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The next big step in Bryant communication

By Bryan Sargeant
Staff Writer

The research was done. The funding was achieved. The building was constructed. Now, one the site of the old Koffler center stands the "best TV studio in Rhode Island" according to Dr. Stanley Baran. Yet, there is one final step to making this improvement complete; to get more students in there using what is available to them.

Dr. Baran and Tom Zammarelli are working to do just that. The goal is to turn what is currently a facility with a great deal of potential into an active, busy center for communication. Through training and certification sessions taught by Zammarelli, students, faculty, staff, and alums will have the opportunity to make use of the new television production studio.

Currently, there is one certification program which runs for 6 weeks. Zammarelli describes the course as one that will "make sure people know the process and procedure." Along with the basics, Zammarelli will connect basic theory to the available technology at Bryant. By the end of the six weeks, everything will be tied together and the education gained will allow participants to confidently

and successfully utilize the facility. For this initial session the 18 spots filled up within 24 hours.

So why would a busy college student give up 3 hours a week for 6 weeks? The answer is because, as Dr. Baran points out, the opportunities are incredible for someone with the proper skills and certification.

Bryant University now has the capability to allow students not just the chance to have a radio show, but with this new technology, people can produce their own television shows. Ideally, Baran sees a situation where blocks of time are scheduled for independent programs. A communication advisory board consisting of faculty in the communication and English field, IT specialists, and members of student activities will review proposals for television productions from interested candidates. The options are limitless to the applicants imagination. "There could be a 'Talk with the Coach' show with interviews of teams that are in season," Baran imagines. A sports talk show? News? Bryant Music Television? The sky is truly the limit.

Zammarelli boasts that "Bryant has the potential to produce the

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SAA is recognized as a major organization in regional competition

By Bethany Thornton
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On Saturday, April 9, the Student Alumni Association (SAA) received the "2005 Outstanding Organization Award" given by the Association of Student Advancing Programs (ASAP). The competition took place at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, who happened to pose strong competition for Bryant.

This was the first year that SAA entered into the competition and amazingly came out a winner. Bryant's SAA competed with 22 other schools in the district. The district is made up of New England and southern Canada. Among their competitors were schools such as MIT, UCONN, and Brandeis. Not

only did the organization take home an award, but their new website also received the "2005 Outstanding Website Award."

Michael Oliveri '08 was the webmaster who created the website. Oliveri was able to put the website together in 15 days. "It was a tight time table, but we ended up with a great product to serve the organization. I plan to continue to hold it all together as time goes on," Oliveri stated concerning the time crunch in which he had to design and implement the new site. In respect to the award he received, he stated, "I feel honored to receive such a high award." SAA interviewed 133 applicants last fall and saw the most potential in Oliveri.

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Spring Weekend comedians announced



photos courtesy of websites for Isaac Whitty, Jim Gaffigan, & Dean Edwards, layout courtesy of Ryan Stranz

By Emilie Lavoie
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Due to Mitch Hedberg's untimely death, the lineup for Spring Weekend's comedians had to be changed with little notice. SPB Concert Chair, Chris Companik '05 is now ready to announce that Jim Gaffigan and Dean Edwards will be replacing Mitch Hedberg as headlining performers for Saturday night of Spring Weekend. Isaac Witty will also join the pair as an opener and MC throughout the show.

Isaac Witty began his stand-up career at the age of 16 at a church talent show. His love for comedy developed much earlier, however, while touring with his parents and performing Christian sketch comedy.

Witty began writing and performing his own material shortly after his first set in his hometown of Tulsa, Oklahoma. It was there that he was named the winner of the Tulsa "Comedy Central Laugh Off." Many continue to describe Witty's routine as clean and unique. Although most comedians continue to claim their originality, Witty's originality has remained constant and is one of his more recognizable traits. His appearances include the "Late Show with

David Letterman," "Premium Blend" on Comedy Central, and several other film credits.

Gaffigan, considered a "triple threat" in stand-up, acting, and writing, has made appearances on both CBS's "Late Show with David Letterman" and NBC's "Late Night with Conan O'Brien." He has also maintained one of the highest rankings for all stand-up shows on the Comedy Central network with his comedy special, Comedy Central Presents: Jim Gaffigan. He has also performed his routine at the HBO US Comedy Arts Festival and the Just For Laughs International Comedy Festival in Montreal.

Gaffigan has also made consistent appearances on TV's "That 70's Show," "Ed," the "Late Show with David Letterman," and his filmography stretches from 1997 to 2005 with over 30 films. You may remember seeing him in Super Troopers, 13 Going On 30, and even Road Trip. He has won several awards for his commercial campaigns including Business Week's 1999 "Salesman of The Year".

Along with Gaffigan's and Witty's performances, Dean Edwards will take the mike. Edwards is a former two year Saturday Night Live cast mem-

ber. His most notable comedic performance skill has been his knack for impressions of famous people. Not only does he do these impressions, but he picks on audience members and everyday people. He also, in one particular show, did an extensive routine about the unwritten rules of the men's room. This had the audience in tears.

Edwards has headlined top comedy clubs across the country and appeared on Comedy Central's "USO Comedy Tour," "Premium Blend," "The World Stands Up," and also "Russell Simmon's Def Comedy Jam." He has also contributed his voice to shows such as MTV's "Celebrity Deathmatch" and BET's animated series "Hey Monie." Recently he made a very notable appearance on HBO's hit series "The Sopranos," and now has plans to play a role in an upcoming feature film.

All three comedians have received rave reviews from those attending their stand-up features, to those who have seen their numerous films and TV appearances. Bryant certainly is lucky to host three highly regarded comedians in celebration of our Spring Weekend festivities.

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Students get more than grades by designing glider

By Andy Mead
Knight Ridder Newspapers
(KRT)

No one has ever flown an airplane on Mars, but engineering students at the University of Kentucky are helping NASA figure out how it could be done.

And they're doing it through a project called Big Blue.

That's short for baseline inflatable glider balloon launched unmanned experiment.

It's a small, student-designed glider that a high-altitude balloon carries to the edge of space at 100,000 feet, where the thin air and high levels of radiation are similar to the atmosphere of Mars.

The plane is so high-tech that the one students flew last year, Deimos, named after one of the two moons of Mars will be part of an exhibit that opened Friday at the Smithsonian Institution's Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum in New York.

The exhibit, which runs through Oct. 30, is called Extreme Textiles: Designing for High Performance.

Besides Deimos, it will include things such as woven and knitted vascular grafts used to replace human arteries in bypass surgery, spacesuits on loan from the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum and a prototype of the Mars Lander air bag.

Matilda McQuaid, the exhibit curator, said Deimos will be suspended from the museum's ceiling, so that it appears to be in flight.

Kentucky's Big Blue project

began in 2002 with a \$100,000 grant from NASA.

"Airplanes are a strong candidate to explore Mars, just as they have been done so effectively on Earth for more than 100 years now," said Andy Gonzales, who heads the Mars airplane project at the NASA Ames Research Center in California and has worked with the UK students.

The next time planet alignment will be right for sending a plane to Mars will be in 2011.

Several groups around the world are working on Mars flyers, but all face the same problem: How do you design a plane small enough to be packed into a spaceship for the long trip to Mars but with a wingspan wide enough to fly once it gets there?

Others have tried wings that mechanically unfold after being deployed.

The Kentucky students came up with what NASA has called "an elegant solution."

Their plane had wings made of a fiberglass fabric soaked in a special epoxy.

When the plane reaches a certain altitude, the wings open and are inflated with compressed air. The epoxy is exposed to sunlight, which hardens it and makes the wings rigid.

The flight of the plane known as Big Blue I was in May 2003.

As the balloon ascended into the sky over Colorado, a computer on the plane opened the wings at

55,000 feet.

The wings hardened as the balloon continued to 89,000 feet. The plane cut loose and spent 2 hours gliding to the ground under a parachute.



Part of the Big Blue Glider at the University of Kentucky.

courtesy of KRT

"It was really the first time that anyone had done this," said Suzanne Smith, a mechanical engineering professor who is the project manager.

There was a small problem: A tiny leak in one side made the wings asymmetrical.

The project continued, with two more annual grants of \$80,000 each.

In March 2004, the students took an early version of Big Blue II to Kitty Hawk, N.C., to fly it over the same area where Orville and Wilbur Wright made their first flights.

"We had some really nice videos from the onboard camera of us standing on the dunes wav-

ing as it flew by," Smith said.

For the May 2004 high-altitude flight of Big Blue II, or Deimos, the students redesigned the inflation system and developed a stronger second-generation set of wings.

The plan was that, when Deimos got close enough to the ground for them to see it, the students would take control from the onboard computer and guide the plane in.

The balloon burst at 63,000 feet, however, so the plane came down out of sight of the students.

But the wings, which will be displayed in New York, were perfect.

This year's flight of Big Blue III is scheduled for April 30, with May 1 as a bad-weather date.

This time, Smith said, the wings will be inflatable but won't be treated with the epoxy that would make them rigid. They are made of material left over from the air bags used by the Mars Rovers.

They were manufactured at ILC Dover, the Delaware company that, among other things, makes astronauts' suits.

"The students present the designs to the engineers and they pretty much critique it," Smith said.

The students have worked closely with engineers at ILC DOVER and at NASA.

Gonzales, from NASA's Ames center, talked about the fun he has with a flight simulator that he learned about from the Kentucky students.

Students design and build the fuselage, inflation and automatic pilot systems and use a prototype Mars flyer on loan from NASA to study techniques for mounting wings.

Big Blue is a senior design project at the Kentucky College of Engineering. About 200 mechanical, electrical and computer engineering students have worked on it over three years, Smith said.

She doesn't have a current count, but said that, at one time, about 10 percent of them had gone on to graduate school in aeronautics, to jobs in the industry or to internships at NASA.

Bobby Jones of Lexington, a senior mechanical engineering student who worked on Big Blue for two years, interned at ILC Dover last summer and said the company has talked with him about a job.

"A lot of the engineers there who work with NASA are really impressed with that we're doing," he said. "And when I walk into an interview with that on my resume, it's not like a normal class project."

And that, Smith said, is what is behind Big Blue.

"The whole idea is that, if students are going to learn how to do an aerospace project, they need to do an aerospace project," she said.

"When they call up someone at ILC Dover or at NASA, they're talking to them as peers, as someone who is working on the edge of technology."

Free speech at risk, professor tells crowd

By Matt Krupnick
Knight Ridder Newspapers
(KRT)

The University of Michigan chapter of the Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority will close at the end of the month after pictures of members smoking marijuana and drinking at the chapter's house were sent to university officials.

Although several fraternities have been kicked off U-M's campus in recent years for such behavior, considered hazing, the sorority, established at U-M in 1921, is the first to be closed for that type of behavior in at least 26 years, according to U-M spokeswoman Julie Peterson.

Nationally, closing a sorority for hazing is also rare, said Richard McKaig, executive director of the Center for the Study of the College Fraternity, which studies Greek organizations.

"Typically women are participating in the fraternities' illegal behavior," McKaig said. "But this chapter closing is a rare occurrence. It could be the beginning of a new day of holding women's groups accountable for their behavior."

The sorority was placed on social probation in the fall by its national organization for hazing involv-

ing underage and excessive drinking and marijuana use, according to AEP executive director Bonnie Wunsch. The probation prohibited the 120 members from hosting or attending parties as a group and required them to attend educational programs and perform community service, Wunsch said.

Allegations of hazing by AEP were part of a large investigation by U-M officials and Ann Arbor police in the fall involving five fraternities and two sororities. Although no criminal charges were filed, one fraternity was closed, two others were required to attend educational programs and AEP was placed on probation. U-M also required the groups to work with educators to improve their behavior.

But about three weeks ago, U-M officials forwarded an anonymous letter allegedly from a member's mother with pictures of girls smoking marijuana and drinking in the chapter house, according to Wunsch. It's not clear when the violations occurred. Most of the earlier hazing had not happened at the house, located at the corner of Hill and Church streets near U-M's campus. No one was injured as a result of the activity.

"It is unusual to shut

down a house," Wunsch said. Wunsch said the national organization conducted an investigation before she came to campus on Sunday to announce the chapter's closing.

The house, home to about 40 members, is owned by a local corporation affiliated with the sorority and could be rented out next fall. The sorority hopes to open a new chapter but wants to wait at least a year, "to break with the reputation we had," Wunsch said.

Ann Arbor Police Lt. Chris Heatley said although the photographs appear to show illegal activity, he had not yet determined whether to conduct an investigation regarding the incidents.

A new state law makes hazing a crime with penalties from 93 days in jail to 15 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine if a victim dies.

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National News

Student Athlete starts program to help Nigeria

By Darryl E. Owens
The Orlando Sentinel
(KRT)

Boma Ekiyor had been abroad for two years, but when the University of Central Florida student returned to Nigeria in 1999 to visit his family, he realized little had changed.

As before, the same pockets of wealth. Same pockets of poverty. Same political instability.

What had changed was his outlook.

"I would go to the areas of extreme wealth and go, 'Wow. Look at these houses they're beautiful,' and then go to areas that were slummy and go, 'Oh my goodness, this is terrible.' I kind of saw a lot of the things that I thought were normal (while growing up) as real issues."

Six years later, Ekiyor, 28, plans to change mindsets with a concept conceived during that enlightening Nigerian trip.

The former University of Central Florida football star has launched Youth Converts, a foundation that will be set up in Africa and use sports as a carrot to teach Nigerian children leadership and conflict-resolution skills. The goal: impelling future generations to transform the turbulent region.

The maiden mission contingent on grants and the largesse of a fund-raiser at UCF is planned for July.

Growing up under tyrants, Ekiyor saw beatings and heard whispers of deadly reprisals that illustrated how evil flourishes when good men do nothing.

The remedy, he says, lies in an often co-opted African maxim.

"It takes a village to raise a child Africans came up with that

proverb," he says. "It's something that Africans need to embrace because that's the only thing that's going to help African countries."

SOCIETY OF OPPRESSION

Nigeria is Africa's most populous country, a republic still reeling from the ravages of colonialism. Independence from England came in 1960, and in 1963, Nigeria became a republic. However, two coups in 1966 ended civil government and ushered in a military regime.

In 1976, a year after another coup ousted that regime Ekiyor was born. His father, Edward, a lawyer, soon moved the family from the Niger Delta to Lagos, the capital. Because of his father's station, Ekiyor enjoyed the comforts of upper-middle class life, including an Anglican education, a vestige of colonial days.

But not even his status shielded Ekiyor from Nigeria's turmoil. He remembers that during one coup, he and his siblings were forbidden from venturing outside "because my parents were afraid of stray bullets."

Order was implemented by the fist. Once, a soldier boarded a bus and refused to pay. When the driver pressed for the fare, the soldier dragged him into the streets. Ekiyor watched in horror as the man kicked the driver.

"It was harrowing," he says. "You saw it all the time."

Nigerians, he says, hoisted soldiers onto a pedestal. Uniforms signified power. Kids dreamed of suiting up and pressing a boot on the neck of citizens.

"It was terrible because you're in a society growing up, and you see all these things, and you don't see anyone doing anything about it," he recalls. "You almost accept that oppression is

the way of things, that's the way it's supposed to be."

Not everyone accepted that standard. Speak out against things you don't like, Edward Ekiyor coached his kids.

"I saw how he handled himself," Ekiyor says, "and that gave me confidence."

It was a confidence he expected to carry to Lagos State University. But, his plans changed when the school was shuttered after a deadly power grab.

His fallback: coming to America.

COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

At Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Fla., Ekiyor discovered football. After a year, he transferred to the University of Central Florida, on the advice of his father, who suggested he taste diversity. Besides, his brother, Emil, was a football star at UCF.

As a defensive end at UCF, Boma Ekiyor became expert at delivering hard tackles to change the direction of running backs. But, after that 1999 trip, he couldn't shake a calling to change the direction of Nigerian youth.

In Nigeria, he says, "community involvement is not huge. They'd rather blame the military government and say people in government are stealing money and are corrupt. I mean, they are" he gives a sardonic laugh "but that's not the sole reason. You have to start taking responsibility."

Not that he had the answer for Nigeria's ills. All he knew was that his time in the States "kind of changed my mentality a little bit, whereas as an individual, I knew I could actually wake up and do something."

After graduating from UCF with a degree in international

business and marketing in 2002, he consulted his sister, Thelma Ekiyor, who was working with West African Network for Peacebuilding, which teaches conflict resolution, and brother Emil, who had formed a charitable foundation.

From that, the plan for Youth Converts was mapped.

PRACTICAL LESSONS

After about 16 years of military rule, Nigeria returned to civilian rule under President Olusegun Obasanjo in 1999. He won a second term in a turbulent 2003 election, Nigeria's first civilian transfer of power.

Obasanjo has investigated human-rights abuses under martial rule, freed political prisoners and targeted corruption. Ekiyor praises his presidency, credit tempered with reality: Obasanjo faces the burden of easing the country's tribal and religious clashes.

Likewise, there are myriad grass-roots issues facing sub-Saharan Africa. Ekiyor concedes many non-native groups are doing good work in Africa, "but it's gotten to the point where (Africans) just look outward and say, 'Someone help us, someone help us.'"

Ekiyor plans to make oversight trips to Nigeria, but he envisions Youth Converts becoming a self-sustaining empowerment group, administered by Nigerians. The mission: teaching leadership and conflict resolution.

"For someone like Mr. Ekiyor to go back to his homeland and be able to bring hope and joy to so many youth is quite admirable," says Larry Curry, a Youth Converts advisory board member. Its mission mirrors that of the Center for Urban Leadership and Community Development, an

Orlando faith-based family- and community-empowerment group that Curry founded. "I believe (Ekiyor) desires to be a voice to a generation who has no voice."

The foundation's first project involves teaching children in the oil-rich Niger Delta ravaged by deforestation and tarred by oil spills practical ways of approaching community and environmental concerns.

Youth Converts will adopt a curriculum developed by Roots & Shoots, a global environmental and community-service program founded by Jane Goodall to inspire youth. To combat the growing pollution and deforestation in the Niger Delta, Youth Converts will lead kids in tree-planting and water-purification projects. Meanwhile, West African Network for Peacebuilding will teach conflict resolution.

It all comes wrapped in a sports ribbon. "Sports is a major instrument for drawing youth away from their negative ways," Ekiyor says. The draw in July will be a basketball exhibition at a Nigerian gym, and with luck, Ekiyor hopes the Youth Converts will help "create sport complexes, and create educated citizens through sport."

Why should Americans care?

For one thing, enlightened self-interest: "Nigerian oil powers many of our cars and industries," says Sheryl King, a Youth Converts board member.

Indeed, Nigeria is the fifth-largest supplier of oil to the United States. Americans should realize, Ekiyor says, that political unrest in Nigeria can have a big effect in this country.

"What if the pumps were shut off for months?" he says. "African issues are something I think people need to pay attention to."

Pope John Paul II's will reveals his optimism

By Ken Dilanian
Knight Ridder Newspapers
(KRT)

Pope John Paul II grew from a man weighed down by concern over the fate of his church in his early years in the papacy to a man clearly more at peace with himself and the world, according to his will made public Thursday by the Vatican.

More a journal than a bequest, the 15-page handwritten document offers some specific direction to his aides: He asks that his few personal belongings be distributed as "may appear opportune" and that his personal papers be burned. He also asks specifically to be buried in the ground, not placed in a crypt.

But the document is richest in what it tells the world about the growth of a man who came to the papacy as a relative youth of 58 and held onto it until the ailments of old age claimed him last Saturday at the age of 84.

The older John Paul II's writing is more expansive and reflective than that of his earlier years.

In 1980, the pope noted that "the times in which we live are unutterably difficult and disturbed. The path of the Church has also become difficult and tense."

By 2000, he seemed more comfortable with the church's future. Referring to the Second Vatican Council (1962 to 1965), which liberalized certain Catholic practices, he wrote: "I am convinced that for a long

time to come the new generations will draw upon the riches that this Council of the 20th century gave us."

He clearly struggled with the aging process as Parkinson's disease weakened his once robust body. At one point, he seems to have considered resigning.

"In the year during which my age reaches 80 years," he wrote in 2000, "it is necessary to ask if it is not the time to repeat the words of the Biblical Simeon, 'Nunc dimittis,'" referring to a passage from the Gospel of Luke. "Now dismiss thy servant, O Lord."

But then he wrote that he hoped God, who he said saved him from an assassin's bullet in 1981, "will help me to recognize the time until when I must continue this service. ... I ask (Him) to call me when He wants."

The release of the pope's will in Polish and Italian the quotes in this article are from an unofficial English translation of the Italian came on a day when Italian officials continued to voice alarm over the number of people flooding into the city for Friday's funeral.

Authorities stepped up security preparations in advance of one of the largest gatherings of world leaders in recent memory. More than 200 heads of state and heads of government have come for the funeral, including President Bush and former Presidents George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton.

"If you're honest, you have to be schizophrenic," said John

Seely Brown, former director of Xerox's Palo Alto Research Center, which has gone through its own boom and bust. "There are some incredible opportunities. But there is some hubris out there overshadowing those possibilities that may erode the valley's advantage."

Cars have been banned from Rome's streets, while schools, offices and many shops will be closed. Twenty-seven giant screens have been set up to broadcast the three-hour funeral live at various gathering points.

President Bush hosted a reception for American cardinals and dignitaries Thursday at the U.S. Embassy to the Vatican, taking advantage of the occasion to chastise Cardinal Adam Maida, the archbishop of Detroit, for his recent decision to close 15 Roman Catholic schools in the Detroit area.

"Somehow there's got to be a way to help those poor children," Maida said the president told him.

Vatican observers had been eager to read the pope's final words in hopes that they'd reveal details about his pontificate and his private thoughts. In some areas, the document was disappointing: It said nothing, for example, that would identify the unknown cardinal he said he'd appointed secretly in 2003, so the appointment dies with him.

His thoughts about his material possessions were what one might expect of a man who had taken a vow of poverty decades ago and seemingly lived it.

"I leave no property behind me of which it is necessary to dispose," he wrote in 1979 and left unchanged in later years. "Regarding those items of daily use of which I made use, I ask that they be distributed as may appear opportune."

But it shows much about the thoughts of a man who was the first non-Italian to rise to the papacy in 450 years and who played a major role in world affairs in the last quarter of the 20th century.

Much of the document seems to have been written during the Christian season of Lent from 1979 to 2000, the 40-day period just before Easter when Christians are encouraged reflect on Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. The last entry is from the year 2000.

In one passage he raised the possibility of a funeral in his native Poland, but he left the decision to church officials, who apparently decided against it. Although the pope thanked many, he named only one living person, his longtime secretary, Archbishop Stanislaw Dziwisz, and mentioned another by title, the rabbi of Rome. That was a reference to the former chief rabbi of Rome, Elio Toaff, who hosted the pope during the pontiff's historic visit to the city's central synagogue in 1986, the first time a pope had visited a synagogue.

Credited with hastening the decline of communism in Eastern Europe, Pope John Paul II reflected on that history in

2000.

He wrote of "the difficult and tense general situation which marked the '80s," and added: "From autumn of the year 1989 this situation changed. The last decade of the century was free of the previous tensions; that does not mean that it did not bring with it new problems and difficulties."

He thanked God that the Cold War ended "without violent nuclear conflict."

He ended the will by recalling his life in Poland and saluting the many people his life had touched.

"As the end of my earthly life approaches, I return to the memory of the beginning, to my parents, my brother and sister (whom I did not know because she died before my birth), the parish of Wadowice, where I was baptized, that beloved city of mine, my peers, friends from elementary school, high school, university, up until the time of the occupation when I was a worker."

"And then the parish of Niegowice, and that of St. Florian in Krakow, to the pastoral ministry of academics ... to Krakow and Rome ... to the people who in a special way have been entrusted to me by the Lord."

"To all I want to say one thing: 'May God reward you.'"

FYI Did you Know...

-The Legal Studies Society is holding a Review Course Raffle at a \$900-\$1,200 value. The raffle prize money can be applied to the LSAT, GMAT, or GRE review courses. This is a perfect opportunity for any students considering or preparing for graduate school. Raffle tickets are being sold at \$2 for one ticket, or \$5 for three tickets. Tickets have been available this past week and the last chance is coming up this Saturday, April 16 during the final LSAT practice in the Rotunda in front of Janikes from 9am-2pm. The more tickets bought the more chances to win!

-If you are looking for an opportunity to join the Bryant University Cheerleading team that chance is here. There will be an informational meeting on Tuesday, April 19 at 6 p.m. in the Wellness Center. If you have any questions, please contact Missy Meadows via e-mail at mjm3@bryant.edu.

-Attention to rising seniors: the Office of Admission is looking for possible Admission Fellows for the upcoming 2005-2006 school year. Job responsibilities will include interviewing prospective students and their families upon their visit to Bryant campus as well as taking part in the recruitment process. Students will also be asked to represent Bryant at various admission events throughout the school year. Full training for fellows will be provided and pay will be \$10/hour, and hours range from 10 to 15 a week with some weekends required. This can also be applied as a non-credit internship. Responsible, mature rising seniors with a GPA of at least 3.0 are encouraged to pick up an application from the Office of Admission or contact Beth Boulay at ext. 6108 for any further information. Applications are due by April 21.

-Don't worry if you missed the Texas Hold 'Em Poker tournament this week, concentrate on becoming the second annual World Series of Bryant Champion. This is the grand finale of the tournaments that have taken place throughout the year. It will be held on Sunday, April 17 at 6 p.m. in Papitto. There will be a \$15 entry fee and the top five finishers will be receiving prizes. Among these prizes are a brand new Ipod Shuffle, a 27 inch TV, a Digital Camera, Stereo System, and a Gift Certificate to Rentes.

-The Bryant University Dance Team will be holding a car wash on Sunday, April 24 at the Sovereign Bank in the Lincoln Mall from 10am-2pm. Donations, at amounts of your choosing, are welcome and a spic-n-span result is promised. Help support the Dance Team in this fundraiser.

-For those students seeking to keep their current mail box, please complete and return a form requesting to do so and return it to the Post Office by April 15. The forms are available online, but are also available at the Post Office. Reminder, all students are also responsible for changing their addresses on any magazines and newspapers during the summer months. Any questions please call ext. 6244 or visit the Post Office with your questions.

SAA recognized

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When speaking with Joe Hansen '06, the president of SAA and speaker of the council for Student Senate, he was overjoyed by the recognition, "The SAA is truly deserving of this award. All of the members work so hard throughout the year, it was nice to be recognized on a regional level." Regarding Oliveri's contribution to the wins, Joe stated, "He (Oliveri) really took the ball and ran with it."

The SAA's achievement was credited to their membership and

leadership. There are currently 65 members within the organization and 7 executive board members. The executive board consists of Joe Hansen, Joe Craviero, Rachel Blanford, Joe Harding, Riley Doherty, Lisa Contursi, and Mike Oliveri. The advisor for SAA is Donna Harris.

While Bryant's SAA took home the award, the competition was very strong. The strongest competition came from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, UMass-Amherst, and Clark University.

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THEFT

April 5, 2005- Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.
Location: UNISTRUCTURE
Summary: DPS receives a report of a missing cell phone charger.

VANDALISM

April 5, 2005- Tuesday at 1:20 p.m.
Location: STRIP PARKING
Summary: Vehicles by hall 14 were vandalized.

ACCIDENT

April 5, 2005- Tuesday at 6:20 p.m.
Location: COMMUTER PARKING LOT
Summary: DPS received a call stating that a vehicle was struck while parked in the Commuter Lot.

DRUG

April 5, 2005-Tuesday at 7:43 p.m.
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: DPS received a report stating that there was the odor that smells like marijuana in a residence hall

EMT CALL

April 6, 2005-Wednesday at 1:50 a.m.
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: DPS received a call for a laceration on the chin. EMS was activated.

VANDALISM

April 6, 2005-Wednesday at 4:28 p.m.
Location: HALL 16 LOT
Summary: DPS received a report, and notified the owner, that her vehicle was vandalized while parked in the 16 Lot.

ASSAULT

April 6, 2005-Wednesday at 8:16 p.m.
Location: DISPATCH CENTER
Summary: A student into the DPS office and reported that he had been assaulted in a Townhouse.

EMT CALL

April 6, 2005-Wednesday at 10:36 p.m.
Location: CHASE ATHLETIC CENTER / GYM / MAC
Summary: DPS received a call for a possible dislocated his knee. EMS was activated.

VANDALISM

April 7, 2005-Thursday at 4:26 a.m.
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A DPS officer found front door handle broken off, and being used as door stop.

EMT CALL

April 8, 2005-Friday at 1:31 a.m.
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: DPS was requested to check the well being of a male in front of RH14. EMS was activated.

EMT CALL

April 8, 2005-Friday at 2:43 a.m.
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: DPS received a call stating a student has a laceration. EMS was activated.

EMT CALL

April 8, 2005-Friday at 8:41 a.m.
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A student complaining of stomach pain. EMS was activated.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

April 9, 2005-Saturday at 3:34 a.m.
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: An RA called for DPS to respond for a dispute between 2 males. Smithfield Police responded. One male was taken off campus by SPD.

VANDALISM

April 9, 2005-Saturday at 1:40 p.m.
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: Student called to report a broken window in a Residence Hall.

VANDALISM

April 9, 2005-Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
Location: HALL 16 LOT
Summary: A student called D.P.S. to report that her vehicle was keyed.

EMT CALL

April 10, 2005-Sunday at 12:00 a.m.
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: DPS was called for a male with an injured swollen hand. EMS was activated.

VANDALISM

April 10, 2005-Sunday at 1:35 a.m.
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A report of a vandalized screen in a residence hall.

BIAS RELATED INCIDENTS Bias Incidents. No incidents reported this week.

Campus News

Reaction to Pope's death

By Greg Hirshorn
Staff Writer

On April 2 at 9:37p.m. in Rome, Pope John Paul II passed away inside his Vatican apartment. The pope's death was caused by a urinary tract infection which brought on heart failure. Crowds outside the pope's residence in the Vatican were enormous with people attempting to gain a final glimpse of the pope.

It was not only Catholics who were affected by the pope; many people worldwide have a strong sense of sorrow. The role that he played in the elimination of the oppressive government in Poland is remembered by many to this very day. Some very important people traveled to the Vatican to pay their last respects, one of which was President Bush who had a very good relationship with the pope. Many world leaders felt the pope was a holy man against injustice and oppression.

Locally, there were many masses held by churches in memory of Pope John Paul II. Bishop Mulvey issued the following statement on the pope, "His mind remained clear; his dedication was total as he continued to reach out with such love for all to the very end". This seems to be a reoccurring sentiment about Pope John Paul II, that he was dedicated to his responsibilities up until the very

end of his life.

In speaking with Catholic priest Father Joe Pescatello, he shared some of his memories and thoughts on the passing away of John Paul II. Father Joe remembers Pope John Paul II to be a very courageous individual. He even said that, "He had to study to be a priest underground in Poland because this was during the period of Nazi Germany



courtesy of cnn.com

The Catholic community mourns at the funeral ceremony held for Pope John Paul II.

and he could have been killed for training to become a priest." That in itself is a very noble and courageous action that the Pope took and a prime example of the way that this individual lived his life.

As a pope Father Joe recalls John Paul II as being a great advocate for interfaith relations. "He held an interfaith service at Assisi twice during his papacy where he invited leaders from

different religions all across the world to come together in prayer." The pope also made a trip to the Wailing Wall in Israel where he prayed for forgiveness for harm done to the Jews by the Catholic Church, which is another event that remains clear in Father Joe's mind.

On campus, the reaction to the death of the pope has been an overwhelming one.

According to Father Joe, he has been approached by numerous individuals and organizations expressing their feelings of loss due to the death of John Paul II. Everyone has been very supportive in the short time since the death of the pope.

Now begins a process that none of the students on campus have ever witnessed before, the election of a new pope.

A group of Cardinals will come together to fill out ballots for the next pope and then proceed to burn the ballots letting out black smoke when a decision has not yet been made as to the new pope. When a consensus has been formed they burn the ballots to let off white smoke over the Vatican to signal that a new pope has been chosen. The new pope then enters the room of tears where he has time to soak in the magnitude of what has just happen and then he proceeds to address the crowd waiting to see him outside the Vatican.

Corrections from previous Archway Issues

April 1, 2005

- In the April 1, 2005 issue *The Archway* misprinted the author of "Men's Basketball elevates their game." In the paper it stated the author was Chris Hamilton when in actuality Shaun Leddy, the assistant sports editor.

April 8, 2005

-On last week's front page *The Archway* published the following picture with the wrong group sponsoring the event. The correct information should have been written as follows: The mock car accident was sponsored by Peer Ed. At the car crash scene, Joe Capezza was dead on the ground, Sarah Campbell was injured, and Dan Moore assisted Julie Anderson, Luis Parente, and Rohan Shah, who were inside the car.



courtesy of Demetrius Baba

-Published in the Sports section under intramural standings of the Co-ed floor hockey team that the male fraternity Delta Chi earned the award of "at least they tried." This was correct. However, it was also published under the Woman's Intramural Basketball standings. This was a misprint, the all male fraternity Delta Chi did not participate in Women's basketball intramurals. Also they only received a 0 win 5 loss record in Co-ed Floor hockey and not in any other Intramural sport this winter.

On Tuesday, April 26th Greek Life will be fundraising for the Sojourner House Foundation through the Cardboard City Project. This is where each fraternity and sorority chapter will build a cardboard house and live in it overnight. Each chapter will raise a minimum of \$100 with an overall goal of \$2,000. This will take place Tuesday the 26th from 3 pm until Wednesday the 27th at 10 am, so make sure you come out and show your support!!

We have the BEST team on our side

By Dan Raposo
Staff Writer

In February of 2003, 100 people died in the Station Nightclub fire because they were unable to get out of the building. Peter McMichael, fire safety coordinator, has recognized a similar problem with evacuations of the Unistructure and has recently taken steps to prevent such a tragedy from happening at Bryant.

The problem is that students and faculty are not fully aware of the procedures for a fire situation in many buildings on campus, more specifically the non-resident buildings such as the Unistructure, Bryant Center, Bello Center, and the Chase Wellness Center. According to McMichael, this lack of knowledge and communication leads to people using the wrong exits and not moving far enough away from the buildings during fire alarms. This is the exact behavior that could cause a bottleneck in exits and prevent people from getting out of the buildings quickly enough in the case of a

true emergency.

Taking a proactive approach to solving the problem, McMichael has worked to create and organize the Bryant Evacuation Safety Team (BEST). This group of sixteen staff and faculty members will aid Public Safety officers in passing along information to other Bryant faculty and students in the event of an emergency. Equipped with radios, the team members will be able to communicate with each other, their team captain, and in turn, Public Safety to find out evacuation procedures, as well as emergency information. That information can then be passed on to everyone else.

While BEST members aren't expected to search a burning building to find students left behind, McMichael thinks they will "play an important role in communicating information to students and faculty in cases of emergency." At this point, the sixteen member team has met frequently and undergone some training to better educate themselves on procedure, what

they're expected to do, and almost more importantly, what they are not expected to do. While the program is just getting started, some ideas for future training would include fire extinguisher training and possibly CPR training.

Future plans for the team also include expanding the program to some of the other major buildings on campus. Residence Life staff will be expected to continue handling situations within the residence halls, while buildings like the Bryant Center, Bello Center and Wellness Center could see similar teams formed. The process for doing so would most likely be similar to that taken to form the current team, an email sent to regular faculty and staff of each area asking for volunteers. While the team currently consists of sixteen members, McMichael says he is always open to adding more members as people become interested in volunteering. If you would like more information on how to help out, you may contact Peter McMichael at 232-6852 or pmcmich@bryant.edu.

Bryant Communication

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highest level of performance available." There is also an agreement with Cox Communications to stream these programs over their cable network as well as over the internet. There is one caveat to using the production studio. These proposals must be approved by the board, and to be approved, Baran points out, that there "has to be a sufficient number of people with experience to be accepted." This means that along with

a solid proposal, a satisfactory number of members on the proposal team must have gone through the six week course and gained their certification.

Why make the training mandatory? Simple. Bryant's production studio is state-of-the-art. The technology is top of the line and Baran expresses that "the only thing that could take this down are people who do not know how to use it properly." Zamerelli echoed this statement and expressed that "everything

Bryant does is of the highest quality. Even if it is a simple production, it should be good." Training will allow the productions that come from the Bryant studio to be of very high quality.

So where can someone get this training? Well, the session for this semester filled up in under a day, but Dr. Baran is excited about the growing opportunity for more students to become involved. There will be a summer session meeting on Thursday nights from 6 to 9

p.m., running from June 2 to July 7. In addition to a certification short course there will also be two sessions of basic television and two of advanced production in the upcoming fall semester. All of the certification courses are open to 18 people, and are available to students, alums, faculty, and staff of Bryant University.

As more members of the Bryant community become trained and certified, the studios will get more and more use. The

more use the studios get the better the productions will become, and as the productions improve Bryant improves. Dr. Baran hopes to "have that place cooking 24 hours a day."

If you are interested in reserving a spot in an upcoming summer session so you may someday produce your own television show, or if you simply would like to learn more about this program, email Dr. Stanley Baran at sbaran@bryant.edu.

Upcoming GAMES

Baseball

Saturday April 16, Southern New Hampshire, 12:00 p.m.
 Sunday, April 17, @ Southern New Hampshire, TBA
 Tuesday, April 19, @ Bentley, TBA
 Thursday, April 21, Bentley, 3:30 p.m.
 Saturday, April 23, Franklin Pierce, 12:00 p.m.
 Sunday, April 24, @ Franklin Pierce, 1:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, April 26, @ Merrimack, tba

Softball

Friday, April 15, @ Pace, 3:00 p.m.
 Saturday, April 16, Bentley, 12:00 p.m.
 Sunday, April 17, LeMoyne, 12:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, April 20, @ UMass Lowell, 3:00 p.m.
 Sunday, April 24, @ St. Michael's, 12:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, April 26, Southern New Hampshire, 3:00 p.m.

Men's Lacrosse

Saturday, April 16, Mercyhurst @Rochester, NY 2:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, April 19, Bentley, 4:00 p.m.
 Thursday, April 21, @ Assumption, 3:30 p.m.
 Saturday, April 23, St. Michael's, 1:00 p.m.
 Monday, April 25, Pace, 1:00 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse

Saturday, April 16, C.W. Post 12:00 p.m.
 Sunday, April 17, @ Franklin Pierce, 1:00 p.m.
 Thursday, April 21, Merrimack, 4:00 p.m.
 Saturday, April 23, @ Southern New Hampshire, 1:00 p.m.
 Sunday, April 24, St. Michael's, 1:00 p.m.

Track & Field

Saturday, April 16, @ UMass Lowell, 10:00 a.m.
 Saturday, April 23, @ Northeastern Univ. Solomon Invite, 10:00 a.m.

Women's Tennis

Saturday, April 16, Assumption, 1:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, April 20, NE-10 CHAMPIONSHIPS, TBA
 Saturday, April 23 and 24, NE-10 CHAMPIONSHIPS, TBA

Men's Tennis

Saturday, April 16, @ Assumption, 1:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, April 17, Green Wednesday, April 20, NE-10's (@ Stonehill), TBA
 Saturday, April 23, NE-10's (@ Stonehill), TBA
 Sunday, April 24, NE-10's (@ Stonehill), TBA

Golf

Saturday, April 16, @ LeMoyne Invitational

Daley's Weekly: Can Sox get back on their feet?

By Ryan Daley
 Staff Columnist

The season didn't start out as we hoped, but did Sox fans lose faith? No. The Sox may have lost the season opener in the Bronx 9-2, and have an all-time record of 59-46 on opening day, for four straight years now they have not had excellent opening-day performances, but have still pulled off outstanding post-season trials. Even though during the first week, we saw Manager Terry Francona in the hospital,

Curt Schilling still not ready to pitch, and David Wells flop in his first Sox performance, the team compensated with a tremendous home opener, beating the Yankees 8-1.

Prior to the first pitch, we witnessed an outstanding ceremony, complete with James Taylor, The Boston Pops, Johnny Pesky raising the "World Series Champions" banner, Richard Seymour throwing the first pitch, New England sports legends Bill Russell, Bobby Orr, Teddy Bruschi, and most importantly, the acceptance of the 2004 World Series Rings. Even former Sox players donned Boston jerseys throughout the ceremony. Derek Lowe, now a L.A. Dodger starter, who recorded the wins during all three 2004 post-season clinchers, was met with a standing ovation from the

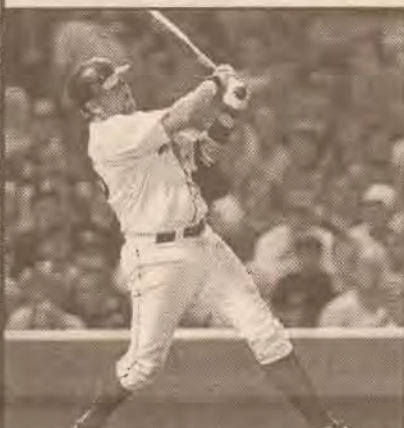
"Fenway Faithful," along with other former members, Dave Roberts and Ramiro Mendoza. Pedro Martinez, now a New York Mets pitcher, and Nomar Garciaparra, Chicago Cubs shortstop, are also expecting rings; however, they were not able to attend the ceremony. The Yankees sat disappointedly in their dugout, seemingly disgusted by the cheering and celebration of Red Sox Nation.

After the ring ceremony was concluded, the Yankees were introduced for the first time since 1985, onto an opening day Fenway Park field (just in case you are wondering, the Sox won that game too, 9-2). The familiar thunder of booing as the Yankees marched onto the field (the crowd even followed at the batboy) roared through Fenway Park as players familiar with the taunting, such as Derek Jeter and Alex Rodriguez, chuckled along to it. The only members of the Yankees team to receive cheers were Mariano Rivera, whose horrible pitching allowed Red Sox to come on top during the 2004 post-season American League Championship Series, and Yankees Manager Joe Torre, who made the team watch the opening day ceremony from the dugout.

Wakefield's masterful knuckleball, in conjunction with the bats of Doug Mirabelli, Kevin Millar, and Trot Nixon, allowed the Sox to come out on top in this astounding victory. Schilling will be back pitching this week on



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July 24 - Alex Rodriguez of the New York Yankees gets into a fight with Jason Varitek after Rodriguez was hit by a pitch in the third inning at Fenway Park. (Ezra Shaw/Getty Images)

Kevin Millar hits his third home run of the tie Boston's game against the New York Yankees, 7-7. (Ezra Shaw/Getty Images)

Track goes the distance

By Shaun Leddy
 Assistant Sports Editor

With a first place victory by the Bryant University Men's Track and Field Team and a fourth place finish by the women, the highly anticipated Bryant Invitational proved to be a triumph for the entire Bryant squad. After having been postponed for two weeks due to inclement weather, the sun finally shined

through as 21 teams gathered to compete in this past Saturday's track and field season opener. With home field advantage and perfect weather conditions, the Bryant men finished with 122.5 points overall and the Bryant women finished with 76 total team points.

Buses filled the parking lot as athletes from all over the

“It was a hard race because of all the steeples and the water pit.”

~Freshman, Nicole Radzik



courtesy of Bryant athletics

Faster than a speeding bullet, it must be superman...oh wait it's a member of Bryant's track team.

meter steeplechase. Barone stated, "It's great to be able to contribute towards the team goal of winning the meet. Dan ran one of the best races of his career, and I would look for him to be a major factor in our championship meet." In the relays, the Bryant men captured first place in the 4 x 100 meter relay with a time of 43.31 as well as first place in the 4 x 400 meter relay finishing at 3:27.52.

While the Bulldog runners forged ahead of their opponents on the track, the field events showcased the talent of another group of athletes. Bryant sophomore Dallas Lynch placed first in the triple jump by clearing 43 feet, eight inches while freshman teammate Jonathan Richards earned points with a 6th place finish with a mark of 38 feet, 7 inches. Coach Laughlin states, "This past weekend's meet was one of the biggest ones Bryant has hosted since I've been here. There were nerves felt all around, but all of our athletes stepped up and performed well."

The strong overall finish by the Bryant women was a result of success both on the track and in the field as well. Sophomore Jen Goodwin took third in the 10,000 meters race, with a time of 42:31.90 while freshman Nicole Radzik placed first in the women's 3,000 meter steeple-



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The 72-year-old Yankees' coach charged when Manny Ramirez overreacted to a Roger Clemens pitch, causing benches to empty. It looked like the usual baseball melee until Zimmer came charging at Martinez.

April 13, and it will be interesting to see how he performs with his recently healed ankle. Wells' early season presentation, with 2 losses and an 8.44 ERA does not give Sox fans optimism for the pitching staff after the loss of Pedro Martinez; however, Wakefield has been on fire, with a win and a 1.39 ERA in 2 games. Don't lose faith in Wells though, because he has proven to be a valuable asset to his previous teams when the wins really matter. There is still much to look forward to and with major changes in the bullpen and the lineup, this should be an interesting season. The most anticipated match-up is, of course, Schilling versus Johnson, and it is bound to happen within the 13 remaining regular season games.

Get ready for high intensity baseball, and keep the faith for another World Series victory complete with disgusting Bryant pond jumps.



courtesy of Bryant athletics

Senior Mathew Cutler from Halifax, Mass. launches his javelin.

chase in a time of 12:35.09. Radzik explained, "I was very nervous about doing the race because I have never done it before, but it turned out to be really fun. It was a hard race though because of all the steeples and the water pit."

Freshman Samantha Genatossio and Amber Torrey demonstrated their versatility by placing well in numerous events. Genatossio placed fifth in the long jump by clearing 15 feet, four inches and later took home third place in the triple jump

Sports

Bulldog Bites: Weekly Athletic Scoreboard

TRACK & FIELD

Team Finally Opens Season With Impressive Showing at Bryant Invitational.

Following two straight weeks of postponing the start of the Bryant University Track & Field season due to rainy weather, the clouds gave way to warm sunshine as the Bulldogs opened the 2005 outdoor season at the annual Bryant Invitational on Saturday. The Bryant men made the best of the spring opener, taking first place overall with the team scoring 122.5 points while the Bulldog women were fourth with 76 total team points.

Leading the way for the men's team was Hafiz Greigre (Attleboro, Mass.) who captured first place in the men's 100 meters in 11.12 seconds and later took second in the men's 200 meters in a school-record time of 21.98. Jared Nelson (Cranston, RI) set the tone early for the men with a strong sixth-place finish in the men's 10,000 meters in the first running event of the day. Nelson crossed the line in 35:40.05.

In the field events, Dallas Lynch (Wayne, N.J.) took first in the triple jump by clearing 43 feet, eight inches while Mike Nessler (Halifax, Mass.) took top honors in the men's discus throw at 142 feet, three inches.

On the women's side, the Bulldogs got a strong performance on the day from freshman Nicole Radzik (Manchaug, Mass.) who was first in the women's 3,000-meter steeple chase in a school-record time of 12:35.09. Freshman Amber Torrey (Plainfield, N.H.) was third in the shot put (37.2.25) and a second place finish in the hammer throw at 145 feet, 4 inches.

SOFTBALL

(12-10, 9-1 NE-10)
Team completes busy week with sweep of Saint Rose Sunday.

The Bryant softball team swept a double-header with Saint Rose on Sunday to

improve to 9-1 in the Northeast-10 Conference. Deidre Kittredge (Worcester, Mass.) leads the team with a .472 batting average including 11 doubles and 22 RBIs. Sophomore Lindsay Connor (West Haven, Conn.) is second with a .412 average including a team-high 35 base hits. The Bulldogs host 2004 NCAA regional finalist Merrimack on Tuesday.

BASEBALL

(12-10 overall, 6-4 NE-10)
Bulldogs host Saint Anselm Tuesday.

The Bryant baseball team will look to snap a four-game losing skid Tuesday when the Bulldogs host Saint Anselm at 3:30 p.m. Bryant dropped a three-game series to Pace over the weekend to fall to 6-4 in conference. Sophomore Mike Rocco (Tewksbury, Mass.) hit .300 for the week with five RBIs in six games. Rocco had two game-winning hits as well as the game-tying triple in the bottom of the on Tuesday vs. Saint Rose.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

(16-1, 10-0 NE-10)
Bulldogs go 4-0 this week and take over first in conference

Thanks to four wins this week - including a big 7-2 win at Stonehill on Saturday - the Bryant women's tennis is alone in first in the Northeast-10 Conference standings this week. The Bulldogs picked up wins over Southern N.H., Bentley, Stonehill, and Le Moyne this past week to move to 10-0 in conference play. Sacha Solomon (Bourne, Mass.) kept her No. 1 singles record intact with four wins on the week. She is currently ranked No. 19 nationally in singles according to the latest ITA poll. Michelle Burke (Barrington, RI) is currently 7-1 at No. 4 singles for the Bulldogs. The freshman went 3-1 this week with wins

over Southern N.H.'s Jen Lyman and Bentley's Lauren Benson this week. Senior Alanna Santanello (North Providence, RI) ran her conference record to 9-0 in conference matches and 16-0 overall with four wins this week at No. 5 singles.

MEN'S TENNIS

(12-3, 9-0 NE-10)
Bulldogs remain undefeated in conference at 9-0.

The Bryant men's tennis remained tied for first place in the Northeast-10 with three wins this past week. The Bulldogs knocked off Southern N.H. 9-0 and came up with a big 5-4 win over Bentley on Thursday.



Freshman Craig Drushella (Harwich, Mass.) earned the clinching win at No. 4 singles for the Bulldogs. On Saturday, Bryant kept to its winning ways with a 6-3 win over Stonehill College. The Bulldogs host Franklin Pierce on Thursday and Assumption on Saturday for "Senior Day."

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

(4-2 overall, 2-1 NE-10)
Team Moves to 4-2 With 16-3 Win Over Bentley; Hosts Southern Connecticut Monday at 4 p.m. and AIC on Tuesday.

The Bryant women's lacrosse team rolled to a 16-3 win over visiting Bentley College on Thursday at Bulldog Stadium. Amanda Gallant (Andover,

Mass.) had five goals for the Bulldogs in the win over the Falcons, giving her 15 on the season. Sophomore standout Shaun Leddy (Sea Girt, N.J.) leads the team with 18 goals on the season. The Bulldogs will host Southern Connecticut on Monday and AIC on Tuesday. Both matches start at 4 p.m.

MEN'S LACROSSE

(3-4, 2-2 NE-10)
Team travels to Southern N.H. Wednesday.

The Bryant men's lacrosse team dropped a 10-5 decision at home on Saturday to fifth-ranked C.W. Post at Bulldog Stadium. Craig Buckout (South Salem, N.Y.) had three goals for the Bulldogs while Andrew Serge (Albany, N.Y.) added a goal of his own.

GOLF

Bulldogs Tie For 10th at Yale Springtime Open Last Weekend.

The Bryant men's golf team finished tied for 10th with Fordham University at this weekend's

Yale University Men's Spring Open at the Yale Golf Course in New Haven, Conn. The Bulldogs finished with a two-day total of 619. Leading the way for the Bulldogs was senior Dan Falcucci (Northborough, Mass.), who finished the tournament eight shots over par with a score of 148 to finish 12th. Brenden Smith (North Attleboro, Mass.) finished tied for 44th with a score of 155 while Mike Phillips (Bristol, Conn.) shot a 77 on Sunday to finish tied for 59th. The Bulldogs travel to Le Moyne this weekend.

DOWN THE STRETCH

LORENZO PERRY TRANSFERS TO BRYANT

Bryant University announced last week that tailback Lorenzo Perry (Providence, RI / La Salle) has transferred to Bryant from UMass Amherst and will participate with the Bulldogs in football this fall. Perry played one season for the Minutemen as a kick returner. A standout at La Salle Academy, Perry rushed for 1,443 yards and 26 touchdowns as a senior.

BRYANT INDUCTS SIX NEW MEMBERS INTO CHI ALPHA SIGMA HONOR SOCIETY

Six Bryant University student-athletes were honored last week with their induction into the Rhode Island Beta Chapter of Chi Alpha Sigma last Wednesday at the Bello Center Grand Hall. With President Ron Machtley, Vice President Tom Eakin, Executive Vice President Roger Anderson, and Faculty Representative Dr. David Ketchum on hand, Bryant welcomed this year's class that not only excelled in the classroom, but earned a letter in their respective sports and exhibited strong personal character through community service. In addition, each inductee must possess a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.40. This year's class include: Dan Falcucci '05 (Northborough, Mass.) of the golf team, Stephen Barone '06 (Trumbull, Conn.) and Stephen Carr '06 (Wolcott, Conn) of the track & field / cross country team, Terri-Lynn Gidius '06 (Coventry, Conn.) of women's soccer, William Palacino '06 (Smithtown, N.Y.) of men's lacrosse, and Emily Sauck '06 (Scottsdale, Ariz.) of women's basketball.

KEY DATES

Saturday, April 23 - Spring Football Game

Thursday, May 5 - Athletics Awards Banquet

Saturday, May 21 - Commencement

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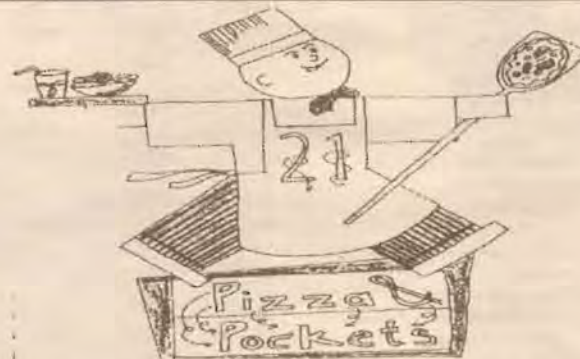
discus throw at 107 feet, 8 inches.

After the success of this past weekend, the team has high expectations for the rest of the season. With invaluable experience stemming from the upperclassmen, along with the hard-work and dedication of the freshman, both the men and women's team seem to have found a balance of talent. Barone stated, "This year's team is composed primarily of underclassmen, yet they all perform like veterans. With the desire of the underclassmen and the superb leadership of our upperclassmen we will be able to continue the success that we have experienced from this first meet." The Bulldogs look to repeat Saturday's success at UMass Lowell's George Davis Invite on April 16.



Courtesy of Bryant Athletics

Rain, shine, or water pit, the Bulldog mens track team will run to the finish line. This is a picture from last weekend's largest ever Bryant hosted track invitational.



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The Hangover: We should no longer remain silent on gay marriage, we should at least compromise



By Justin Williams
Staff Columnist

Before I begin, I'd like state that I'm not gay. (Not that there's anything wrong with that.) It shows that we have a long way to go for gay rights in the country since I have to declare my heterosexuality to avoid ridicule from the public for advocating a gay position.

This past Wednesday, members of the Bryant community observed the National Day of Silence as a way to raise awareness about the dangers of homophobia in society. Now if I had a girlfriend, I would've had her observe the day of silence; but luckily I don't have one.

Still, the National Day of Silence is important because recently a fit of homophobia has crossed the country; among other events, Kansas became the 18th state to ban gay marriage.

Now while I take the time out to reiterate that I'm not gay, one might wonder why I'm concerned with gay rights. The real reason is because of similarities between contemporary debates over gay marriage and those over interracial marriage not too long ago.

It wasn't until a 1967 Supreme Court case that interracial marriage wasn't banned in

many states. At that time, racist, as well as biblical arguments, were used to support the laws. Some used the book of Ezra (Chapters 9 and 10 if you're interested) to support their views on the sin of interracial marriages.

It wasn't until a few years ago that the fundamental Christian Bob Jones University accepted interracial dating on its campus citing scriptural teaching.

As a bi-racial guy, the parallels between previous bans on interracial marriage and current bans on gay marriage bother me. While I take more time out to reiterate that I'm not gay (not that there's anything wrong with that), it needs to be pointed out that biblical scripture is being selectively used today to support bans on gay marriage and homophobia in general.

There are other arguments asserted by conservatives when you see them on TV, but they can usually be explained away. For example:

You often hear, "Marriage is defined as an institution between a man and a woman."

Says who? The dictionary? President Bush? The word 'marriage' is just a 'word.' Who is to say that the word 'tree' can't be defined as an institution between a man and a woman? Such a simple, nebulous declaration, with no real moral argument behind it, is hardly a compelling reason.

The concept of not denying people their rights unless you can show a compelling reason to deny them is the very

basis of the American ideal of human rights.

Or you might hear that, "Same-sex marriage is not good for children."

Many studies show there is no discernable difference in children raised by gay couples and straight ones. Psychologists say the real determining factor is the love and commitment from the parents.

Also consider that murderers, convicted felons of all sorts, even known child molesters are all allowed to freely marry and procreate without protest from critics of gay marriage.

When it comes down to it, the only argument that might hold some validity is biblical teaching, because after all, The Bible is the source of beliefs for many people.

So when people quote the passage from Leviticus (20:13 if you're interested) that calls homosexuality an abomination and says they should be put to death, it's difficult to argue because that could be someone's belief.

It should be considered though that The Bible, more specifically the Old Testament, also sanctions the selling of one's daughter into slavery (Ex 21:7). The moral consensus among nearly all church goes I know of, at least in my church, is that slavery is wrong.

I used to work at the writing center on Sundays, according to Ex 35:2, I should be put to death.

I play football, I'm not sure what a football is made of, but if it's really a pigskin then Lv 11:7 says that my teammates and I should be considered unclean for touching it.

No specific penalty has been prescribed, but Deut 22:9-12 forbids planting two different seeds

side by side. That makes it harder to plant a garden.

The passage also forbids the wearing garments made by two different threads. We're all pretty much screwed there.

While I pause to reiterate that I'm not gay (not that there's anything wrong with that), I want to emphasize that I'm not trying to bash religion.

It's simply difficult for me, as a Christian to see other conservative Christians on TV and other protesters picking and choosing Old Testament passages to defend their discrimination, and looking past other ones when it doesn't suit them.

Selective use of scripture has been used to justify wars, the subjection of women, the burning of witches. Imagine being a Black slave and reading the passage from the apostle Paul, saying, "Slaves, in all things obey those who are your masters on earth... with sincerity of heart." It would be fairly disheartening...

I can't speak on other religions (basically because I was too lazy to do research), but Christians should look at Christ's teachings of love and tolerance for others; teachings like we need to judge ourselves before we judge others.

While scientists have not found a "gay gene," it seems pretty clear that people wouldn't choose to be gay so they can be ridiculed, murdered (Matthew Shepherd), or be denied 1,400 legal rights conferred upon married couples: rights like disability benefits, the ability to see their partner in the hospital, and even inheritances.

It seems likely that Jesus wouldn't want people to be relegated to second-class status in society.

When it comes down to it,

some people just find the thought of two men together repulsive.

I can admit that I don't find it very appealing to think about either, but then again, I never liked thinking about Tom and Roseanne Arnold together either; they got married.

As I pause one last time to point out that I'm not gay (not that there's anything wrong with that), I also recognize that gay marriage is not the same as the civil rights issues African-Americans faced in the 1960s.

Homosexuals aren't getting sprayed by hoses. So with both sides so set: one for gay marriage and the other completely against it, why don't we just compromise and let the lesbians marry?


Marriage is for women anyways. When people talk about homosexuality being immoral and disgusting, they really are talking about the men.

No one complained about Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera, and Madonna triple kissing in front of millions. In fact it was spread across tabloids for everyone to see for months.

So conservatives, it's time to at least compromise on the issue for the sake of progress. How sacred can the institution of marriage really be when Michael Jackson has been married twice?

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The Rant: In defense of country music



By Bryan Sergeant
Staff Columnist

What is the most common answer to "What kind of music do you like?" I bet most will say that they like pretty much everything except country. Well, I am here to say that country isn't that bad. In fact, it's very good. Call me a redneck. Deem me a hick. But I tell you this my country hating friend, if you have turned a deaf ear to that familiar twang of country music, you are missing out.

"But Bryan," you say "I hate songs about some guy's truck breaking down and the dog running away."

Ignorance! I say you are a twit! If that is your answer that means you have never given the music a chance. You heard somewhere from somebody that country is all hicks whining about their truck, dog, or favorite NASCAR driver and decided that it was the truth. Well, if your going to believe everything you're told, I should

warn you that all of your money has been poisoned and you should give it all to me for safe keeping.

Why should you like country? Why do I like country? It is great because you can relate to it. It isn't the generic, half complete thoughts that are slapped together because they rhyme as heard in many pop songs.

If it pleases the court, I give exhibit A - lyrics to Britney



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Country singer Toby Keith

'White Trash' Spears' hit song 'Toxic': "There's no escape. I can't wait. I need a hit. Baby, give me it" Wow, how profound! This is deep stuff. Did she write this herself?

Anyone with half a functioning brain in their head can see that this is garbage. For cryin' out loud, it barely even rhymes!

You rather listen to this poop on a stick rather than something with substance? Something with a story and meaning? Maybe you're right though. Maybe the Spears woman is an isolated case. Let's look at someone who is really talented. How about someone with a hit album and a television show? How about none other than Ashley Vanilli... I mean Simpson. Oops, Freud was right.

Her music, supposed talent, and lyrics "makes me want to la la" all over myself. Meanwhile, there are people with actual talent out there in country music. Take Toby Keith, Garth Brooks, and Kenny Chesney for example. #1 They write their own songs. #2 Can perform them live without "digital enhancement" or lip syncing. And #3 actually care more about the music than their image. But let's keep hating country, right?

Ok, big deal. Country tells a story. Whoopie whoop di doo!

You want more reasons, I got 'em partner! How about because you listen to the story in the song and can actually relate to it? You can make a personal connection to the tune on the radio. You can see yourself as the one the song is written for.

I don't know about you, but
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Keep your radio tuned to country music

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I've never killed anyone, been in jail, or had the capability to consume large amounts of Courvoisier or Crystal. That makes a lot of rap tough to relate to. I'm also not 13 anymore so I'm sorta over the "my parents don't understand me and the girls never notice me because I don't fit in" stage. So with that having been said, pretty much every punk song ever written is tough to connect to.

What can I relate to? I can relate to pride for my country and respect for those defending it. Listen to Toby Keith's "American Soldier" or Lee Greenwood's "Proud to be an American" and tell me you cannot relate to that. I rather hear a tribute to our country and our real soldiers than hear Eminem yap about how he thinks he is a "soldier." If we had an army of Marshal Mathers' we would still be under England's control. I can also relate to family,

faith, and love. Who can't? Give me a song about loving and caring for your mother, father, sisters, and brothers. I can get behind that. Give me a song about how love is all you need. I don't want to hear some singer talk about sleeping around, being cheated on, or beating his wife. Give me Brian McComas "99.9% Sure" or Lonestar "My Front Porch Looking In." I hear those songs and begin to smile every single time. They remind me of what is good in life. (By

the way, All-4-One's hit song "I Swear" Guess what? That's a remake of a country song! Ha!) Try those songs out and take your love hating Eamon CD out, look at it, and say "fork you, you hoe (garden tool). I don't want you back." I was not always a country fan, and I'm the only one in my family who listens to it. I was forced, under great protest, to sit through some country music at one point. Then, incredibly, I began listening to it by choice

unbeknownst to anyone else. Now, I'm a full fledged country music fan. Hee-Tah! If enjoying music that makes sense to me, relates to my life, and sounds darn good makes me a hick to you...fine. I'm ok with that. I'm not going to start going to NASCAR races, wear big belt buckles, wrangle cattle, or wear absurd amounts of flannel though. I just like good music. And yes, country music is good music!

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am a parent of a Bryant student (male), and a health care professional. I just read the article on the controversy about whether Health Services should be directed to provide the morning after pill to students for emergency contraception. To those who oppose the distribution of EC, I suggest that it is time to get serious and not be hypocritical. How about advocating to stop treating homosexuals who contract HIV/AIDS, drunk drivers who injure themselves in auto accidents, drug addicts who contract Hepatitis C, adulterers who contract STDs, and bulimics who suffer cardiac problems? Courts have already directed that if a pharmacy has a pharmacist that refuses to fill a prescription on moral grounds that they must provide another pharmacist to fill the prescription. I hope that the administration of Bryant has the courage to act, and not allow the position of a minority to be imposed on the rest of the student body thereby limiting student access to legal medical treatments on campus.

Sincerely,

Stefanie Adams

Dear Editor,

It has recently come to my attention that the campus renowned newspaper took it upon itself to have a little fun at the expense of Delta Chi when it posted the intramural standings for both floor hockey and women's basketball. While the brothers all enjoy being lumped in the category of "at least they tried" in floor hockey, we actually didn't play in the women's basketball league. I will accept your apology in advance for this error. I can only imagine how difficult it must be to put a ten page newspaper together while covering an entire campus comprised of 2,000+ students. I also would like to applaud your efforts in recent years to expand the paper's coverage to world and country wide events. Most students don't have access to the internet or to the free copies of the PROJO in the Bryant Center, and it is very difficult to keep up with the events off campus. Thankfully we have the Archway to keep us up to date on news that happened two weeks ago. Since the paper is so understaffed they can't keep up with intramural sports, I'm guessing they can't keep up with all that happens in Greek Life. Let me help you out. Over the last 5 years, in the category of Fraternity of the Year, the standings look something like this:

Delta Chi - 5 - 0
Everyone else - 0 - 5 At Least They Tried

Sincerely,

John Musto and The Brothers of Delta Chi



Students Speak Out



Question of the Week: Do you think gay marriage should be legal?



"I feel that the sanctity of marriage should remain between a man and a woman because that's the way it has always been."

Steven Fulks '05



"Whatever floats your boat."

John Musto '07



"No, I am getting married in July and to me marriage is a special union under God that is made between a man and a woman."

Diana Latham '05



"If regular people can get together and have sh***y lives why can't gay people?"

Kim Gilbert '07



"Yes, I'm not gay, but whatever makes them happy: It's totally their choice."

Brandon McMorrow '07



"If God put everyone on this Earth, then he put gay people here for a reason as well, so why not?"

Keri Minasalli '08

Through the Looking Glass

By Mike Pingree
KRT Campus

YEAH, HI, YOU'VE BEEN ON MY MIND

While arresting a 25-year-old woman for drunken driving, a Texas police officer examined her cell phone and found that she had stored nude photos of herself on it.

Investigators say the officer downloaded the photos on his computer, and, two weeks later, called her and asked her out on a date. He denies wrongdoing.

BUT SHE LOOKED SO PEACEFUL

Responding to a call that a woman had died in a nursing home in Surrey, British Columbia, an ambulance driver came to take her away. But he forgot to check the wristband, and instead removed the dead lady's 87-year-old roommate who was merely sleeping. She awoke on a gurney in a hallway of the morgue. The ambulance driver was fired.

HA, SHE'LL NEVER CATCH ME ... WHA?

A man snatched a woman's purse in Chengdu, China, and took off running, but was surprised to see that she matched his speed and was gaining on him. It turns out that the woman was the running champion of Shandong province.

Frustrated, he threw the

purse toward her, and she gave up the chase.

SO, DRUG ADDICTS CAN BE MOTIVATED

A group of drug addicts dismantled an unoccupied three-bedroom brick house in Lindale, Texas, over a period of three months in broad daylight, and sold the building material for drugs.

They got away with it because there was legitimate construction work going on nearby, and people assumed it was part of that project.

"It's the strangest case I've ever worked in my life," said County Constable Dennis Taylor. "Everybody drove by and waved at them."

WHO'S BEING PUNISHED HERE? I FORGET

To get back at his wife for taking sides against him in a family dispute involving money, a man in Italy refused to have sex with her for seven years.

I THINK WE'VE CRACKED THE CASE

Burglars broke into a store in Appleton, Wis., one snowy night, and stole \$785, mostly in coins, put the money into a milk crate and fled. But they failed to notice that the coins were spilling out and leaving a trail, and making no noise because they were landing in snow.

Police noticed the trail, how-

ever, and followed it four blocks west and one block south, right to the home where the perpetrators reside.

THAT'S IT LEO, YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH

A drunk, staggering through a circus in New Zealand after it closed with a group of intoxicated pals, threw a beer into the lion's cage.

The next morning, workers discovered the animal chewing on the neck of the bottle, it's paws wrapped around the bottom. They managed to get it away from him.

I THINK WE'VE GOT EXHIBIT A, BOYS

Two 19-year-olds from Australia robbed a bank in Denver of \$171,000, and photographed themselves with the cash in the men's room of a local McDonald's.

Police discovered the film when they arrested the lads in a limousine that was taking them to the airport.

I'M SURE IT'S JUST A COINCIDENCE

Television cameras filmed a lawmaker sound asleep in the New Zealand Parliament while the nation's business was being conducted.

The New Zealand Parliament is ordering that all cameras be removed.

Survivor Series: Realizing the reality of cancer, one story at a time

By Kristina DeAngelis
Staff Columnist

The phrase "marathon runner" brings certain connotations to the mind—athletic, young, energetic, and more. Connotations, however, can be deceiving. However, the most important trait a marathon runner needs is dedication. Kathy Kreiser is one of those runners.

Kathy Kreiser, a native Rhode Islander, is a twelve-year survivor of breast cancer, and on the second day of this year's Relay for Life at Bryant University, she will turn sixty-seven years old. But she doesn't let her age stop her; she looks forward to adding Relay for Life for the second time to her long list of races completed.

The first race Kreiser completed was a 5K race in Providence in 1998. In 2000, she ran the Dublin Marathon for Leukemia in which she raised \$4,000. The year after, she ran a race in Toronto. 2002 brought a breast cancer walk in Disney, in which she walked 39 miles in two days. She completed a 1/2 marathon in Baltimore in 2003, and then another race in Arizona in 2005. 2004 brought her first Relay for Life at Bryant University.

The Relay for Life at Bryant, according to Kathy, was one of her favorite things she has ever done: "I was blown away by so many things—how well-organized it was, how many people were there because they wanted

to be there, and mostly the acceptance of me by these kids. I felt completely comfortable; everyone was so friendly, walking together and talking together."

Races are not all she does to support cancer research and the search for a cure, she also tries to raise money for the breast cancer society as much as possible. For example, she visits www.thebreastcancersite.com every day, where every visit counts towards a donation of free mammograms and education about them. She even pays an extra fee so that her visits count twice. Anyone, however, can visit the site to help with donations. All she really wants to do is educate people about the things they should be doing, and, of course, the cure. She stated, "You always want people to be able to beat it."

After five years of fighting cancer, she felt very lucky and decided to help others try and accomplish the same thing. She also came to realize that life is short, and it changed her entire outlook on life; she learned to enjoy every single day. If she could tell anything to those who have cancer, she would say, "The most important thing is to have a positive attitude. When I went for radiation or to see the doctors, I wanted to be the good part of their day. I told them that I knew I was going to be a survivor."

The races are just one aspect of this lifestyle change that

Kathy went through after cancer. She also started eating healthier and exercising regularly. She became conscious of taking care of herself. Meditating and praying also became an important part of her life. Mental health, she feels, is just as important as physical health. A positive attitude can make a difference. "Cancer has made me realize that I am responsible for me. I need to be sure that the things I do and the people I'm with are going to be positive in my life," Kreiser stated.

One of those people is Nancy Beausoleil, a mathematics professor at Bryant. Nancy has provided so much support, as well as a person to walk with during the races. Last year, their team raised the most money for Bryant's Relay for Life. Nancy also made her realize that it did not matter what place she came in during the races, it was about finishing the race, races that she almost was not even alive for.

Kathy Kreiser said, "I finished a survivor," and all of those on the track on April 22 and 23 will help more and more people be able to declare that. So join the Relay for Life team on April 22 at 4:00 p.m. in celebrating Kathy's birthday, and more importantly, her 12th year of survivorship. It makes a difference; it did for Kathy Kreiser.

Horoscopes

Aries (March 21-April 19)

A disagreeable domestic situation can be remedied. You may not like to make the change that's required, but don't despair. Look at the big picture, and it won't seem so terrible.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

With the fresh scent of springtime, Venus enters Taurus, bringing a sense of calm. It'll be here for a couple of months. Relax into the feeling.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Postpone an outing with friends if it's going to be too expensive. You may have enough, but it's a good idea to be very frugal with it.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Old friends would love to see you, and in the next few weeks you're liable to meet a lot of new friends, too. Get out and mingle.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Conditions are still pretty lively, although calming down in some respects. Advise an over-eager companion not to divulge a secret quite yet, not even to you.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

It's becoming a little easier to get out of your old rut. Let friends coax you into unfamiliar territory. But don't spend more than you can afford.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

A very critical person is watching you like a hawk. You'll be tested, just to see how good you are. Be confident! You'll either pass, or this will have been great practice.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You haven't had much time to spend with your true love lately, but that's about to change. Meanwhile, make the most of whatever moments you have together.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Keep yourself on a tight budget, even if that means you can't buy the kids or your sweetheart or even your pets something that they want. Waiting won't kill them.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You may think the job is done, but your partner has other ideas. Amazingly, he or she can still find things to complain about. But, you're getting very close to perfection.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

There's often a discrepancy between theory and practice. You're likely to encounter a gap that needs to be bridged. Take care.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

You've been rather nervous lately, but for the next few weeks you'll worry less and have more time to play, beginning now. Start practicing.

"Fever Pitch" a near-miss

By Chris Hewitt
Knight Ridder Newspapers

The Farrelly brothers are nothing if not consistent: Each of their movies has moments of comic brilliance and moments of incredible slackness. The only question is whether the mix will be inspired ("Kingpin") or a drag ("Stuck on You").

Their latest, "Fever Pitch," is more inspired than draggy, largely because its stars, Drew Barrymore and Jimmy Fallon, are such an appealing pair.

Barrymore gives her most endearing performance since, maybe, "E.T." as a workaholic stuck on a Boston Red Sox-aholic. Barrymore knows this woman, and she comes up with specific behaviors (little groans



photo courtesy of 20th Century Fox
Barrymore and Fallon deliver terrific performances in *Fever Pitch*.

and hand waves), coloring outside the lines to bring us a real, vulnerable character.

Fallon is also terrific, which is a good thing because the script sometimes gives them as much great material to work with as lousy material. The Farrellys have written a believable relationship. One where compromise, maturing and take-

the-good-with-the-bad are part of the deal, but they can't shape it into a movie with flow and energy. "Fever Pitch" has huge dips and lots of scenes that fit together only because captions are crammed between them or because the actors find ways to prop them up.

I'm sounding like I enjoyed "Fever Pitch" less than I did. Yeah, its sloppiness bugged me. Yeah, I'm disturbed that Barrymore has lost weight she didn't need to lose so that she now resembles Lillian Gish.

And, yeah, the adaptation of Nick Hornby's novel is very loose.

But, unlike Barrymore, "Fever Pitch" has a big but: There is a solid romance at its core, one in which we root for the

lovers to find a way to stay together because they are so fresh and funny and because the problems they cope with feel real.

Should you go see it? There hasn't been a lot of competition, but it's the best romantic comedy so far this year.

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The Variety Editors' Superior Selections

By Christian Collard and Kristin Gayda
Variety Editors

Christian's selection: Max Creek - *Live at the Living Room-Providence, RI (April 09, 2005)*

Max Creek will be celebrating its 34th anniversary with a weekend getaway in Lenox, Massachusetts at the Eastover Resort on April 23rd and 24th. After witnessing the magic that occurred this past Saturday night at the Living Room in Providence, I was absolutely floored that the aging Connecticut-based group can still achieve such heights. Not that I didn't think they had it in them, but it's hard to top the vibes they'd put out over the course of their lucrative career.

The lineup has seen several personnel changes, but it has only been for the better. The core trio of John Rider (bass, vocals), Scott Murawski (guitar, vocals), and Mark Mercier (keyboards, vocals) have seen several rhythm section lineups in their days.

Their home away from home is the Living Room in Providence. It is definitely not a prestigious club and fans joke that "the Dying Room" might be a more appropriate moniker. The appearance may be substandard, but the most important part, the sound system, is above average. At least they scan you with a metal detector on the way in, because it does look a bit like a set from the movie "Saw."

The rule of thumb for a Living Room show is to never show up when they say to. I arrived late and the doors were still not even open and half the band wasn't there yet, either. The music always makes the wait that much sweeter, though. Especially this weekend. Murawski, who is usually the last member to arrive, took the stage and began warming up with scale runs at top speed, gaining the attention of everyone at the Room. It was apparent that the night would be a special one.

From the first notes of the opener "Jones," it hits you how talented this band really is. All of the members have full-time jobs aside from playing in the band practically every weekend, but this does not effect the caliber of the music at all. If anything, the "jones" to play had been pent up and they were dying to release it all. "Jones"

segued into a cover of the classic railroad song "Mystery Train," the first of several Mercier tunes of the night. The speed and precision of Mercier's playing has only gotten better with age. The same unfortunately cannot be said for his voice. It tends to be hit or miss, with some sour notes that will make you cringe. But it adds to the charm of these seasoned veterans.

The highlight of the first set was bassist John Rider's "Gypsy Blue" which began sounding particularly mellow, then dropped to come into an ambient jam, only to come full-circle and up the ante and crescendo into the final chorus. Next came the Neville Brothers' "Yellow Moon," another Murawski song. There was a sense of the swampy reggae voodoo to this cut, but nowhere near the sound the Neville Brothers bring to the table. Murawski and Mercier exchanged solos early on and then it began to fizzle out as it segued into another Mercier tune, "Can't Let Go." The set closed with a cover of the Talking Heads' "Life During Wartime." The energy level was through the roof and the vibes were so intense they were almost palpable. Homage to the Heads is apparent in many of the original compositions of Max Creek, especially on their album Windows. Just listen to the title track and you'll see what I mean.

After the promise of a "very brief intermission" by Rider, the second set took off where the first set ended. "Waiting For You" kicked off the set perfectly. Half way through, it was like a plug was pulled on the energy and the jam became very frail and paper-thin. It lulled so much that Murawski even began playing Brahms' "Lullaby." From there, the tempo picked up and the jam took off into the final chorus.

The most interesting part of the second set was "I Will Always See Your Face" and the space jam that followed. Murawski started off putting as many notes as he could into his phrases, then began picking and choosing, using them sparingly. Mercier kept his role minimal and added to the soundscape, while Rider and Vasso picked up the pace and became more prominent in the jam. Things solidified into a barrage of notes and then fizzled out shortly thereafter.

Interestingly enough, the jam that followed was very much in

the control of drummer Greg Vasso and his experimentation with a theremin. It was more reminiscent of the Depth Quartet sideproject that Vasso and Murawski are in along with bassist Justin Kolack and Julee Avallone.

After the lengthy jam came a trio of covers. The lesser known "Old Stones, Broken Bones" by John Coster was sung by Mercier and the very popular "Twist and Shout" done in true Beatles fashion was sung by Rider. I figured the set would have closed with the high energy level of "Twist and Shout," but the band played on and closed with Jimmy Martin's "Free Born Man."

Yet another cover for the encore: the classic Dead tune "St. Stephen." Unfortunately, by this point the energy had been all but zapped from the audience and band. In my opinion, the cover was lackluster and I left before it was through.

This weekend was as their cathartic for the band, as their jams rarely clocked in at less than 15 minutes. Fans talked it up rather highly on message boards after the show and those who didn't make it out sounded upset that they missed what could've been the late-era pinnacle of the Creek. But I feel as if there is still plenty of good music to be made by the Connecticut-based band.

To download an audience bootleg of the entire show, visit www.archive.org and search the audio section for Max Creek. The energy translates well to the recording and you'll be able to relive the experience as best as possible.

Kristin's Selection:

How a movie managed to combine philosophy, Jude Law, and Mark Wahlberg (three of my favorite obsessions) is beyond me, but hey, I'm not complaining. Mix them together with some seriously witty dialogue, outstanding performances, and the brilliant direction of David O. Russell, and you get the 2004 box office hit, *I <3 Huckabees*. *I <3 Huckabees* is one of the most original films I've come across in some time. A self-proclaimed "existential comedy," *I <3 Huckabees* challenges us to find humor in our search for the ultimate truth about reality. When poet and environmental activist Albert Markovski (played by Jason Schwartzman) becomes convinced that his three

encounters with a tall African doorman somehow hold the key to answering the questions of his own existence, he decides to employ the services of the "Existential Detectives," Bernard and Vivian Jaffe (played by Dustin Hoffman and Lily Tomlin). With seventeen years of experience to their credit, the Jaffes inform Albert that their investigations involve an intense examination of every aspect of their client's life - a fact that he isn't all too comfortable with. When given a case, the married existentialists practically take on the role of spies by following their clients closely, observing their daily activities, interviewing their friends and employers, and attentively examining the lives they lead.

Rather than go into tiresome detail about the film's plot, I'd rather focus on the meaning behind *I <3 Huckabees* that made it worthy of my Editor's Pick. As stated in the film's press release, writer and director David O. Russell drew on the concepts of several different conflicting strains of philosophy, and had each character in the film represent a different facet of humanity. The central duality of the two main characters is the crux that drives the plot. Albert is idealistic altruism, and his "nemesis" Brad Stand (Jude Law) represents callous industrialism and conventional success. Although personal mantras of "earth first" versus "progress" can be seen as entirely different, the film points to the idea that we are all one and therefore so are the two main characters.

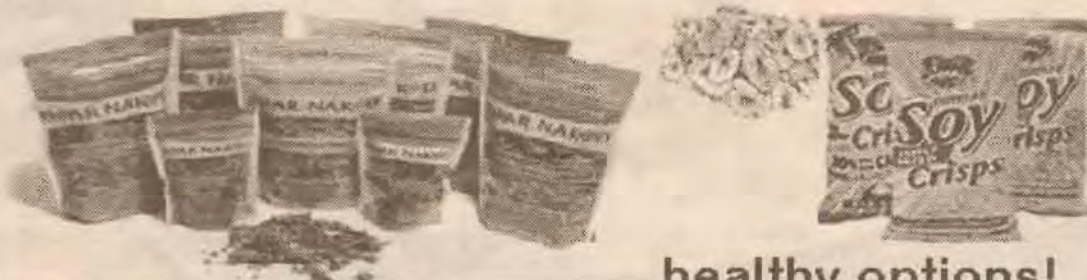
What interested me the most about *I <3 Huckabees* was its seamless integration of opposing philosophical concepts, and its way of poking fun at how dark some of the "enlightened" really can be. For example, take Mark Wahlberg's character, a tortured and confused fireman named Tommy. Another client of Bernard and Vivian, Tommy is assigned as Albert's "other" that is supposed to help him achieve spiritual balance and comfort throughout his investigation. However, he ends up doing exactly the opposite by introducing Western, Sartrean notions of meaninglessness that demands a profound individualism. In looking at petroleum, Tommy questions why people could ever create something so destructive, while at the same time arguing that he shouldn't care because he will never make a difference. He

asks why we only ask the big questions when bad things happen, and forget about it all when everything starts to look up again.

I <3 Huckabees also tackles the theory of interconnectedness and meaning throughout all aspects of the universe through Bernard and Vivian's Eastern philosophical outlook and method. Both insist that everything and everyone is connected, that we are all one, and formed from the same atoms as the sun. They use this approach in trying to give meaning to Albert's life. Bernard at one point early on in the film uses a white blanket as a powerful symbol of the universe, which Russel perpetuates through his direction by making inner thoughts appear as block pieces to the bigger puzzle.

Of course, a rival existential detective had to be thrown into the mix in order to keep things interesting. Catherine Vauban (played by Isabelle Huppert) presents the idea of a cruel and absurd world reminiscent of philosopher Albert Camus, and essentially screws up Albert's case by telling him he should just be content in being instead of thinking. The contrast between both existential agencies makes up for the bulk of the question *I <3 Huckabees* dares to pose, which is what is this experience we're having? Which camp of thought is the correct one? Is there a comfortable medium we can settle with? *I <3 Huckabees* gets past what life is on a literal level in order to get to what it really means. It is provoking, to say the very least. It urges you to ask the same questions as each one of the characters in the film, and to draw your own conclusions based on your own experiences. It makes you really laugh out loud as much as you think, which is why I loved it so much. This film really makes a point in letting us know that there's so much more to discover about ourselves and this world, and assures us that the quest doesn't necessarily have to be so dark and meaningless. I realize that it may not be for everyone, but if you have any sort of background in philosophy, are in the mood for a good discussion, feel like laughing, or just want to watch a good movie, *I <3 Huckabees* is definitely worth your while.

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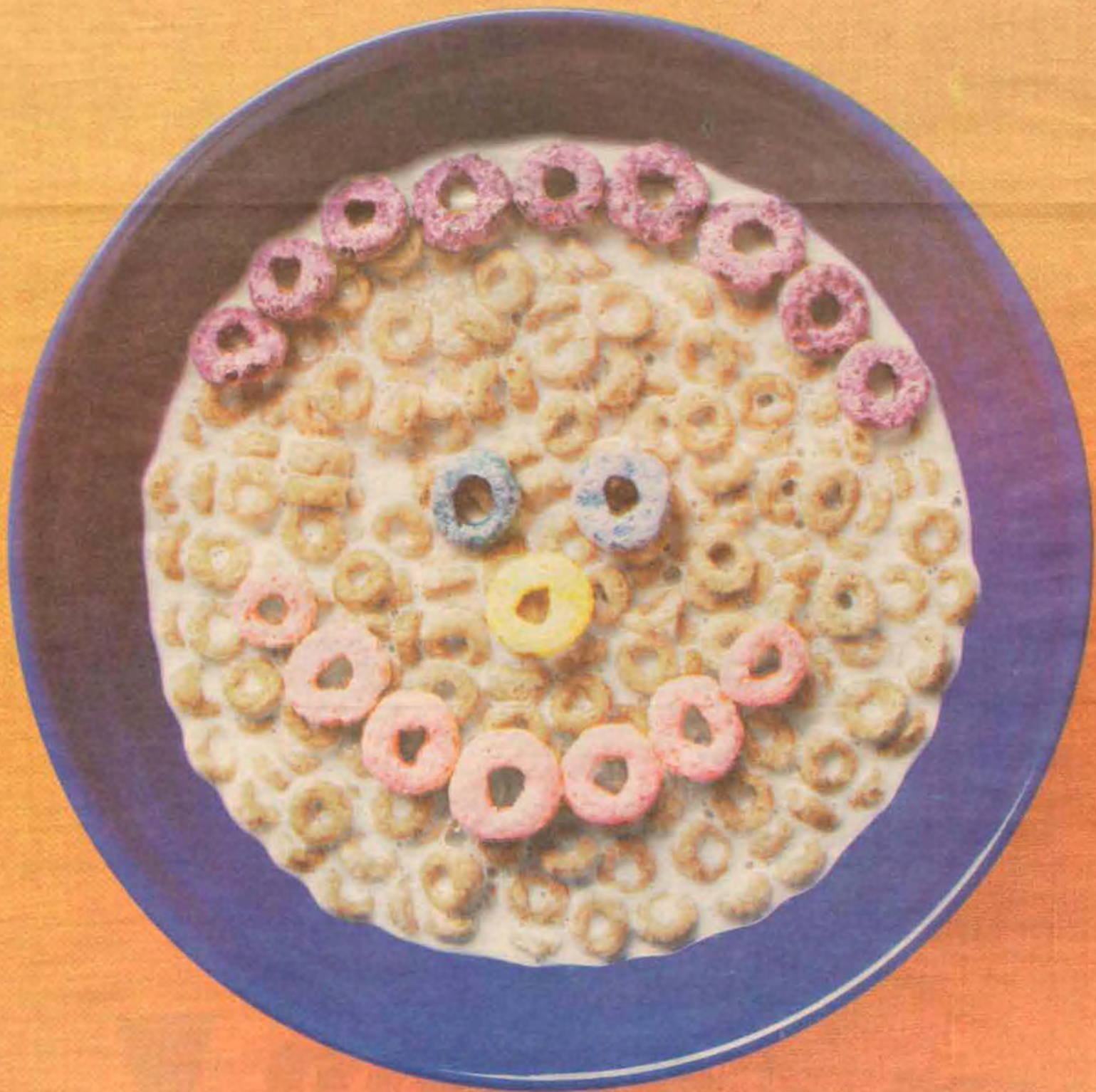
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