tackle and number one wide receiver. And with the Patriot offense usually scoring so many points, mitigating their opponents running game by forcing them to play catch-up, the jury is still out on the validity of the 2007 New England rushing defense.

The reliability of Randy Moss.

Randy Moss has the most pure talent of any wide receiver in the game today, and perhaps in NFL history. He has a chance to break Jerry Rice's touchdown record – but don't get the two confused. Moss has never proved to be the reliable target the immortal Jerry Rice was in postseason play. With his 2007 play, all the problems of yesteryear have been swept under the carpet – for now. Will Moss con-

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tinue to be the pro-bowl receiver and locker room leader throughout the entirety of the NFL season? Only time will tell. But if he disappears like he did in Minnesota's championship game losses against Atlanta in 1998 and the Giants in 2000, will the plethora of "solid" receivers be enough to bail out

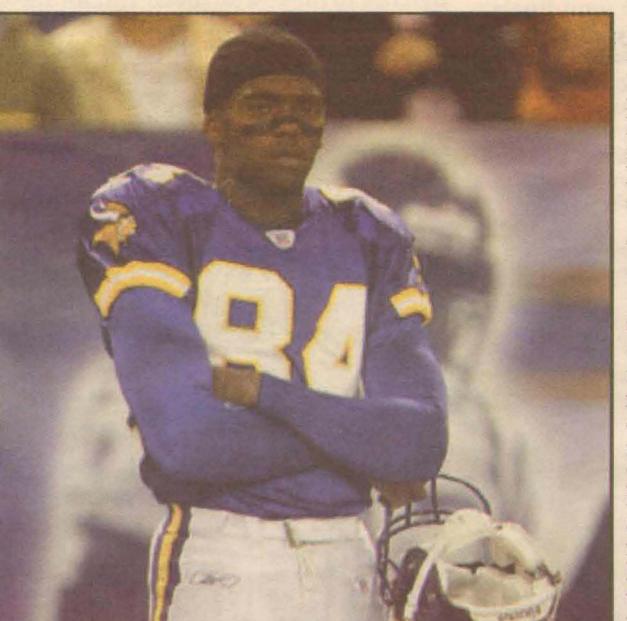
the falling star? The amusing thing is this guy was shut down for years in Oakland, to a point where a double-team wasn't even necessary anymore. Obviously a hall-of-fame quarterback and a much-improved supporting cast helps greatly, but for all his talents, can he truly be trusted?

The 1998 Minnesota Vikings: "Stuff Happens."

Then of course, there is just the rule that if something inexplicable has a chance of happening, it will happen. Take a 1998 Minnesota Viking team that had eerily similar numbers to the current Patriots: they averaged 34.8 points per game (still the record for at least another two months), and had 85 plays of 20 yards or more. Cris Carter and Randy Moss (yes, that Randy Moss) put together one of the best receiving years in league history, and the defense was ranked in the top ten in most defensive categories, including points allowed per game. Oh, and kicker Gary Anderson had a perfect season, nailing all 35 field goal attempts and all extra

points, marking the greatest year for an NFL kicker ever. By week 10, analysts were foaming at the mouth, proclaiming this squad as one of the "best ever," and their name was already being inscribed into the Lombardi trophy. But, as we all know, the Vikings were dethroned at home in the NFC Championship Game by the Atlanta Falcons. How? The same reason the Colts had one of the worst defenses in NFL history last season and managed to win a Super Bowl – we will never know.

Whether it's the injury bug, or the aforementioned factor of their own weather working against them, or something else, there will always be unforeseen variables that creep up during a period of seemingly clear victory. The point: don't get caught up with the team that wiped everyone off the face of the Earth in the first eight weeks. When you think of the Patriots, and when you think of the postseason, be mindful of some of the flaws that were uncovered in the week nine game at Indianapolis. If the Patriot offense continues its pace, it will certainly set records in a multitude of categories this season – but history suggests this does not ensure a Super Bowl ring by any means.



Courtesy of MCT Campus

Record-breaking offense? Solid, veteran defense? Randy Moss? Been there, done that. And the '98 Vikings didn't quite make it either.

least play New England more competitively the second time around. So the question remains: how im-							
THE SPORTS GUYS	HE SPORTS GUYS NFL PICKS			WEEK 11			
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Cleveland at Baltimore	Cleveland	Cleveland	Cleveland	Cleveland			
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Miami at Philadelphia	Philly	Philly	Philly	Philly			
Oakland at Minnesota	Minn.	Minn.	Minn.	Minn.			
Kansas City at Indianapolis	Indy	Indy	Indy	Indy			
Carolina at Green Bay	Green Bay	Carolina	Green Bay	Green Bay			
NY Giants at Detroit	NY Giants	NY Giants	NY Giants	Detroit			
Tampa Bay at Atlanta	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay			
New Orleans at Houston	New Orl.	Houston	Houston	Houston			
Arizona at Cincinnati	Arizona	Arizona	Cinncinnati	Arizona			
Pittsburgh at NY Jets	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh			
Chicago at Seattle	Seattle	Chicago	Seattle	Chicago			
St. Louis at San Francisco	St. Louis	St. Louis	San Francisco	St. Louis			
Washington at Dallas	Dallas	<u>Dallas</u>	Dallas	Dallas			
New England at Buffalo	New Eng.	New Eng.	New Eng.	New Eng.			
Tennessee at Denver	Tennessee	<u>Tennessee</u>	Tennessee	Denver			
Last Week's Record	6-8	6-8	6-8	6-8			

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Try concentrating more on the less dominate side when executing your lifts. For instance, if you are bench pressing try to focus on pushing off more forcefully with your weaker side. Visualize that arm leading the lift off of your chest.

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Don't try using a heavier weight with the weaker side in order to correct the problem. This has never proven to help the problem. Time and patience will always help.

Submit your questions to Fitness Center Director Tim Brien via The Archway: archway@bryant.edu

Women's Rugby ranked #2 in New England

By David Nelligan Staff Writer

The Bryant University women's rugby team came in #2 in New England this year after a win against Bentley College in the semi-finals and then a tough loss to the powerhouse Stonehill College in the championship.

On Saturday November 3rd, Bryant not only had to face Bentley College, but hurricane Noel as well. With pouring rain, gale force winds, and tournament staff members holding up the goal posts from being blown down, Bryant took the field to defend their unde-

tough battle of strength and determination with neither team able to do much in the playing conditions. Eventually Bryant's fly-half Lindsay Rankin received the ball off a scrum from Gail Rotatori and cut through Bentley's defense to make a 30 meter run for the tri and put Bryant ahead 10-5. Once again the conversion was no good, but did not matter in the end as Bryant's defense held strong to end the game with a victory.

After an intense match against rivals Bentley, Bryant played the very next day against the defending New England Champions Stonehill College in the final round. Bryant



Courtesy of David Nelligant

feated record and advance to the final round. With the weather as it was, the game turned into a defensive battle with hard hits and ball control being key factors in the win.

Bryant started off the scoring with a blocked kick by Krista Hoffmaster in Bentley's tri zone with Emily Panasowich diving on the ball to put Bryant ahead 5-0. Bentley would soon answer back with a tri of their own by a long run from their back line that was able to break through a few tackles and tie the game. Both teams were unable to make the conversion kicks after the tri's in the 50mph winds and ended the first half 5-5.

The second half mimicked the first with a

started off strong against Stonehill, making big defensive stops and looking threatening on offensive with a tri scored by Emily Panasowich, a conversion kick by Ashley Crawford, along with another kick by Crawford to give Bryant 10 points against the dominant defense of Stonehill who only let in 5 points all season. However, the size and skill of the Skyhawks would prevail as they put up an impressive 27 points against the Bulldogs in an unfortunate loss for Bryant. Even though Bryant lost in the Championship the team had a great season going 7-1 overall and being ranked #2 in New England and are looking forward to another great season in the spring.

Top Dogs

Likica Grceva

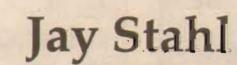


Courtesy of the Athletic Dept.

Year: Senior

Sport: Volleyball

Why this dog was picked: Grceva was named to the Northeast-10 Conference First Team after a stellar senior season where she led the league in kills (560). She also earned the NE-10 Tournament Most Valuable Player award after the Bulldogs beat Merrimack College, 3-1, in the conference championship Saturday night.





Courtesy of the Athletic Dept.

Year: Senior

Sport: Football

Why this dog was picked: Stahl had a huge game defensively for Bryant in its 29-3 Northeast-10 title-clinching win over Bentley Saturday afternoon, finishing the day with six tackles including two sacks and three tackles for a loss. The win capped off the 2007 regular season and secured a spot for the Bulldogs in the NCAA Tournament.

Bulldog Bites

Women's Soccer falls to Franklin Pierce in postseason

The second-seeded Bryant University women's soccer team saw its season come to an end Sunday afternoon with a 3-0 loss to third-seeded Franklin Pierce in the second round of NCAA New England Regional action. The host Bulldogs outshot the Ravens, 10-9, but sent just five of those on goal. Franklin Pierce found the target in all nine chances, making good on three of them. But it was Bryant's 11 fouls (to Franklin Pierce's 12) that were most costly for the Bulldogs Sunday afternoon, as all three goals came off free kicks. Freshman Kim Rich (Lancaster, Mass.) led the Bulldogs with three shots off the bench, while Bulych led the Ravens with four shots. Bryant finishes its 2007 season with a 17-2-5 record.

New Haven set to join Northeast-10 Conference

Dr. George Hagerty, Chair of the Northeast-10 Council of President's, announced that the University of New Haven has accepted an offer to join the Northeast-10 Conference as a full-time member beginning the 2008-2009 academic year. With the addition of New Haven, this marks the first time since 1999 that the Northeast-10 will add a member. Franklin Pierce, UMass Lowell, Southern Connecticut, Southern New Hampshire and Saint Rose joined the NE-10 for the start of the 2000-2001 academic year. New Haven will compete as a member of the Northeast-10 in all the sports it currently sponsors, except men's volleyball, beginning in the fall of 2008. The Chargers currently field 17 varsity athletic teams. Football will become its 18th sport when it begins play in 2009.

Men and Women's swimming victorious

Both the Bryant University men's and women's swim teams raced to victories over Northeast-10 Conference rival Bentley College Saturday afternoon on the road, marking the Bulldogs' first-ever win over the Falcons in program history. It was the first time the teams met in dual-meet format, and the win saw Bryant rewrite the record books: 13 new school records were set, five from the women and eight from the men. The men raced to a decisive 145-117 win over Bentley, while the Bulldog women edged the Falcons, 134-128. Both Bryant teams are 4-0 on the 2007-08 season. Bryant was led on the men's side by junior Tom Ferrigno (West Chester, PA), who won a trio of individual events - the 1000-yard freestyle (10:27.15), the 100-yard backstroke (55.11) and the 200-yard backstroke (2:01.14) - before swimming the first leg of the winning 400-yard freestyle relay. Ferrigno's two backstroke wins set new school records for the Bulldogs.

Mark your calendars

Football:

Saturday, Nov. 17 at Southern Connecticut (NCAA Playoffs) 12:00 pm

Women's Volleyball:

Saturday, Nov. 17 NCAA Championship**

Men's Basketball:

Saturday, Nov. 17 at Bridgeport Classic (TBA)

Women's Basketball:

Tuesday, Nov. 20 at Saint Anselm* 5:30 pm

* -Denotes Conference Game / Bold - Denotes Home Game

** - depends on the outcome of Thursday's Bryant-Adelphi playoff matchup

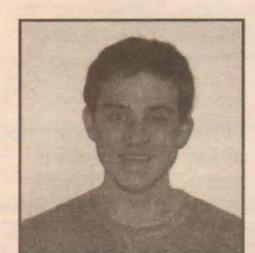
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'African American': a racist term?



By Greg Hirshorn Staff Writer

In 1988 Jessie Jackson urged that the term 'African American' be used over the term 'black,' which emerged in the 1960s as a derivative of the term 'blacky.' Before 1988 there has been an evolution of terms which have been used to describe black people. There are some terms that are derogatory and have never been appropriate, like blacky, boogie, buck, coon, jigaboo, spade and tar baby. Then there are terms that were used at one point in time but may be considered inappropriate if used today, like colored and negro. In 1997 the NAACP mounted an effort to have the word 'nigger' removed from the Merriam-Webster dictionary. This past summer in New York there was even a ceremonial burying of 'the n word.

There is much debate among people for the correct term that should be used when speaking about 'black' people. I use the word black but some say that even that word should not be used. The issue is a very complex one because it deals with race, and race is always a touchy topic when being dealt with. There is a word that is used frequently to describe black people that I feel is inaccurate and used to cover up racist feelings; the term is African American.

What frustrates me about the use of the term African American is said very well by the online site Urban Dictionary: "What white people say when they afraid to say black especially when a black person is in the room." I feel many people who use this term are thinking other things in the back of their mind, which are derogatory towards black people.

It frustrates me even further when these people say that they are only being respectful by saying 'African American.' If you ask me, it has nothing to do with being respectful but instead attempting to cover up the racist thoughts that are going through the person's head.

My second largest pet peeve is a person covering themselves to avoid criticism for the way that they truly feel, the first being indecisiveness. If people are dumb enough to have racist views in regards to blacks then they should express them in their choice of words so that they can be identified as the ignorant people that they are.

When a white person uses the term African American with a black person in the room a lot of times the moment that person exits the room the white person will have a racist comment to make. There are two things wrong with this situation. The first is that they made a racist comment and the second is that they put on a phony face while the black person was in the room.

When you break down the term African American a large assumption is being made. The assumption is that all black people are from Africa. Even if that assumption is ac-

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The View of Drew: Michael Moore's Snub Makes Me 'Sick'



By Kelly Drew Assistant Opinion Editor

Michael Moore's documentary Sicko was released on DVD last week after a brief theatrical run in June 2007. Oh, haven't heard of it? It was his follow-up to the much more controversial (and far more popular) doc Fahrenheit 9/11. Only this time, instead of ragging on President Bush's reactions and ties to the September 11th, 2001 attacks, Moore focuses on, in my opinion, a far more important topic: the health care situation in the United States.

The subject of this editorial is not to say I am not game for mocking the personality and policies of George W. Bush - I totally am. This is also not to say I'm completely won over by Moore - his tactics and styles are often bombastic and preachy, to say the least. But it baffles me that Moore got so much press coverage for his previous film because it took on the most powerful man in the world at the time when Sicko deals with the wellbeing of the citizens of the most powerful nation in the world. Such a polarizing topic and hardly anyone was discussing it at the proverbial water cooler before and after its release. What the hell? From what I can garner from entertainment news from five months ago, the most talk that came from it was because of a Treasury Department probe that investigated Moore's March visit to Cuba.

Sicko illuminates the sad

truth that the United States of America is the only industrialized nation in the world that does not provide universal health care. Meanwhile those that do have health care are often scammed and victims of fraud and red tape. In sharp contrast, Canada, the United Kingdom, and even Cuba have simpler and more helpful health care systems for their citizens.

Moore interviews those with and without health insurance and their struggles and visits the aforementioned countries to show the huge, gaping disparity between their health care policies and

those of the U.S.

The movie paints an overall disturbing portrait of the tangled, complicated world of insurance. I wish more people could get involved and get behind Moore's call for reform, because this affects all of us, no matter how little recognition Sicko gets.

The Fashionistas: Fashion Crime Overload - How Much is Too Much?

By Jessica Komorowski and Celeste Tennant Staff Writers

There's no denying that a great outfit can become a tacky fashion error if and when it is not worn properly. This week has brought many fashion concerns to Momma V and Momma B's attention. It's time we squash them and teach you how to wear it the right

wav. Let us take a look at exhibit A: Accessories. We are not going to say that we don't like a good accessory—as a matter of fact, we love them! The crime lies in those ladies (and perhaps gentlemen) who wear an overabundance of accessories or over-coordinate the few accessories they are wearing. If you're wondering how you know when you've overdone it, ask yourself this question: "If I were to walk around campus naked wearing nothing but my accessories, would anyone notice my lack of clothing?" If the answer is no, you have taken the concept of an accessory to a whole new level. Ladies, let's face it—an accessory is meant to complement the outfit, NOT overshadow it. Also, don't feel obligated to match the color of your earrings, to your necklace, to your shoes, to your purse, to your hairclip, to your nail polish—do you see where we're going with this? Coordination is not synonymous with matching. Each individual accessory should add a different flare to the outfit itself, all working together toward one single fashion masterpiece.

Now it's time to take a trip to exhibit B or, as we like to call it, Cellulite City. Let us just say that it is NEVER sunny here. What we're referring to is the improper way to wear a mini skirt. Recall our motto from the Halloween Hoes: "If it doesn't flatter you, tuck it away." Imagine this-Momma B and Momma

V are on their way to dinner. A mere 10 feet ahead of them are the Mayor and Governor (respectively) of Cellulite City. We love the idea of boots and a skirt but if that skirt barely covers your watermelon of an ass, you've gone too far. There's no need to look like a tramp in order to be sexy, listen to Ciara-keep the goodies in the jar. All we ask is that you go the next size up. We don't want anyone else to have to witness such a sight right before sitting down for a delicious Salmanson meal.

Lastly, exhibit C is for the gentlemen. Though how could we consider you a gentleman if you dress like this? The crime that we're talking about here is when a guy wears his pants too low. Does it make you feel sexy to have your ass hanging out, mock-mooning everyone you pass? Boxers are called "underwear" for a reason—they go UNDER the clothes. We're sure your butt cheeks don't appreciate being exposed to the elements, especially now that it's getting cold. They can get frostbite too and imagine the chore of sitting down if such a tragedy were to occur. Have you ever heard of/considered wearing a belt? They're great! It's this funky new invention that you wrap around your waist and tighten to your liking. Somehow they hold your pants up. They're like invisible suspenders! You'll be the envy of Larry King.

This week's fashion crimes deserve a collective 4: We like the effort. It's unfortunate that you couldn't get it done, but then again, that's why we're here—to teach you the ways of fashion. Try again this week now that you have our guidance. Don't go too far, but don't lose all hope in your quest for the perfect outfit. You're almost there as long as you remember the three golden rules: learn the right way to accessorize, cover that ass, and pull up those pants. We're proud of you, keep up the good work. And that's what's up.

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Remember Those Days?



By Michael Adams Staff Writer

Everyone on this campus knows that the couple of weeks before Thanksgiving are just plain crazy. There are tests to take, papers to write, and projects to assemble. The normal student (I would think, me) is swamped, and there is limited time for fun, in between making 300+note cards for various exams. This past week, my suitemates and I took a break from making our note cards, or some study tool, and decided to remember the good old days.

Starting way back when we were in the single digits, life was incredible. We would wake up, eat, occasionally throw up on Mom or Dad, and then play with our plastic toys, (no lead paint back then—thank you, globalization) and then we would slowly fall back into a sleeping coma, and wake Mom or Dad up at two in morning explaining that there is a giant furry monster under our bed, and it looks like Cookie Monster, but he doesn't want cookies. We were then calmed down, and all was good and well. Those days were nice

As the years progressed, we hit kindergarten. I don't know about your kindergarten class, or if you even went to kindergarten, but my class was full of new experiences. If you put when I was three compared to when I was five, right next to each other, the only difference would be that kindergarten was enclosed in a whole bunch of cinder blocks, and a lot of little me's ran around the room. This was really a giant congregation of the kids that I already played with. When you live in a town of 4,000 people, you tend to get to know the kids in your neighborhood very fast

Kindergarten consisted of some painting here and there, building gingerbread houses out of milk cartons we got from lunch, and learning the days of the week in French (my teacher was Belgian). The only bad thing about these kindergarten years was that I was actually yelled at for asking my friend if he wanted to read a book, and accidentally throwing it across the table. I found it hilarious at the time, but apparently, in kindergarten, we learn

not to throw things. That whole notion was destroyed when I started playing youth sports. . .

First through fourth grade was really where the fun started. I got into some accelerated math class with some other smart people, and learned to multiply numbers. This is where the whole "Crap, I have to do work" notion started to set it. As I progressed through elementary school, the work started to pile up, and it seemed like a lot, but boy, was I wrong. For the sake of article length, I am going to skip the middle school days, well, frankly, because they sucked.

High school starts the tradition of, 'you pretty much have to take these classes, and learn from them, and do the work'. There wasn't that much freedom to pick and choose your classes. Really, the only thing I could choose were my arts electives, which ended up being really cool. After I graduated, of course they had to increase the art class possibilities.

And here we are now, in college, getting a really great education from one of the best universities on the east coast, and I couldn't be happier. However, once again, here there are requirements to graduate, and all that jazz, but the workload is tremendous.

I was studying fifteen minutes for a test in high school, and now I am studying four to five hours (or more) for an exam in college. OK. I get it, that college is harder than high school or elementary school, but there isn't that freedom that we all had as little kids, running around in our front yards through the flower-shaped sprinkler, eating an entire water-melon, because we had not a care in the world.

I am just asking you all to remember those days, when we had no responsibility to anyone, and our homework consisted of drawing our house with our families outside of it (granted, in elementary school that drawing would have looked like a fishing shanty with stick people wearing very stingy clothing—I probably would have given my sister purple hair too).

Now, our freedom is severely limited. It's hard to look out my dorm room window and see the crisp blue sky with the sun beaming in, and know that I won't be able to go out and play. Instead I'm studying. Meh—I guess it's a trade-off, but I just want you all to remember those days when we didn't have too much to worry about, and we could play with our Legos and Barbie dolls whenever we chose to. I'll close with wishing everyone a very happy Thanksgiving and wonderful Black Friday.

Racist term?

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curate, which it is not, then I do not understand why white people are not labeled as European-American.

One situation where I hear the term African American often is during political speeches. I do not believe I have ever heard George Bush use the term 'black.' It has been said by some, thank you Kanye West, that Bush does not care about black people. I feel his use of the term African American is just his way of covering up some negative feelings he has in regards to the black community.

Part of the reason for the constantly changing labels is due to the fact that organizations are looking for exposure. For example if the NAACP decides to make a new politically correct term then they will

get news coverage and people will be exposed to the organization. Sometimes I feel it is not about being politically correct at all but instead just getting attention

from the media to one's organization.

Just like other terms that have been used through history I feel that African American is a term that has to go. The usage of the term in many situations is only to cover up racist thoughts of those using the phrase. In some instances the entire term becomes racist due to the context in which it is used and what it is trying to cover up. The phrase is also stereotypical because it builds on the notion that all black people are from Africa. For those two reasons, misperceptions of African roots and use of the term by racist people, African American is a word which you will not find in my vocabulary.



Letters to the Editor: Brian Kennedy: Out in the real world...

An Alumni Submission: Where I am: Anchorman

First, I just want to say I've been getting my weekly *Archway* in the mail and I'm glad to see Bryant's paper of record is still vibrant and growing. Major props to Sports, I thought you guys were great last year, but this year you've outdone yourselves. Save some clippings guys, that is high-octane quality stuff.

After a bit of a funk after graduation last May, I finally had the good fortune to come across my dream job at the end of September. As it turns out, management degrees come a dime a dozen, even with the prestige Bryant possesses, so I sought employment in other fields. It was a frustrating June, July, and August. So many applications, screenings (forget interviews), and failures. Commissioned Sales just isn't my calling. I found my love in the newspaper and that's where it remained.

At Bryant we learn about barriers to entry. Well, the writing/printing/editing field has an entry barrier straight out of Star Wars force-field tech. Nearly all the editing positions, even the junior level ones required 3-5 years editing experience as well as relevant field knowledge. In short, "college graduates need not apply," especially management majors.

Fortunately I have the good luck of insightful parents, and they recommended I send something in to the papers. I was intrigued by one particular newspaper we have delivered to our house. It is the official Catholic newspaper of the Fall River Diocese, known as *The Anchor*. I sent a cover letter, a copy of my resume, and three of my *Archway* articles in and awaited a response. About a week later I got an email regarding an interview.

After a nerve-wracking interview process including questions regarding my faith, my experience, the passion for writing, my thoughts on plagiarism, a meeting with the editors, and specific issues regarding opinion versus news writing, I was delighted and relieved to hear "When can you start?"

Before leaving I helped my new boss pull a large, heavy desk down from the attic for my office. While it isn't my computer desk it has worked out very well as an organization space. I speculate my hiring was essentially a perfect storm of dumb luck, good timing, and necessity; apparently one of their veteran reporters who worked in the office full-time had just left, their current reporter was part-time, and otherwise the paper was being edited, published, and sent to print as a three-man show.

My first day was October 1st. I've been working there for a little over a month now, and my duties include covering events, getting attendee reactions, conducting interviews, writing stories, taking photos, copy editing... in short I'm staff; I do what they tell me to do. It's no bother though; this is easily the best job I could have ever asked for. It probably doesn't pay as well as the business-related jobs most of you will get when you graduate from Bryant, but the most important quality to look for in a job is that you love what you do.

Remember fellow travelers at Bryant, eventually you will graduate and you'll go on with your lives. Remember that this is America: Our society is founded on the belief that if you seek your dreams and you work hard at achieving them, they will come true. Keep informed, stay sharp, and stay well.

~Brian Kennedy '07

A Special Thanks to Lori Johnson

As usual, the time of year to register for classes has come upon us faster than we expected. And also as usual, many students are left wondering which classes they should register for next semester. The Undergraduate Advising Office has been packed with confused freshmen who have never used the Banner system before, sophomores trying to decide which major they want to declare, juniors looking into studying abroad, and seniors scrambling furiously to finish their classes in time for gradation in May.

I became disenfranchised with the Undergraduate Advising Office during my first year of college. I never felt like my adviser was really listening to my concerns or was willing to work with me in creating a schedule that would fit in a double concentration with one interest in the liberal arts and one in accounting and the potential for study abroad. In the second semester of my freshman year, I was advised to register for a class that I found out on the morning of registration that I did not fill the prerequisite for. The summer after my freshman year, I was told that I needed to take two summer classes in order to graduate on time since I wanted to double major; after having paid to take these two classes, I discovered that in actuality, the number of courses I have will allow me to take four classes first semester of my senior year and then graduate early. By my sophomore year, I was ready to call it quits on the Undergraduate Advising Office. Instead, I started making appointments with Lori Johnson.

Lori has guided me through an obstacle course of summer classes, special approvals for classes abroad, requirements for graduate school application, and registration for all of the proper courses toward my majors. Lori is always certain to explain to me the different options that I have open to me and is sure to always listen to every concern I have before advising me to take action. I have never felt like she doesn't have the time for my questions; likewise, if she can't fully answer my questions on the spot, she is sure to find out for me and email me promptly with the answers. When I haven't had time to make an appointment, I don't think I have ever waited more than five hours for a response to an email question.

As you register for classes and consult your adviser, I hope that you are having the same experience that I now enjoy with Lori Johnson. She is truly an invaluable member of the Undergraduate Advising staff. On behalf of the students of Bryant University who have had the pleasure of working with you... Thanks, Lori.

~ Kim Cole '09

variety

Bulldog Flicks: Fred Claus

By Michael Pickowicz Staff Writer

Ah, Christmas time. It seems to sneak up on us all earlier and earlier each year. Stores have their decorations up already, music is starting to play, and

more importantly, Christmas movies are beginning to be released on the big screen. This leads me into my early Christmas review for the week, "Fred Claus."

"Fred Claus" is a comedy about two brothers named Nick (Paul Giamatti) and Fred (Vince Vaughn) who are about as opposite as a pair comes. Nick is an insanely generous man, while Fred is your average scrooge.

As you may have guessed, Nick becomes the man known as Santa

Claus while Fred is less successful in all aspects of life. Desperate to make a living, Fred asks Nick to make a donation of \$50,000 dollars to give him a jump start. Not being that generous, Nick makes sure that Fred works for the money at the North Pole, which is the beginning of a horrible family reunion.

Like most Christmas movies, "Fred Claus" seems to follow the typical themes of family, presents, and the reason for the season. What makes this movie different is the addition of a brother rivalry, which I found provided a nice creative twist to a classic story. The two characters play off each other really well and watching the two develop

and learn from each other is actually fun and touching.

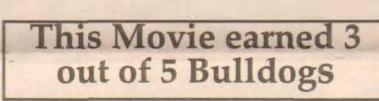
Where this story goes wrong is there are too many useless subplots that take away from Nick and Fred's story. There's Fred's relationship with an orphan, Fred's love interest, and

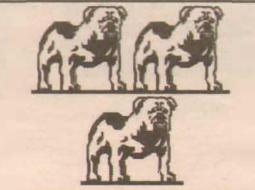
most recent portrayal of Santa (Tim Allen), Giamatti adds a more classical look and feel to the role that just felt right.

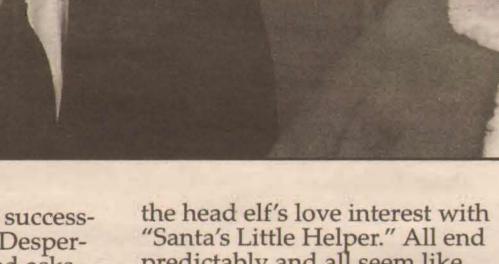
In the end "Fred Claus," despite its efforts to be different, fails to rip itself away from the typical Christmas clichés. Point-

less plots could have been left out and more focus should have been put on the relationship between Fred and Santa, which is where I felt the movie shined. If you're expecting a movie like "Elf," you may be disappointed, as it isn't as funny or as Courtesy of MCT Campus original. That being

said, "Fred Claus" does have its moments and some funny actors backing it up. If you need a good Christmas flick to take the family to (brothers in particular), this movie could just be your hollyjolly fix. "Fred Claus" gets 3 Bulldogs out of 5.







predictably and all seem like pointless ways to throw another Christmas message at you.

Another little issue is that the movie isn't nearly as funny as advertisements make it out to be. It's not that big of a deal because I felt that it was as funny as the creators intended it to be, meaning most of the jokes were funny. It's a shame because it felt like the cast wasn't used as well as it could have been. There are, however, a few inspired scenes with some hilarious cameos.

One other thing I'd like to mention is how well Giamatti did portraying the role of St. Nick. Compared to Hollywood's

Horoscopes



Scorpio

Family discussions seem stuck, but don't give up. Explain your position clearly and then spend plenty of time listening. Just get what your partner is saying.



Sacittarius

It seems unfair, the amount of work that you have to do. This will be especially true if you mess up and have to start over. Be careful.



Capricorn

Anticipate a few minor setbacks, as your start on a new adventure. The money's not all worked out yet but have faith. You'll think of something.



Aquarius

You don't have to do everything. It's not even a good idea. Let the others make contributions, too, and mistakes. It's good for them.



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Pisces

For the next several weeks, you'll make great advances toward your goals. Be forewarned, however, your results may not fit your pictures.



Aries

No need to brag about your success. It's better if you don't. Keep a lid on expenses even if you think you have plenty of profit..



Taurus

You're obviously the most practical person in the debate. Be patient with the others, especially the one who doesn't have a clue.



Gemini

Conditions are getting better, but it hasn't quite happened yet. First you'll need to finish a difficult chore you've been avoiding.



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An interview with 'Lil Jimmy Norton

By Greg Hirshorn

Variety Editor

This past Monday I had the amazing chance to speak with my favorite comedian, Jim Norton. Jimmy is a member of the Opie and Anthony show, which can be heard on XM radio every morning. If you have heard the show you know that Jimmy is one of a kind and has the candid ability to think on the spot and come up with one liners that will make you fall out of your chair in laughter. Talking to Jimmy made me even more aware of the fact that Jim Norton is a comic genius.

Some of what Jim says can be on the more extreme side, so I had to ask him about how he feels about some who may be offended by his material. His response was something I totally agree with: "Tough shit I really do not care if they are offended." This is obvious in Norton's actions as he uses language and touches on issues that many are uncomfortable hearing. He is of the opinion that if you don't like what is being said you can simply change the station; good for him. I went on to ask Jim about how much of what he

says on stage is real and how much is just a part of his act. Jimmy told me that all of the emotions that he shows on stage are completely honest. He uses these emotions as a starting point and then exaggerates to make the show more entertaining.

The Opie and Anthony show has been removed from the air several times for different issues, and so I knew Jimmy would have something valuable to say on the topic of free speech. He said that free speech on the radio is affected by the companies who advertise during the show. If something is said that the company may not be in favor of they can stop their advertising, causing the station to lose money. What Jimmy feels needs to happen is the people who are in favor of free speech on the radio need to speak up to the companies in the same way special interest groups do when they don't agree with something that has been said. This way companies hear both sides of an issue and not just the special interest groups who are offended.

One of Norton's greatest strengths is the way he is able to tie two things together in the course of a

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Traveling Virus Tour Part Two

By Greg Hirshorn
Variety Editor

Intermission ended with the hosts of the tour, Opie and Anthony, coming out onto the stage. They entertained the crowd by talking about their situation at XM radio since they had just recently returned from a one month suspension which infuriated many of the listeners and compelled them to fill XM's phone lines with complaints in regards to the suspension. They showed some new TV commercials for the radio show, which were going to be released shortly, which were all very funny. After this it was on with the second half of the show.

Otto and George were the first act of the second half of the show. It may sound like Otto and George are two people but it is actually a comedian with his puppet. The act he put on was entertaining as some of the things that he had the puppet saying were inappropriate, and you would have never envisioned a puppet saying them. Along with coming up with jokes a very skillful job was done in ventriloquist work.

Next up was someone we all know, Bob Saget. Saget played Danny Tanner on the TV show, Full House, which many of us grew up watching. One may be caught off guard if they were not prepared for the content Saget was going to have in his act, as he is far from the clean cut Full House father figure we see on TV. Saget was raunchy in his humor which the crowd absolutely loved. He made comments making fun of the Olsen twins, Joey, and Kimmy Gibler. It made me laugh very hard because I never thought I would see a man who played Danny Tanner make such inappropriate comments on the other people who starred on the show. I feel that this plays right into his act as many people have the same reaction I do in finding this former clean cut dad to be so outrageous once he steps on stage.

Following Saget, Louie CK took center stage. Louie was named in the top 100 comics ever by Comedy Central when they recently ran that special. A main part of Louie's act is how he comments on the responsibilities of being a parent of his young four year old daughter. This is very entertaining as he puts a fresh spin on parenting and looks and presents ideas in ways that you have never thought of. His blatant honesty added to the shock value of his act.

The next comedian to take the stage, Jim Norton, was the man who I had been most excited to see. As I said before, Norton is on every episode of the Opie and Anthony show, and his one liners ad an even higher comedic value to an already funny show. From listening to Jimmy on XM I knew that I could expect some explicit humor based on the things that he has done in his life.

A main part of Jimmy's act involves women and his views on feminism and things along these lines. His wit is what really elevates his acts to the next level because he has the uncanny ability to string together multiple topics with one liners that will leave you rolling on the floor. He recently was in an HBO Special, Monster Rain, and has written a book, I have

seen the special and read his book and I suggest you all do the same. Jim is performing at the Comedy Connection in East Providence On November 16th and 17th. I was very excited that I had the chance to interview Jimmy, which you can also read about in Variety this week.

The last act of the night was Steven Lynch. For those of you who may not know about Steven Lynch, he performs with his guitar and makes songs about odd topics which to say the least are very funny. Lynch has an extremely strong following of fans who can be identified easily as they yell out song requests during the break in between songs. Lynch's performance did seem somewhat rushed, but I found out why when listening to the Opie and Anthony show on Monday morning. The stage was only booked until a certain time, and the show was running late. If they ended up staying on the stage even a minute too long then the overtime fee that they would have to pay would have been enormous. This did not take away from his performance that much because he still had a great act that the crowd ate up.

The tour is becoming a summer tradition that many look forward to attending when it comes to their location each year. The same group of comedians that were on the tour this year should be back together for a tour next year since they all are friendly with each other and have just as good a time on the tour as the fans. I will be there next year excited for this summer tradition.

'Lil Jimmy

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joke. I asked him about this, and he said that a lot of this comes to him while on the stage when he gets a feel for the crowd that he is performing for. He has the basic ideas for his jokes but then expands on them based on the audience's reception.

Another strength of Jimmy's is that he emphasizes certain words to add to the effect of the jokes and enhance his delivery style. The cadence that he uses is not planned ahead of time. Instead, he improvises which words he puts emphasis on to add to the impact of the

jokes. This is similar to the way that he pulls two topics together based on the feel he gets from the crowd; he uses it when deciding which words to emphasize.

Jimmy stated that some of his favorite cities to perform in are New York, Boston, and San Francisco. The activities and crowds in these cities are always fun and lively to be around. Colin Ouinn is his favorite comedian, based on how smart Quinn is. When performing after Quinn, Jimmy makes the transition from a type of smart observational comedy to his more intense, extreme style.

The Traveling Virus tour was also a great experience for Norton as he had the chance to hang out and travel around with a lot of his friends.

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He hopes to see this tradition continue into the future because it is something that both the fans and the comics enjoy.

There have been recent rumors that XM and Sirius Satellite radio may be merging, and when I asked Jimmy about this he seemed very enthusiastic about the opportunity. He commented that if these companies merge the show would be exposed to more listeners so that more people could enjoy the show. He feels that they will keep the same morning time slot if the two companies do merge due to the success that they have had during this slot on XM radio.

When I asked Jim Norton if he had any advice for college students I was expecting an answer that would be extreme and very funny. I got exactly this as he responded that his advice would be, "If any student wearing army camo walks into your classroom with something that looks like a golf bag on his back you should get out."

Jimmy will be performing at the Comedy Connection in East Providence on Friday November 16th and Saturday November 17th. Both nights there will be two shows at 8PM and 10:15 PM. For tickets you can call (401) 438-8383, I will see you there!

Celebrity Roundup

By Carlos Ramos Staff Writer

The entertainment coverage this week is not celebrity driven, but it is about the geniuses that write the shows they are on and ultimately make them celebrities. Both the East and West coast branches of the Writers Guild of America have been on strike for the past week because they want a cut of the revenues generated by new media and DVD sales.

You probably won't be seeing new episodes anytime soon. One show that has continued despite the WGA strike is *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*. DeGeneres crossed the picket line last Tuesday to continue filming her talk show.

She addressed the audience by saying, "I want to say I love my writers. I love them. In honor of them today, I'm not going to do a monologue. I support them and hope that they get everything they're asking for. And I hope it works out soon."

Kanye West's mother and onetime manager, Dr. Donda West, died Saturday as a result of complications suffered during cosmetic surgery. Dr. West was Kanye's biggest

supporter, teaming up to become CEO of West Brands LLC and cofounder of the Kanye West Foundation, aimed at combating dropout problems in high schools.

Archdiocese of Boston Reverend David Ajemian, accused of harassing and stalking talk show host Conan O'Brien, was arrested earlier this month while trying to enter a taping of Late Night with Conan O'Brien. Ajemian could face up to a year in

prison. Who would want to stalk Conan? The View co-host Elisabeth Hasselbeck

gave birth to a seven pound baby boy last Friday in an Arizona Hospital. Hasselbeck called in to the show on Monday to reveal the name of her second child: Taylor Thomas Hasselbeck. Conservative radio star Laura Ingraham, who was a special guest co-host, asked, "Has he been registered as a Republican yet?"

American Gangster, starring Denzel Washington could not hold on to the top

spot. Bee Movie buzzed its way to the number one spot, bringing approximately \$26 million in its second weekend. Rounding out the top three was Fred Claus, starring Vince Vaughn, which brought in approximately \$19 million in box office sales.

It seems big name stars could not help *Lions for Lambs*. The political drama starring Tom Cruise, Meryl Streep, and Robert Redford came in at number four, taking in a modest \$6.7 mil-

Movies opening in wide release this weekend are Beowulf, featuring the voices of Angelina Jolie and An-

Courtesy of MCT Campusthony Hopkins, and Mr.

Magorium's Wonder Emporium, starring
Dustin Hoffman and Natalie Portman.

While in select theaters cult film director
Richard Kelly's Southland Tales has a huge
cast of stars from "The Rock" to Sarah
Michelle Gellar.

Can the Bee hold on to the top spot? Or will Fred Claus dethrone the Bee? Find out next week on my Celebrity Roundup column.

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A year for

How well do you know the world and its biggest continent?

BY ALFRED BORCOVER Chicago Tribune

n an instant, you should know that Asia includes the two most populous countries on the planet, China and India. The continent consists of 47 countries with nearly 4 billion people, some 60 percent of the world's population. Asia — also the largest in size of the seven continents - spans 10 time zones (some say 11), the contiguous United States only four.

Not everyone agrees on what constitutes Asia, since it's part of the Eurasian land mass, but its borders on the west are generally considered to be the Ural and Caucasus Mountains, the Dardanelles in northwest Turkey and the Gulf of Suez/Suez Canal in Egypt, Its other borders are three oceans — the Arctic, Pacific and Indian. Not a day goes by without news

from Asia — the war in Iraq, resurgence of the Taliban in Afghanistan, military repression against demonstrating monks in Myanmar (formerly Burma), the 2008 Summer Olympics in China, Middle East turmoil, nuclear fears from Iran, astonishing development in Dubai, outsourcing of jobs to India, oil production in Saudi Arabia and the economy in Japan.

Every day we touch something made in Asia - the clothes we wear, the cell phones we use, the TV sets we watch, toys children play with. Obviously, we all need to know more about Asia - more than just popular Chinese, Indian, Japanese and Thai food!

Here's a chance to test your geography skills. You'll find questions relating to Asia, but also questions on the rest of the world. Remember, this is not a test with grades, but simply a way to help us all learn more about our planet.

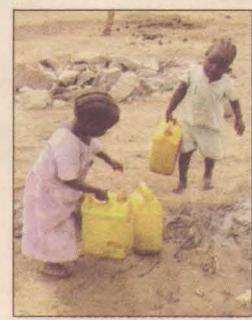


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Muslims pray during a pilgrimage to Mecca.

- 1. Benelux is the collective name for three small countries on what continent?
- 2. Victoria Falls plunges 360 feet into which African river?
- 3. Yukon, Northwest and Nunavut are territories in what country?
- 4. The Middle East serves as a crossroads between Asia, Africa and what other continent?
- 5. What is the only continent without a permanent human population?
- 6. In Islam, it is the duty of every Muslim who can to make a pilgrimage to Mecca, located in which country?
- 7. China and India, the two most populous countries in the world, are located on which continent?
- 8. During the last three years, the Darfur region of which African country has seen genocide and the displacement of refugees?
- 9. The Bolshoi Theatre, known as a cultural center for opera and ballet, is located in which Russian city?

OUR WORLD



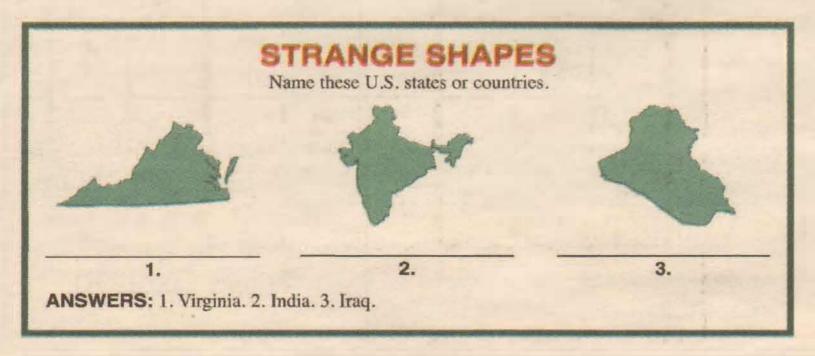
SHASHANK BENGALI/MCT Children collect water at

a refugee camp in the Darfur region in Africa.

- 10. Highway signs in both Gaelic and English are common in which country?
- 11. Afrikaners are the descendants of European settlers who mostly live in which presentday country?
- 12. Steel drums, acoustically tuned musical instruments made from oil drums, originated in which Caribbean island country?
- 13. Which country holds the world record for the annual

- occurrence of tornadoes (more than 1,000 a year)?
- 14. What small country on the Atlantic coast of the Iberian Peninsula was a major player in oceanic exploration during the 15th century?
- 15. The islands of Luzon, Mindanao and Mindoro are part of which Asian country that gained independence from the United States in 1946?
- 16. The Westman Islands. located on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, are a small archipelago neighboring which European country?
- 17. What language is spoken by more Chinese than any other?
- 18. Ceylon tea is grown on the hillsides of what South Asian country?
- 19. Grand Coulee Dam, one of the largest concrete structures in the world, is located in which U.S. state?
- 20. Once a Belgian colony, what present-day country is the third largest in area in Africa and has experienced terrible civil war and poverty?

ANSWERS: 1. Europe (Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg). 2. Zambezi. 3. Canada. 4. Europe, 5, Antarctica, 6, Saudi Arabia, 7, Asia, 8, Sudan, 9, Moscow, 10, Ireland, 11, South Africa, 12. Trinidad and Tobago. 13. United States. 14. Portugal. 15. Philippines. 16. Iceland. 17. Mandarin. 18. Sri Lanka. 19. Washington. 20. Democratic Republic of the Congo.



NEIGHBORHOOD COLORS

China shares its border with 14 countries. To make it a little easier, we've named and matched the flags of four of the "stans"; match - and name - the other 10. (The four "stans" are Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.)

COUNTRIES

- A. North Korea
- B. Russia
- C. Mongolia D. Pakistan
- F. Nepal G. Bhutan H. Myanmar
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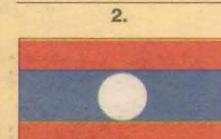
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Tajikistan

















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ANSWERS: 1. G. 2. E. 3. J. 4. I. 5. C. 6. B. 7. H. 8. D. 9. F. 10. A.



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JUTTA SCHEIBE AND

The atrium of the Grand Hyatt Hotel spans the 53rd to the 87th floors of the 88-story Jin Mao Tower.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

- 1. Which country is bordered in part by the Orinoco River?
- C. Venezuela A. Ecuador B. Chile D. Argentina
- 2. Last year a military commander seized control of what country com-
- Pacific? A. Fiji
- C. Philippines
- D. Solomon Islands B. Micronesia 3. U.S. troops were used in 1989 to

posed of more than 300 islands in the

- overthrow the de facto rule of Gen. Manuel Noriega in which Central American country? A. Belize C. Nicaragua
- D. Panama B. Guatemala
- 4. The city of Albuquerque, N.M., is located on which river? C. Rio Grande
- A. Colorado D. Yellowstone B. Snake

ters for the North Atlantic Treaty

5. Which European capital is headquar-

- Organization? A. Berlin C. Paris
- B. Brussels D. The Hague 6. Jin Mao Tower, which has the high-
- in which Asian city? A. Beijing C. Shanghai B. Jakarta D. Singapore

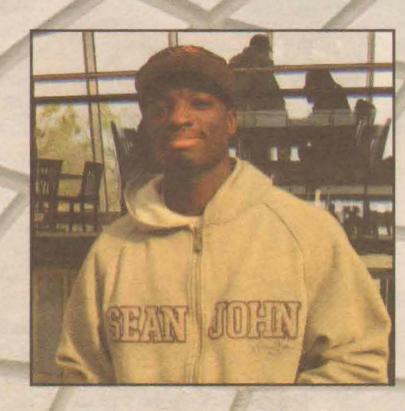
est hotel rooms in the world, is located

- 7. Which major South American city is
- more populous? A. Bienos Aires C. Santiago, Chile B. Sao Paulo, Brazil D. Rio de Janeiro
- 8. What river forms much of the border between Romania and neighboring Bulgaria?
- A. Seine C. Danube B. Volga D. Rhine
- 9. Which Northern European country originated St. Lucia Day on Dec. 13 as a celebration of light in the darkness of winter?
- A. Norway C. Finland B. Denmark D. Sweden
- 10. Carthage, an ancient city known for its archeological wealth, is located on the Mediterranean coast of which
- African country? A. Tunisia C. Libya B. Morocco D. Algeria

ANSWERS: 1. C (with Colombia). 2. A. 3. D. 4. C. 5. B. 6. C (Grand Hyatt Shanghai). 7. B. 8. C. 9. D. 10. A.

Students Speak Out

What do you think about the conclusion to the Bryant & Bentley rivalry?



"It was straight...check out my Facebook video." Kevin Menawonu '09



"I think the rivalry between Bryant and Bentley was the classic college rivalry. It gave me something to look forward to during the year. I will truly miss playing them but they're all suckas. Chris Walker is really cool."

Chris Walker '08

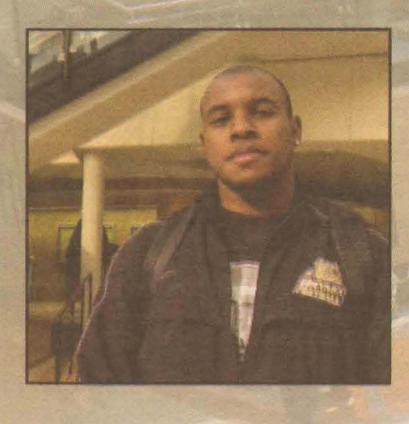


"Bentley always thinks that they are better but they're just mad because they're not going D1 and they are forever stuck in NE10 playing schools like St. A's. Their Birds can not fly in any weather."

Kasey Kentucky Kortz

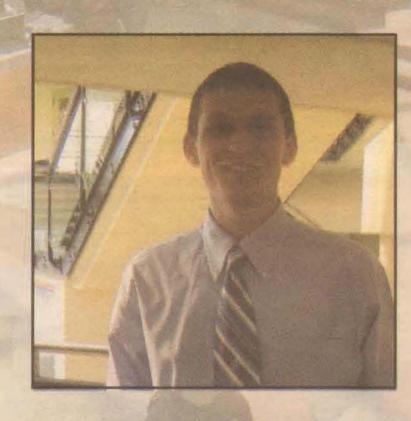


"We are champs!"
Steven Branch '09



"They got what they deserved. They didn't work as hard as us in the off season."

James Lewis '08



"I almost think that since we have such a strong history between two schools it would be cool to have exhibition games. They don't count; it would just be to continue the rivalry."

Dan Holland '10



"I think it's a way to motivate players to play harder. If there wasn't rivalry they wouldn't have as much inspiration to play as hard, but they can be bad for relationships between the schools as well."

Vaidehi Patel '11



"It was a good rivalry since we are both business schools, but it will be nice to have someone new, and I found it very amusing to see them driving away after we won the game."

Tracey Gant '10

Compiled by Maddie Archambeault