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Spring Weekend

Features...

Less Than Jake

& Mitch Hedberg

By **Bethany Thornton**
Editor-in-Chief

Bryant University guarantees its students a good time as Spring Weekend 2005 hosts Less Than Jake on Friday, April 29 and renowned comedian Mitch Hedberg on Saturday, April 30 as this year's TWO main events.

The contract came in only a few days ago and the news is out; Less Than Jake and Mitch Hedberg will be the big names on campus during Spring Weekend. The concert will take place in the MAC at 8:00 p.m. and opening acts include Hidden in Plain View and Allister. Hedberg will take to the stage in the MAC on Saturday, April 30 at 9:00 p.m., but the atmosphere will resemble that of a comedy club.

There are two differences for this year's Spring Weekend as opposed to previous ones. First, the timing. Because Less Than Jake has two opening acts, the concert will start at 8:00 p.m. as opposed to the traditional 9:00 p.m. time. The biggest difference is the addition of a second major act, which has never been done before. The SPB concert's chair senior Chris Companik is excited about this year's performances: "We have never had two big acts for Spring Weekend. It's really exciting, and I think everyone will enjoy both of them." He stated that adding a comedian to the mix was talked about over the years and this year he decided to go with the idea.

The well-known comedian Mitch Hedberg is certain to have the whole campus laughing on the Saturday night of Spring Weekend. Hedberg walked into the MTV offices one day and came out the same day with his big break. He simply pitched himself to a talent coordinator and was immediately booked for a television appearance. Some of the shows he has appeared on include "Letterman," "Crank Yankers," and "That 70's Show." His movie appearances include *Almost Famous*, *Los Enchiladas*, and *International Partyers*. Hedberg also starred in his own half hour special for Comedy Central.

You can tell a lot about Hedberg's personality by visiting his website www.mitchhedberg.com. He has everything from hotels he loves to "Recommendations he would give, if he gave recommendations."

As for Less Than Jake, the "ska-inspired punk band" got their start in Gainesville, Florida with just three members, vocalist and guitarist Chris, bassist Shaun, and drummer Vinnie.

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Marines flow into, out of Iraq in massive operation

By James Janega
Chicago Tribune
(KRT)

Each night for a month, helicopters or sometimes cargo planes have brought them Marines, jarred and jetlagged from the two days of travel that took them from the United States through Germany and Kuwait.

The trip always ends the same, in Iraq's western desert, on hard plywood benches under piercing fluorescent lights in a warehouse, facing the square jaw of Cpl. Lynn Caskey of Omaha and the simple greeting he has delivered to thousands of Marines in recent weeks:

"Welcome to Al Asad. Welcome to Iraq."

And like that, the contest for Anbar, one of Iraq's most restive provinces, is handed to a new crop of Marines, joining a 2-year-old war now on its third full rotation of American troops.

Used to swapping battalions of a few hundred troops at a time, the Marines this spring are replacing an entire expeditionary force an infantry division, an air wing and a support command.

Tens of thousands of troops are on the move in a one-for-one replacement unprecedented in Marine Corps history.

Caskey delivers the rules of their brief stay at Al Asad air base with the clipped efficiency of a flight attendant describing safety procedures before takeoff.

"If they're really paying attention, you can tell they haven't been here before," he said as one group left to board a bus to the chilly tents that will be their transitional housing for the next few days. "If they've been here before, they're trying to fall asleep."

From the air base, once home to Saddam Hussein's air force, the Marines are dispatched to lonely outposts throughout Anbar province, a largely unpopulated wasteland of rocky desert the size of South Carolina.

The turnover includes the Marines' headquarters outside Ramadi and other large, regimental commands in Fallujah and Al Asad, but trickles far out to Qaim on the Syrian border and Camp Korean Village, on the road to Jordan.

Few places feel the transition as keenly as Al Asad, the transportation hub that links Anbar

province and the United States. At its peak a few weeks ago, up to 1,200 Marines moved in and out through the base each day.

Most of the fresh Marines largely from Camp Lejeune in North Carolina already have passed through.

The Marines they will replace, veterans of seven months that include the

"I'm so brain-dead right now...It's been a long night already."

- Christopher Graham, a 23-year-old marine

November assault on Fallujah and ongoing operations in Ramadi and elsewhere along the Euphrates River, will trickle home to bases in Southern California by the end of the month.

They sleep often and speak in hushed voices. At night, to pass the time, they watch DVDs on portable players and repack gear that has ballooned during their months in Iraq.

At the base store in Qaim,

Lance Cpl. Christopher Graham of New City, N.Y., bought a PlayStation 2, an Xbox, a DVD player, movies and games most shipped home ahead of him. What is left still is enough to overwhelm a weathered green sea bag, an overstuffed backpack, a footlocker and the last of Graham's patience.

"I'm so brain-dead right now," the 23-year-old said, unable to pack the bags. Two other short-timing lance corporals watched quietly from the next bunk, occasionally offering bad packing advice. "It's been a long night already."

The Marines left their dusty outposts more than a week ago, and they may wait an interminable week longer in the relative comforts of Al Asad.

The base itself is a testament to the long occupation. It has a store that rivals a Wal-Mart, a gift shop and a barbershop. There are lawn chairs on the wooden decks of some buildings.

To the outgoing troops, it stokes impatience, too keen a reminder of what is waiting for them at home. For the incoming Marines many expecting a war

in full swing the comfort is jarring.

Into this world, Marines fresh off a cargo plane from Kuwait and bound for Caskey's warehouse stepped into the night with empty rifles and darting eyes to find cohorts without helmets smoking cigarettes in nearby doorways. After Caskey's indoctrination, a bus took them to tents across base.

As departing Marines settled in for the night in a tent just a feet away, the new arrivals stormed into their new home, heavy boots thumping on the wood floors. One boot found the wiring to the tent's single fluorescent light, snapped it, and plunged the new Marines into darkness and loud efforts at organization.

By the light of red and blue flashlights, things were sorted out. Bunks were found. Canned SpaghettiOs and Pringles were unpacked. The new Marines demeaned each other in jest.

As the lights came back on, two Marines started wrestling. A private asked if insurgents were going to mortar them and was told they wouldn't. In the distance, the sound of more rotor blades grew louder.

Rice asks Chinese leaders to press North Korea on nuclear talks

By Renee Schoof
Knight Ridder Newspapers
(KRT)

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on Sunday asked Chinese President Hu Jintao to intensify diplomatic efforts to get North Korea back to talks on giving up its nuclear weapons program.

Rice met with Hu and Premier Wen Jiabao at the Great Hall of the People on Tiananmen Square, and then drove a few minutes away to government-controlled Protestant church to attend a Palm Sunday service.

China is the largest source of food and energy to North Korea, and Rice had been saying throughout her trip to six Asian countries last week that she would be urging China to do all it can to persuade its communist ally to return to negotiations. She declined to say what she hopes China will do, noting that was up to China's leaders.

The United States and the others in the six-party talks with North Korea have started to talk about other steps to take if Pyongyang continues to refuse to return to negotiations, said a senior State Department official, who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity about what went on in the closed-door talks between Rice and the Chinese leaders. Most of the meeting with the Chinese president was about North Korea, the senior official said.

Besides China and the United States, the other partners in the six-party talks with North Korea are Japan, South Korea and Russia.

Rice said earlier Sunday that she and Ban Ki-Moon, the South Korean foreign minister, talked about "intensifying our efforts, all of us, including hopefully the Chinese, because we do need to address the problem."

U.S. officials have gotten the sense in their meetings so far on the trip that other partners in the talks understand that North Korea can't be allowed to stall indefinitely, the official said,



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adding that there was not yet a "Plan B."

In her news conferences in Tokyo and Seoul, Rice summed up the enticements the partners are using to get North Korea back to the table: assurances the United States has no intention to attack, and a promise of a multi-nation security assurance and an examination of how to meet North Korea's energy needs.

"So I would hope that all of this taken together would suggest to North Korea that the six-party talks are the place that they can actually get the respect that they have desired and that they can get the assistance that they need. It is true that we need to resolve this issue. It cannot go on forever," Rice said.

Rice's plans to go to church did not come up in her talks with the leaders, but they were aware of her intentions, the State Department official told reporters.

The church, Gangwashi, is one of the few large state-sanctioned churches in central Beijing. Government approved Protestant churches in China are non-denominational. Gangwashi seats about 600 people, and it was full, as it often is for services.

Rice is a faithful churchgoer, and it was no surprise she wanted to attend a Palm Sunday service on the first day of Holy Week as Easter approaches. But she chose the symbolism of attending a regularly scheduled evening service in Beijing instead of a morning one in Seoul.

Chinese people can attend

church services without fear of reprisal as long as they are part of the state-controlled religious system. The "underground" Roman Catholic and Protestant churches outside this system are illegal, and some of their leaders and members have been imprisoned under communist rule.

Small groups of Chinese gathered on the sidewalks outside the church, which is set back in a walled yard. Several of them said they had no idea an American dignitary was going to visit and were disappointed when they were turned away from the service because it was full.

Throughout her trip, which began in Pakistan, Afghanistan and India, Rice has said that democracy, including freedom of religion and freedom of speech, eliminates the hatred that causes terrorism.

Earlier Sunday in Seoul, Rice sharply reminded Europe that if it goes ahead with a plan to lift its arms embargo on China, its technology might one day be used against the U.S. military in the Pacific.

Rice said the United States was concerned that China's military is becoming stronger and more sophisticated and warned the European Union "should do nothing to contribute to a circumstance in which Chinese military modernization draws on European technology... when in fact it is the United States, not Europe, that has defended the Pacific."

The European Union imposed the embargo in 1989 after the Chinese military cracked down on democracy protesters, killing hundreds and possibly thousands of people. No official reckoning of the death toll was ever made.

Rice said earlier that she hoped the recent rise in tension over Taiwan would make Europeans reconsider lifting the embargo. China earlier this month passed a law that spells out its long-stated resolution to use force if necessary should democratically ruled Taiwan seek formal independence.

Island's tiny humans had advanced brains

By Alexandra Witze
The Dallas Morning News
(KRT)

Frodo and Bilbo might have met their intellectual match in the prehistoric hobbits from Indonesia.

New research shows that the tiny humans, nicknamed "hobbits," who once inhabited the Indonesian island of Flores had relatively advanced brains capable of higher levels of thinking and cognition. The finding meshes with archaeological studies of these long-vanished people, who apparently had mastered tool-making and hunting tens of thousands of years ago.

Dean Falk, an anthropologist at Florida State University, led an international team of researchers that described a hobbit's unique braincase in Friday's online edition of the journal *Science*.

"I thought we were going to see a little chimpanzee-like brain, and I was wrong," she said. "I'm bowled over."

Archaeologists have unearthed the bones of eight hobbits, formally known as *Homo floresiensis*, but only one skull. Falk CAT-scanned that fragile, 18,000-year-old skull, then created a clear resin copy that she could study.

"In life, pulsating brains leave impressions within the braincase," Falk said during a news conference sponsored by the National Geographic Society.

Although just one-third the size of the average modern human brain, the hobbit brain turned out to have several features that could indicate higher thinking skills, she said.

For instance, the brain had enlarged temporal lobes, an area that is bigger in humans and helps with functions such as memory and emotion. Another area, called Brodmann's area 10, was also bigger than expected; in humans, this region is involved in undertaking initiatives and planning future

actions.

The hobbit skull didn't resemble similar casts taken from skulls of modern humans, pygmies, gorillas, chimpanzees, or other ancient human species. Falk said. Together, the brain features strengthen the case that *Homo floresiensis* is its own unique species not simply an undersized version of *Homo sapiens*.

That challenge, along with other controversies, has swirled around the hobbit fossils ever since they were publicly revealed last fall. In the latest twist, the researchers who excavated the bones have finally gotten them back from another scientist who "borrowed" them without a clearly understood agreement.

After being dug up, the bones had stayed in Jakarta under the care of Tony Djubiantono, director of the Center for Archaeology there. But another scientist at the center loaned the bones to Teuku Jacob, a paleo-anthropologist in the city of Yogyakarta. Other members of the original research team complained.

Last week, Jacob returned all but three leg bones, said Michael Morwood of the University of New England in Australia, one of the original researchers. On Thursday, Morwood called the condition of the returned bones "appalling," saying that many critical details had been destroyed during transport.

"Some enormously important material has been damaged," he said.

In brighter news, some researchers are optimistic that they can retrieve ancient DNA from some of the hair and bones, which could better illuminate the hobbits' relationship to modern humans. And this summer, the original team plans to return to the excavation site to hunt for more fossils.

National News

Animal-rights groups have claws out over clones

By Howard Witt
Chicago Tribune
(KRT)

It was something of a curiosity back in December when a California company announced the delivery of the world's first kitten cloned for a customer bereaved enough over the loss of a pet cat to pay \$50,000 to have it duplicated.

But now that the production line is ramping up a second cloned feline was delivered to a customer last month, and three more are on the way the response in some quarters is less than warm and fuzzy. With other designer pets, such as glow-in-the-dark fish and hypoallergenic cats, also coming off the drawing boards, some ethicists, animal-rights groups and legislators are rousing themselves to oppose what they regard as a new moral and biological threat: the manufacture of customized pets engineered to buyers' precise specifications.

"We don't need to be rushing Frankenkitty to the marketplace," said Lloyd Levine, a California state legislator who recently introduced a bill that would ban the sale of cloned pets. "Many of these animals are born with limbs missing and deformities. What happens if they get out and start breeding? Maybe we ought to wait and develop this scientific research before we rush this to the marketplace."

The American Anti-Vivisection Society, meanwhile, has petitioned the U.S. Department of Agriculture to begin regulating pet cloning labs

that so far have evaded government scrutiny. Critics contend that cloning companies are preying on the emotions of bereaved pet owners and falsely promising exact copies of their companions.

"We want people to understand what is involved," said Crystal Miller-Spiegel, a senior policy analyst with the animal-protection group. "It's not always the heartwarming story you hear about in the media. There's a lot of deceit in how these companies are pitching this to consumers."

But officials of Genetic Savings & Clone, the Sausalito, Calif., company that is producing the cloned cats, as well as the firm's satisfied customers, angrily dispute such claims. They insist that the science behind animal cloning has come a long way since Dolly the sheep was created in 1996 and died prematurely six years later and that advances have greatly reduced the instances of stillbirths and deformities.

Cloning of commercial livestock and even some endangered species is now commonplace, advocates argue, so why not replicate the most beloved animals of all household dogs and cats for clients who are willing to pay the price?

"Much of the controversy is based on science fiction," said Ben Carlson, vice president of Genetic Savings & Clone. "Many of our critics seem to rail against what they think pet cloning is. But just as IVF (in vitro fertilization) has ceased to be controversial, over time people will perhaps understand it

better and it will be more affordable."

Despite its whimsical name, Genetic Savings & Clone sees lucrative opportunities in its niche market. It has outgrown its cloning lab in Austin, Texas, and this month is to open a new facility near Madison, Wis., where scientists hope the labor-

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- Mary Beth Sweetland, director of research and investigations at People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

intensive process of producing cat clones can be streamlined.

Carlson said several hundred clients already have paid \$295 to \$1,395, plus annual storage fees, to bank genetic material from their pets that can later be used to produce clones. To spur more demand, company officials recently reduced the price of cat clones from the Hummer range down to Volvo territory \$32,000. And GSC scientists are aggressively pursuing the biologically more difficult feat of cloning dogs a product for which the company expects to charge an even higher price.

"The people who seek our services are always going to be a minority of pet lovers," Carlson said. "Most people will be perfectly happy to continue to get pets from shelters or pet stores."

"Our clients are kind of like a subset of the folks who have set-

tled on a particular breed," he added. "They've got a particular idea about the characteristics they want in their next pet. ... Cloning is going to give them the most similar pet that's available. ... We liken it to a later-born identical twin."

That's pretty much what the Dallas airline employee who bought the first cloned kitten says she got for her \$50,000.

"What we received was a kitten that looks identical and is amazingly similar in personality" to the original cat, wrote "Julie" in a brief e-mail exchange. The woman declined to be interviewed in person or identified beyond her first name, and she would not explain why she decided to spend such a large sum for a housecat.

Critics are unconvinced by such testimonials, however, and insist that the clone buyers are being misled.

"If it was really conveyed to (GSC customers) that they would be likely to find other animals out there that have the behaviors they are interested in, I doubt they would have many clients," said David Magnus, director of the Stanford University Center for Biomedical Ethics.

"When we lost our beloved cocker spaniel last January, it was devastating," Magnus added. "The temptation to try to find a technological way to make that hurt go away is something I can really appreciate. But it's false."

Other critics worry that the technology to clone pets has outpaced ethical considerations.

"It defies logic to think that somebody can feel right about

paying \$50,000 for a cat when 17 million dogs and cats are killed in shelters and pounds every year," said "That money could be put towards the support of innumerable homeless animals if these people truly care about animals."

Still others insist that animals suffer at all stages of the cloning process, either as egg donors, surrogate mothers or the clones themselves, and that the absence of any government oversight leaves room for potential fraud and abuse.

Genetic Savings & Clone officials counter that all of their animals are well cared for, that they are open to monitoring by outside agencies and that they take pains not to promise customers that their cloned pets will behave precisely like their deceased predecessors.

"As long as we eliminate the harm and produce high-quality clones, it doesn't matter the percent of the populace that feels clones should be available for sale," said Lou Hawthorne, the company's chief executive officer. "There are lots of things that people aren't interested in buying that are for sale."

As for human cloning a prospect that provokes near-universal popular revulsion Genetic Savings & Clone officials say they won't go anywhere near it.

"Our code of bioethics states that we will not share anything with people seeking to clone human beings," said Carlson, the company vice president. "It's not an area we see demand for. We also have moral objections."

BRYANT UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT AWARDS 2005 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

George M. Parks Award is presented to one who has enhanced the university through leadership qualities.

Roger W. Babson Award is presented to one who has become distinguished on campus due to character, orderly mind, sound judgment, and systematic business habits.

Jeremiah Clark Barber Award is presented to one who has shown a consistent record of academic improvement.

Bryant University Good Citizenship Award is presented to one who has demonstrated qualities of sincerity and vigorous industry in the interest of good citizenship and who by example furthered better government both on and off campus.

DEADLINE:

NOMINATION FORM COMMENCEMENT AWARDS 2005

Nominations for 2005 Commencement Awards are being accepted for students who graduated in December 2004 or will be graduating in May 2005.

Nominations may come from any member of the Bryant Community: students, faculty, staff, or administration. Please read the descriptions for each award very carefully before selecting an individual to nominate. Once your selection is made, in a cover letter state specifically why your nomination meets the criteria for selection for each award in a recommendation letter.

Attach a resume of the nominated student and refer to experience and accomplishments stated in the resume that specifically qualifies the nominated individual. (All information must be accurate; any misrepresentation will invalidate a nomination.) Nominations should be returned to Sue Wandyes,

Commencement Awards Committee, VP AA Office,
NO LATER THAN March 30, 2005.

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columnist!

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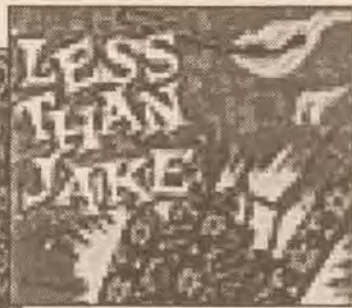
Spring Weekend main events: Less Than Jake and Mitch Hedberg

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B Is for B-Sides is their latest album released in July of 2004.

Eventually Roger replaced Shaun and they added saxophonists Jessica and Aaron and also trombonist Buddy. The band



courtesy of google.com

debuted in 1994 with their album *Pez-Core*. They eventually signed with Capitol Records, but broke away from them in 2000. Their most recent album was released in July of 2004 titled *B Is for B-Sides*. Less Than Jake will put on shows around the country in the Fueled by Ramen/ Drive Thru Tour,

which will run from March 30-May 3. Check out their website at www.lessthanjake.com to find out more information.

With the amount of time Companik has put into these events, the entire weekend is sure to be successful. He described for the *Archway* the process that goes in to planning such a large event starting with the surveys he puts out early in the year. The surveys were used in order to find out just what students were looking for in a band. Unfortunately all of the choices on that survey were either too expensive or the bands just are not on tour at the time of our Spring Weekend.

The rumors are true, Companik did attempt to get The Black Eyed Peas, but their post-Super Bowl prices skyrocketed out of reach. Companik and the



courtesy of mitchhedberg.com

Comedian Mitch Hedberg has appeared on several popular television shows such as "David Letterman" and "Crank Yankers."

agency, Pretty Polly, labored over bands and finally came up with one they both agreed on, Less Than Jake. Once they submitted a bid, there was a process of back and forth negotiating with contracts until the deal was made official. The agent also helped organize getting Hedberg on campus.

With two big acts, the time that goes into preparation is overwhelming, but Companik still cannot wait for show time. "The whole process is harder than it looks, especially with the grander scale, but I am so excited. The school has never seen anything like this."



courtesy of lessthanjake.com

Hidden in Plain View and Allister will be Less Than Jakes' two opening acts. The addition of two opening acts is the reason for the time difference as opposed to previous years. This year's show begins at 8:00 p.m.

Cocaine on campus

By Bethany Thornton
Editor-in-Chief

On Thursday, March 10, police issued an arrest warrant for a male Bryant student and uncovered 13.1 grams of cocaine in his room.

Smithfield police officers, accompanied by Bryant DPS, entered a campus residence hall with an arrest warrant for a Bryant student.

Due to a suspicion of drug activity, Smithfield police entered the residence hall at 6:15 a.m. to issue an arrest. According to DPS, the Smithfield police knew the name of the person and exactly what they were looking for.

Upon entering the student's room, the police confiscated several bags of cocaine totaling 13.1 grams, along with small amounts of money. The student's car was also searched, but nothing was found.

The student was immediately taken to the Adult Correctional Institute (ACI) in Cranston, Rhode Island where he awaited his arraignment. The arraignment took place that morning and he was returned to the ACI to await his hearing which took place on Thursday, March 24.

At any hearing, the accused has the option to plead "guilty" or "not guilty". If the accused chooses "not guilty", the judge has the option to post bail and issue a trial date. The accused at that time will either leave on bail or go back to the ACI to find an attorney and await trial.

If the accused chooses to plead "guilty" the judge has several choices. He can give a sentence, probation or release right there. His decision may have a lot to do with the accused's previous record.

Department of Public Safety Log

ACCIDENT Motor Vehicle Accident

Mar. 8, 2005-Tuesday at 1:15 p.m.

Location: STRIP PARKING

Summary: A report of a vehicle backing into a parked vehicle.

ACCIDENT Leaving the Scene / Unattended Vehicle

Mar. 8, 2005-Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.

Location: OLD TOWNHOUSE LOT

Summary: A caller states his vehicle was struck in the passenger's side door by a backing vehicle. The person then fled the area.

EMT CALL EMT Call / Medical Services Rendered

Mar. 8, 2005-Tuesday at 4:40 p.m.

Location: RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: A caller stated that he was not feeling well. EMS was activated.

DRUG Possession with Intent to Deal

Mar. 10, 2005-Thursday at 5:30 a.m.

Location: RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: DPS assisted the Smithfield Police in serving a warrant in a residence hall. This action resulted in the arrest of a student with a felony weight of cocaine. He was charged with possession of the cocaine with intent to deliver. After arraignment he was held and transferred to the Adult Correctional Institution.

VANDALISM Vandalism to Auto(S)

Mar. 10, 2005-Thursday at 4:00 p.m.

Location: HALL 15 LOT

Summary: A caller stated that someone caused damage to his Jeep.

VANDALISM Vandalism to Auto(S)

Mar. 11, 2005-Friday at 10:59 a.m.

Location: BELLOWS CENTER LOT

Summary: While on post at the ECS a person came in and reported that his vehicle was vandalized.

PROPERTY DAMAGE Property Damage

Mar. 15, 2005-Tuesday at 5:48 p.m.

Location: HALL 16 LOT

Summary: A caller states that his vehicle has damage to the right rear fender.

EMT CALL EMT Call / Medical Services Rendered

Mar. 17, 2005-Thursday at 10:13 a.m.

Location: UNISTRUCURE

Summary: A staff member came into DPS stating that she had just fell down the stairs. EMS was activated

EMT CALL EMT Call / Medical Services Rendered

Mar. 19, 2005-Saturday at 8:29 a.m.

Location: CHASE ATHLETIC CENTER / GYM / MAC

Summary: A Visitor for a Religious Conference needs medical attention for possible seizure and nose bleed. EMS was activated.

BIAS RELATED INCIDENTS Bias Incidents

No incidents reported

FYI
Did you Know...

-Do you have what it takes to be crowned the second annual World Series of Bryant Champion? You may have played in one of the three tournaments held earlier this year but this is the finale...you can not miss it! Bigger field, Bigger Prize Pool, More Fun, Be crowned this year's champ! Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 17 at 6 p.m. The location will be in Papitto of the Bryant Center. The entry fee is \$15. Top ten will be receiving prizes. These prizes include ipod Shuffle, 27 inch TV, digital camera, gift certificate to parentes', and much much more.

-With the Mr. Bryant Competition only 2 weeks away, and spring in the near future, everyone on campus knows it's the best time of year! That's why it is my pleasure to present the first annual Ms. Bryant Competition. The Ms. Bryant Competition will be held on Fri, April 15 at 8 p.m. in Janikies auditorium. Like the Mr. Bryant Competition, the ladies will be judged in four fields, Formal wear, Casual wear, talent, and how you represent Bryant University. If you would like to nominate someone, there will be a table set up in the Rotunda on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday during the day this week, or you can email me (ajf2@bryant.edu) with the female you are nominating including their name, email, and a short reason on why you are nominating them. All nominations must be received by Sunday, March 27.

-If you are interested in buying this year's "I2I: Our World of Wonders" DVD or VHS, please go to the Intercultural Center on the second floor of the Bryant Center and place an order. Please pay upfront. Your videos will be available a week after the order has been placed. DVDs will be sold for \$30 and VHS sold for \$15. If you have any questions please contact ISO@bryant.edu.

-Come to the Rotunda between 10 and 2 and get your ticket for ISO's second annual GALA held at the Westin on April 16, 2005. Tickets will be sold throughout this week and the following weeks. There will be great food, great entertainment, and great performances. Do not miss out on this opportunity!

-On Monday, March 28 in Papitto at 6:00 p.m. Ernst and Young Partner Harrison Holbrook III will be speaking. Ernst and Young have been named by Forbes as one of the top 100 companies to work for in the past several years. He will speak on how he became partner of this firm and how you can use your education to further your career. The event is being put on by the pledge class of Delta Sigma Pi. The event will last around an hour and professional dress is required. Please RSVP by emailing Dgniadek@bryant.edu with the subject "Reserve" by Friday the 25. If you have any questions feel free to email me.

-Kenneth Cole is coming to Bryant on April 8 as the keynote speaker for the Entrepreneurial Extravaganza. The event is being put on by Bryant and Brown University's Global Entrepreneurship Programs. The event will be held over two days April 8-9 on both Bryant and Brown campuses.

Women's HERstory Month a success

By Emilie Lavoie
Assistant Campus News Editor

In order to better recognize information about women and their historic achievements, the National Women's History Project led a movement in the 1980's to pressure Congress to designate a month in celebration of these accomplishments.

In 1980, President Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation informing the American public to recognize, remember, and celebrate the historic and current accomplishments of women. By 1987, fourteen American governors had declared March Women's History Month. Later, in the same year, Congress and President Reagan followed by officially declaring March as National Women's History Month.

This year, we celebrate the 18th anniversary of the official celebration of Women's HERstory month, which will be concluding its celebration as the month approaches its end. A variety of events, speakers, and stories of women's strength have been held around the country and the Bryant University campus is no exception. Together, the Women's Center and several other women organizations on campus have joined forces to establish very successful events, some of which are still to come.

The celebration of women's history began on March 2 with the Telling HERstory event. Professor Nancy Beausoleil conducted the "12 year old case of the disappearing teacher" for all who attended. The following week, a similar event was held with speaker Natalie Lewisirgool of the ICC.

Several other smaller events were held on campus featuring esteemed women speakers throughout the month. These women spoke to their audiences about strength, overcoming obstacles often specific to women, and the many triumphs of women in history.

One of the most publicized and successful HERstory events to hit Bryant's campus was The Vagina Monologues, a celebration of female sexuality through the performance of several monologues, both funny and sad, proclaimed by real women and all true. At the event, funds were raised to support the end of domestic violence against women. The monologues were held on March 9 and the turnout was greater than expected with over 100 students in attendance, all enthusiastic about the event.

Another large event held for HERstory month was the Women's Summit held at Bryant on March 16. The event quickly sold out as many were anxious to hear from the three prestigious female guest speakers: Martha Barletta, Michele Hoskins, and Carolyn Kepcher from The Apprentice. The series of conferences was sponsored by several large companies including Fidelity Investments, Sovereign Bank, Citizen's Bank, EMC and many others. The Summit was also covered by the local media in The Providence Journal. These conferences and speakers were designed to inspire women for success while enlightening them on their feminine history.

As many of these events have already encountered a large amount of success and spread the word about Women's HERstory month, there are still plenty of events to come in the

concluding weeks of March, all anticipated to be effective and successful.

In regards to upcoming events, HERstory is not over yet. Beginning Monday, there are still at least six events left celebrating Women's HERstory month. March 28 through April 1 events are running, including another Telling Her Story, featuring Symphonice Willoughby '08, an informative session about Sexual Assault and how to break the silence, and on Tuesday, March 29 a feature entitled "From 'The Birdcage' to 'Heather Has Two Mommies': Defining Family". This special feature will include openly gay couples speaking about the difficulties and successes in raising a child with 'two mothers' or 'two fathers'. The event will begin at 6:30 in Meeting Rooms 2A and 2B in the Bryant Center.

Next Wednesday, March 30, Tri Sigma sorority is co-sponsoring Women Students in Crisis: How Can We Help? in the Papitto Lounge at 7 pm. The events format is sitting down and talking to students about common issues affecting women on a daily basis. The object is to address issues, such as suicide, body image, relationships, eating disorders and others, to make women more comfortable and more informed about confronting and strengthening themselves in the face of such subjects.

So next week, instead of wondering about these events, or reading about the results a week or two later, be sure to check some, or all, of them out. You are guaranteed to learn something about Women's HERstory and maybe even have a little fun while doing so.

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The Hangover: Observations from "The Real Cancun"



By Justin Williams
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I just got back from Cancun with my friends Kiel, Ronnie, and Ryan. We had a great time, and I have several observations to share. If you've never been to Cancun, or haven't been in a while, these points could help you on a future trip. I will give you a reason to keep your future daughter from going.

If you go to Cancun: Don't break up with your Latina girlfriend.

Being in Mexico, having knowledge of Spanish comes in handy. When I was taking Intro to Spanish last semester, my girlfriend and I split, so for some reason she didn't want to keep doing my homework for me. Needless to say, I had to drop the class, and I ended up in Mexico with the Spanish conversational skills of a drunken Forrest Gump.

Don't stand in the front row of a concert.

The first night we got to Cancun, we decided to go out to Dady 'Os, a nightclub where Lloyd Banks would be performing. I happened to be dancing right in front when Banks came out on stage.

Being tall, I had random girls yelling at me to see if they could sit on my shoulders. If I had

wanted to have girls yell at me, I could've stayed in the US and gotten a girlfriend.

Banks performed well though, so it made the yelling worthwhile. Then surprise guest 50 Cent came onstage. To get the crowd hyped, of course he did two things: took his shirt off. [yawn]. Then he poured his water bottle on the crowd. I wasn't happy. I got wet from the water.

Let's just say 50 Cent was lucky he had two bodyguards three times my size, otherwise I might have carried this beef to places he didn't want to take it.

Don't urinate outside.

Mexico is weird in that everyone is fairly laid back. Well everyone except for the soldiers posted up around town carrying automatic weaponry. You could be sunbathing on the beach, then look up and see a 16 or 17 year old carrying an M-16 dressed in grey fatigues.

I nearly got locked up by the federalies when one night stumbling home from a club, I went behind a bush to relieve myself. I hadn't even gone yet when a federally came running out from nowhere yelling in Spanish.

Although I knew a little, I said, "No Hablas Ingles." So then he radioed for back-up. Now I'm surrounded by four armed men. I had recently watched the Karate Kid III, so I considered taking them down with some karate.

I decided against fighting, and just repeated to the soldier who knew the most English that I didn't go pee, and that if he looked, he would find zero evidence. After 10 minutes of him

yelling "Yes [you peed]" and me replying, "No." I was eventually let go.

Wear a Boston hat and you might get confused for a Red Sox player.

Despite how "die-hard" Boston fans claim to be, more than a few people, New Englanders, asked my friend Ryan if he was Bronson Arroyo.

The rest of us told him to tell everyone that he was in fact Bronson Arroyo. It could've gotten hairy when they started asking personal questions like, "What's it like to win the World Series?" or even more difficult to answer, "Why aren't you in Spring Training right now?" So Ryan said he was Arroyo's cousin to different people and was able to score free drinks and groupies.

Be aware that Mexicans will try to hustle you.

If you walk anywhere in Cancun, you'll run into waiters trying to get you to come into their restaurant for a 2 for 1 drinks special, little Mayan girls trying to sell bracelets, and thousands of Mexicans trying to sell

different tours. Tours to the Mayan Ruins (Chichen Itza), a Jungle Tour, a Club Hopping tour. No matter what the tour was, the person trying to sell it to us would push the same selling point. There would be lots of girls, definitely drunk, probably naked, and probably salacious.

One guy sold us on a Booze Cruise based on the aforementioned selling points. There was one cruise we saw that was going for \$60, so when this guy sold us one for \$24, we should've been a little more skeptical.

When we got on the boat, it was nothing but straight families and older couples where the average age was around 57. The "naked, drunk, slutty" girls we envisioned turned out to be "Golden Girls."

Don't fall for every tip jar.

Everyone in Mexico wants a tip, and they will make sure you know they want a tip. On the bottom of a check, the waiter will write that the tip was not included. (Even though upon further inspection, he was liberal in his conversion from pesos to dollars). Taxi drivers want a tip. The captain of the cruise we took wanted a tip. Even the DJ

at a bar had a tip jar. I went into a bathroom where there was no bathroom attendant, just a tip jar. I was surprised I didn't see a tip jar for the tip jar.

Don't volunteer to take part in games without knowing what they are.

At Fat Tuesday, they were giving away free beer in the afternoon from 12-3. Besides being a great inspiration for me and my friends to get up "early" everyday, the beer gave a lot of people the inspiration to make fools of themselves. The reason you can't volunteer for a game without knowing what it is, is because you might end up like the four guys who volunteered for the "ass-chug" game. These four guys had to lie with their backs on the ground, while the MC went out and searched for the largest and ugliest girls wearing a two-piece they could find. Four girls had to crouch over the guys while someone else poured beer down their back so it could roll down the butt-crack of the girls and into the guys' mouths.

Be aware that some women will do anything for beads.

It might have something to do with the fact that women place an inordinate amount of importance on diamonds and other shiny things, but whatever the reason, women who have been drinking love beads.

The same beads they could obtain for themselves for a few dollars from Claire's drives women to kiss each other, expose themselves, and other things that I could not printed.

Buy stock in Corona or limes
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Wearing a Red Sox hat allowed Ryan to pass for Bronson Arroyo.



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The Rant: The Wrong Way



By Bryan Sargeant
Staff Columnist

There are clear cut lines dividing the right way and wrong way to do things in life. Brush your teeth when you wake up, open doors for your date, and offer your seat to an elderly couple. All of these are good things to do. Talking on your phone during a movie, eating with your hands, relieving yourself with the door open? Not so good.

So we have clear cut guidelines. We should be all set, right? Wrong-O! When left to our own devices, the line of good versus bad, intelligent versus dumb, and success versus unmitigated failure begin to blur. It's as if we need our mothers to follow us around smacking us upside the head reminding us what we should and shouldn't do.

Take, for example, every mother's advice on sunscreen. After a long cold winter many of us are one shade paler than Casper the Friendly Ghost. Explain this to me Bryant Brainiacs: Who thought it was a wise idea to go down to the tropics without sun block and assume your white self is going to go from North to Exposure to

Baywatch? Sorry, SPF 4 won't help you here. Those who returned with a tan, you are either very intelligent or extremely lucky. Those of you who looked like you just got out of a 4 alarm fire, what were you thinking?! Now you look like a snake shedding its skin in a horribly misguided fashion. To put it in one word: Nasty. Maybe it's only because I am Irish and get a sun burn just thinking about summer, but it's not that tough to protect yourself. One week in Cancun will tan you fine, you don't need to try and get it all in



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one day.

We return from break. We drank too much, ate too much, slept too much, and I bet none of us hit the gym in our time off. The decision is clear. After break I'm going to get back into shape. Here is where there is a right way and there is the wrong way (my way). The right thing to do is ease back into working out. Get your stamina and endurance back up so you don't keel over on the elliptical. But noooo! That is too logical. Get on that treadmill and see if you can still run 5 miles. Then get on the bike and be like Lance

Armstrong. Now that you have the cardio done it's time to get jacked up and lift! Then reality sets in, and you realize that you are out of shape and on the verge of embarrassingly passing out in the gym. (Insert disapproving look from my mother here.)

Then comes the school work. What we should do includes libraries, books, review sessions, tutors, and other academically oriented crap. But what really happens? Well, with break being not-so-restful, naps take precedence over books. Then you haven't seen your friends in a week so time with them is important. All of a sudden the attitude towards exams is, "I basically know it. It's pretty much common sense anyway." This is usually followed by the laments over bombing exams and the attempts to convince yourself the professor has to scale.

So to all you burned, out of shape, academically lazy members of Bryant I don't know what to say other than: Heck Yeah! I'm right there with you (without the sunburn courtesy of a New Orleans cold front). We are, and forever will be, complete morons. Someday we will tell our kids to use sun block, not to work too hard at the gym, and to study. We have learned it from experience just like our lazy, sun burned parents before us.

If we knew better we wouldn't have as many good stories.

Opinion

The SexPert: Love and Basketball



By Samee McDannel
Staff Columnist

consistently get the praise they deserve (like Duke). Whereas, some relationships come out of nowhere to surprise everyone, including those involved in it (like Gonzaga in 1999 or West Virginia this year)

Unlike relationships, basketball has a predetermined season and schedule. Although, much like relationships, teams generally end up with people of similar activity level and interest.

Recently, Bill Simmons, a famous sports writer for ESPN and other periodicals, published an article about U2 and the band's incredible longevity, which has surpassed that of any other musical group. Simmons suggested that a great game to play on road trips is the athlete/musician game. What musician would a certain athlete be and vice versa. Simmons concluded that no one could ever compare to U2 and that is why they are quite possibly the most underrated musical institution to ever exist.

I thought about it, if musicians can be athletes, so could important emotions. I think love would be Larry Bird because in the beginning he was innocent and every time he walked on the court people's faces lit up. Bird seemed at home on the basketball court and even as his career inevitably ended, he made the smooth transition into commenting because the game was so native to him. He made sure he

would always stay in the heart of basketball.

In the years I spent on and off of courts, blacktops and drive-ways playing anything from sanctioned games to intense games of horse, I have learned a lot about basketball and unintentionally a lot about relationships.

What better time than March



Quincy and Monica in the 2000 film *Love and Basketball*.
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Madness to share some of the important lessons I have learned from love and basketball.

Lesson one, losing even one member of a team could make a team's fate suddenly uncertain and without one important component, the team or couple has a hard time staying cohesive. I have seen this so many times. "It was great, we read the same books, we listen to the same music we even broke the same bone in fourth grade but the thing is... he is religious and I have never been in a church in my life." Sure, opposites attract,

but important differences that define life goals and objectives cannot be compromised in the name of booty. It will never work out, even if you are that girl who thinks she can change any guy. I suggest taking up knitting and giving up on him because some things can't, and more importantly, should not be tampered with in a relationship and without them the relationship is not what it should be.

Lesson two, don't lose your head. The reason is really two fold; foremost when you lose your composure you lose your focus. Secondly and more importantly, it is an absolute fact of human nature that you will regret 90% of what you say when angry.

This fact is almost as bullet proof as the defense case against Michael Jackson. We've all done it; we've gone there and said something we would have never said if we weren't pushed to the edge. But you can't take it back and when you assume, you can make an ass out of yourself and sometimes me, even if I'm not there.

Lesson three in love and basketball is so simple it kills me sometimes. Treat others how you would like to be treated and with the respect with which you would like to be treated. In a relationship it is important to

understand that the other person is very affected by how you treat them, like it or not, this is one of the dynamics of a relationship. If you are having a bad day or if you are just mad and you take it out on the other person, it would be imprudent for you to expect them to be lovey dovey right back to you. On the court, this is simpler. Give someone the credit they are due for making a half court shot with two seconds left or shake their hand after you have beaten them by 23 points with the lower half of your bench blind folded. Either way, we as people deserve respect for certain things, especially if you have received respect from them.

If I have learned anything from my short time spent in New England and the recent World Series Championship of the Boston Red Sox, it is that the human spirit supercedes both love and sports.

I will leave the question if all is fair in love and basketball up to you because I have never worn a referee's jersey in my life. I only know how to call things how I see them. But, I will leave you with a quote that is very relevant to love and basketball. This quote is by my role model, John Wooden, who is quite possibly the best person to ever coach college basketball. "Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are."

I love basketball so much that I would be hard pressed to decide between watching a great basketball game and doing something else for which many of you have guessed that I have an affinity.

One of my favorite movies is "Love and Basketball" simply because denying my favorite two things put together (romance and basketball) would be foolish. In the movie, Monica Wright, one of the main characters states "All is fair in love and basketball." I love this quote. Throughout my numerous years of playing and watching basketball I have considered this quote a number of times and every time I come up with a different conclusion. Is all fair in love and basketball? Let us see...

Like basketball programs, some relationships look too good to be true in the beginning and always upset you in the end (much like Stanford as far back as I can remember). Some are those great guys who everyone knows, some people even secretly love them, but do not

The Real Cancun

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This might be some form of insider trading, but it's worth mentioning that I'm sure Corona met their quarterly sales goals off of the four of us alone. I'm sure the commodity price of limes went up for the week of Spring Break as well.

Don't volunteer to help random drunk strangers.

When it comes to drinking in the afternoon, some people forget that it's a marathon and not a sprint. One girl I came across didn't remember this. She bumped into me near a corner at Fat Tuesday and at first I got the vibe that she was feeling me; this was until she couldn't remember my name after I told her 10 times in a span of 30 seconds.

So I was about to move along when she passed out in my arms. I put her in a chair and she started vomiting. I didn't want to leave her by herself because that would be cruddy. So I sat there while she was vomiting, and people were walking by giving me weird stares like I drugged her, or like I should be taking better care of her. Some guys were walking by taking her picture, and I just sat there. The lessoned learned as always, don't help anyone.

Hopefully you were able to learn something about Cancun. Since things that happen in Cancun are supposed to stay in Cancun, I have to go watch out for the Federallies.

Columnist's Note: You can follow Justin Williams's quest to become an intern for "The Sports Guy" on ESPN.com. Go to www.bostonsportsguy.com and click on the intern contest.

The Portfolio: Music and Nutritional Supplements?

By Louis Abate & Pete Ziegler
Staff Columnists

It seems every other day there is an article surfacing in the media about some unlucky kid getting a lawsuit pinned on them by the RIAA. Kazaa is pretty much unusable, bit-torrent just took a huge hit with supernova.org getting shut down by a court order, and most of the other file sharing programs are too complicated for most people to use. So, this leaves the world of music downloading at an interesting place.

At one end of the street, we have Apple with their music store. At 99 cents a pop, you can download songs to your hearts content and not be afraid of having your computer seized by police.

At the other end of the street we have Napster. Napster you say? Yes Napster, that great program from "back in the day" that you used to be able to fire up and get any song you wanted for free. Well, after they had a few lawsuits slapped on them, they disabled their servers and now 3 years later they have turned legitimate. Napster now offers users a multitude of ways to purchase music from their servers, including subscriptions, a la carte song downloads, and prepaid cards.

The main source of revenue Napster is banking on that other services, namely Apple, do not have is the subscription part. For 14.95 a month, users of Napster's subscription service are granted listening rights to over one million songs. Even though this sounds like a great deal, you do not own the music

and it is more like you are renting it because once you stop your subscription you lose all access to the music.

So far Apple's iTunes Music Store (the ITMS) has surpassed hurdle after hurdle, being the first to sell one million songs, then 100 million songs, and earlier this month they passed the 300 million mark. This has been a fairly impressive feat and their success has been reflected in the price of their stock, which just split at the end of last month.

All heads have now turned to Napster, Apple's only direct competitor. As of right now Napster has a few major advantages, namely their support for over a dozen different music players. Apple's tunes can only be played on one, and if you guessed that one device began with an i and ended with a Pod, you guessed right. As of January of this year, Apple sold over 4.5 million iPods. That is a lot of tiny white music players circling around the world that can only play music purchased from the ITMS.

As we've seen, at one end of the scale you have Apple's wildly popular iPod music player and easy to use a la carte music store, and at the other you have up-and-coming Napster with its multiple retail channels and support for pretty much every other portable player out there.

If you ask me, I think Napster has opened up the window to a bright future. As it becomes harder and harder to steal music and the youth of the country begin to come of age and start purchasing music, these internet music distribution centers will really begin to flourish. Because Napster and Apple have already

made names for themselves in the purchased music download industry, they will have major advantages over any new startups. It is hard to tell if Napster will be as successful as Apple but, as of now, Napster has put itself in a very good position. So sit back, download some music (that you paid for, of course), and watch Napster's stock fly.

Now, after going over how to set up an investment account and the differences between value and growth stocks, small and large companies, it's time to roll right in with some stocks I like and why I like them. From here on in, I'm going to let you in the know of some stock ideas I have previously invested in, am currently invested in, or may invest in the future.

I will be offering you a disclosure as to where I stand with the stock and it is up to every potential investor as always to do your own due diligence, that is, to do your own research before investing in my ideas or yours.

The first stock that I would recommend is Weider Nutrition International (WNI). Sounds like a boring company. Well, it sure isn't a biotech or internet company, but it sells vitamins, nutritional supplements, and sports nutrition products. My guess is that those will be around for years to come and that the need will grow for them at a steady rate.

I started buying the stock at \$4.30 a share and kept buying some more at \$4.60 a share. The stock trades at \$5.65 a share as of Monday, March 21. While I gave it a strong buy at the price levels at which I bought in. I consider WNI a buy at its cur-

rent price. So what do I like about it? It's a relatively small company, with a market value of a little less than \$250 million of which I am usually a fan of. It's trading at 85% of its annual sales, has a P/E below 14, and has \$20 million cash with no debt. The only thing I don't like about the company is that it is trading at three times its book value.

Executives of the company predict solid growth through more products, brands, and acquisitions. The only thing that may be holding the company down would be increasing raw material costs. However, I feel the company has the ability to increase sales at a more significant rate to complement the problem.

The thing I find about value stocks that I've mentioned before is that even if the stock does fall, the downside is minimal since the value of the company is there to support it. While the stock price is actually near its five year high, I feel that the stock is worthy of a \$10 share price within the next two years. With acquisitions and a good chance that institutions like mutual funds and asset managers would want to get in on this undervalued stock, I feel it is certainly a Buy at \$5.65 a share.

So, there you have it. Great company, a good product, good demand, and for you investors who want to buy a sizable bunch of shares, a desirable sales price. If you'd like, do your own research by starting out and learning more about the company at www.weider.com. Good luck in your investments!

May the best team win an insight into March Madness

By Samee McDannel
Staff Columnist

The chaos, the insanity, the madness, March Madness. Welcome to the best month of the year. It may be snowing,



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The NCAA March Madness logo as it appears on their website NCAA.com.

spring break may be over, but you have the best competition of the year to come home to. With brackets in hand, your favorite team's jersey on and fingers crossed turn on the TV and watch in awe.

The first and second rounds of play finished over the past weekend and as always there were some incredible buzzer beating wins and a few devastating defeats for which no one could have predicted. One of the suggested Cinderella stories of the year, Boston College who went 13-3 in the Big East Conference, lost to the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee. UW-Milwaukee's overall record of 14-2 seems impressive but coming from a much less competitive conference this was a big win for the Wisconsin team. Boston College's previous losses were to University of West Virginia, Pittsburgh, Villanova and Notre Dame who handed

Boston College their first upset on February 8.

Emerging as a possible Cinderella story is the University of West Virginia. This team flew under the radar the entire year, always remaining ranked and upsetting a number of prominent teams. The team went on an incredible five game winning streak during the hardest part of their schedule, beating Marshall, Boston College at home, Syracuse, Notre Dame and UConn. West Virginia, 7th in the Best East Conference, went 8-8 in the conference and 23-10 overall. The team went on to knock off Wake Forest 111-105 in the second round of the NCAA tournament allowing them to open the door to a final-four possibility.

There have been a lot of surprising losses this tournament, as is true every year. With teams with such fan bases as: George Tech, Wake Forest, Boston College, Syracuse, UConn and UCLA losing, one must conclude that this year will go to the team that has the most passion and wants the championship the most. The dynasty of schools such as UConn no longer matter, it has come down to skills, poise and persistence.

The team of the year is Illinois. This should come as no surprise to even the infrequent college basketball spectator. The team has been ranked #1 throughout the entire season. Finishing #1 in a very competitive Big Ten Conference and having their only loss handed to them very late in the season at Ohio State on March 6. Their coach, Bruce Weber, has commented that their quality of play should not be surprising to the public, but rather, the fact that people have just noticed how incredible their quality of play is what should be surprising.



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Mark Reinhart straightens his glasses after trying on a University of Illinois jersey while shopping with his brother and father, in Chicago. (AP Photo/Nam Y. Huh)



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The mascot of the Old Dominion Monarchs performs during a game against the Michigan State Spartans at the DCU Center Worcester, Massachusetts. (Photo By Jim McIsaac/Getty Images)

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Bulldog Bites: Weekly Athletic Scoreboard

TRACK & FIELD

Bryant sophomore Hafiz Greigre continues to raise the bar for the Bulldog indoor track & field teams. Ranked 19th nationally in the men's 200 meters, Greigre set a new school record with a time of 21.83 seconds to finish fourth in a qualifying round Friday at the New England Championships at Boston University. In Saturday's finals, Greigre placed fourth in the finals of the 200 meters in 21.89 seconds.

Greigre, ran well in the men's 55 meters, reaching the finals by placing ninth in the semifinals in 6.56 seconds on Saturday, and finally placing eighth in the finals in a time of 6.58 seconds.

Teammate Daniel Kwarteng also ran well in the sprints in the two-day event. Kwarteng qualified for the semifinals Friday with a time of 6.60 seconds and followed that performance with a time of 6.60 seconds Saturday morning, just missing the cutoff for the finals at 6.56.

Also on Saturday, Jessica Cegarra placed 15th with a throw of 36 feet, 8.5 inches.

Matt Cutler and Nick Balistreri competed Friday in the men's heptathlon with Cutler finishing eighth with 2,102 total points. Balistreri, a junior, took 10th with 1,947 points.

On the women's side, senior Holly Resendes placed 18th overall in the women's 5,000 meters Friday night. Resendes finished in a season-best time of 18:39.45.

Also competing on Friday was freshman Amber Torrey in the women's weight throw. Torrey placed 13th with a throw of 46 feet, four inches.

BASEBALL

The Bryant baseball team split a pair of games Saturday afternoon at Philadelphia University, dropping a 9-4 deci-

sion in game one but coming back to win the second 21-6. The Bulldogs travel to Shippensburg for a doubleheader Sunday.

In the second game, Bryant had 19 hits with Mickey Ryan, Paul Novakowski, Nick Tucarella each coming up with three hits while Chris Brown had a pair of home runs and drove in six runs in the game. Eric Loh picked up the win for Bryant.

SOFTBALL

The Bryant softball team earned its first win of the 2005 season as the Bulldogs pulled out a 6-4 win over Minnesota-Mankato Monday in Orlando.

Deidre Kittredge went 2-for-3 while Nikki Ingalls picked up the win on the mound, striking out six batters.

The Bulldogs will be idle on Tuesday and take on Wisconsin-Parkside and Tiffin University on Wednesday.

The Bryant softball team fell to Southwest Minnesota 6-0 in the season opener in Florida and dropped a 7-2 decision to Saint Xavier in the second game on Sunday. The Bulldogs will continue to compete this week in Florida.

MEN'S TENNIS

The Bryant Men's Tennis team went to 4-0 in the Northeast 10 on Friday with an 8-1 victory over LeMoyné. The Bulldogs swept the Dolphins in singles with Senior Erik Zipp remaining undefeated in the conference at #1 Singles. Freshman Mike Pickowicz picked up an exciting victory at #6 Singles winning 5-7 6-2 (10-5). Singles

- 1 Erik Zipp (BU) def. Frank Donaldson (L) 6-2 7-5
- 2 Ben Caisse (BU) def. Ryan Davidson (L) 6-0 6-1
- 3 Craig Drushella (BU) def. Kodi Kosmoski (L) 6-2 6-0
- 4 TJ Euley (BU) def. Jason Kersznouski (L) 6-1 7-6
- 5 Zach Goodman (BU) def. Val Vijkck (L) 6-0 6-1
- 6 Mike Pickowicz (BU) def. Ryan Deloney (L) 5-7 6-2 (10-3) Doubles
- 1 Erik Zipp/TJ Euley (BU) def. Frank Donaldson/Jason Kersznouski (L) 8-3

The Lady Mocs, ranked #21 in Division II, took all three doubles matches, then won five of the six singles matches, all in straight sets.

Bryant's lone win of the day came at No. 5 singles as Alanna Santanello picked up a 6-3, 6-1 win over Lindsey Willis.

- FSC 8, Bryant 1
- Singles
- 1. Linda Mrkic def. Sacha Solomon 6-1, 6-0
- 2. Barbara Oria def. Alex Spence 6-2, 6-0
- 3. Lidia Gandarias def. Annette Jervasi 6-3, 6-3
- 4. Lara Alcobendas def. Michelle Burke 6-1, 6-1
- 5. Alanna Santanello def. Lindsey Willis 6-3, 6-1
- 6. Megan Fincham def. Sasha Garabedian 6-1, 6-1
- Doubles
- 1. Mrkic/Alcobendas def. Spence/Santanello 8-4
- 2. Oria/Gandarias def. Solomon/Jervasi.
- Willis/Fincham def. Lauren Mullen/Burke

scored a game-high four goals to go with two assists and fellow sophomore Amanda Gallant added four goals of her own. Freshman Caitlin Hansen chipped in with three goals in her first collegiate game.

Bryant will return to action Wednesday, March 16, when they play Whittier College in game two of the California swing. Game time is set for 7:00PM.

MEN'S LACROSSE

The Bryant University men's lacrosse team lost their "home" opener 13-10 to Notre Dame de Namur today in game played at West Haven High School in West Haven, Connecticut.

The home game was played at West Haven due to the hard winter in Smithfield leaving snow on Bulldog Stadium at Bryant. The change of venue did not seem to affect Bryant (1-1) junior Jedd Storoshenko who finished with a team-highs three goals, two assists, and five points on the game. Senior Andrew Serge added two goals and one assist, while senior Aaron LeFever added two goals.

Notre Dame de Namur (12-1), from Belmont, California, was led by three junior, sophomore, and freshman up front. Freshmen Tim Campea netted three goals and three assists, sophomore Cody Hart (Boise, ID) added four goals, and junior Marc Mackides (Media, PA) had two goals and three assists.

Mike Ferrari made 15 saves for NDNU and senior Matt Lovejoy made 14 saves for Bryant.

Bryant will return to action Wednesday, March 23, when they open Northeast-10 Conference play on the road at Saint Anselm. Game-time is set for 3:30PM in Manchester.



- 2 Ryan Donaldson/Kodi Dosmoski (L) def. Ben Caisse/Zach Goodman (BU) 9-8
- 3 CT McLean/Jaimie Carlin (BU) def. Val Vijkck/Ryan Deloney (L) 8-4

WOMEN'S TENNIS

The Bryant University women's tennis match with Saint Anselm scheduled for tomorrow has been postponed until next Wednesday, March 30, at Bryant University. The match was postponed due to bad weather. The match will begin at 3:00PM. Florida Southern's women's tennis team won its fourth straight match, downing Bryant 8-1 on Tuesday to improve its record to 8-3.

- 8-5
- FSC is 8-3; Bryant is 2-1

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

The Bryant University women's lacrosse team opened their 2005 campaign in winning fashion beating Claremont McKenna 16-9 in game played yesterday in Claremont California.

The first half saw both teams start slowly as Bryant (1-0) took a 3-0 lead for the first twenty minutes before ending at a 5-4 Bryant halftime lead.

The second half saw the Bulldogs explode for 11 goals while only allowing Claremont five.

Sophomore Shaun Leddy

Division II Sports at its Finest

By Shaun Leddy
Assistant Sports Editor

Each year thousands of high school students face the exciting challenge of the infamous college search. From the campus tours, complete with the inevitable parental embarrassment, to the final days spent

waiting to hear from one's top choice, the entire process can be overwhelming. For high school athletes who plan to continue playing at the collegiate level, added stress is mounted. Not only must they choose their preferred campus location and size, but they must also decide to

what degree they choose to compete. With hundreds of students playing a varsity sport at Bryant, it is apparent that there is something very appealing about Division II.

For four years, high school athletes train and practice at

their sport in order to acquire the skills needed to play at a higher level. When it finally comes time to look at colleges, many prospective athletes are attracted to the

competitive North East 10 Conference of which Bryant is a part. Assistant Athletic Director and Head Field Hockey Coach Coni Fichera states, "The NE-10 is one of the most competitive Division II conferences in the country. It offers a conference championship in virtually every sport and has had national champions in Field Hockey, Women's Lacrosse, Softball, Cross Country, Men's and Women's Soccer, and Ice Hockey."

Many of the talented athletes playing for Bryant had the opportunity to play at the Division I level. Those who chose Bryant however, saw the advantage of competing at a school that placed as much emphasis on excelling in the

classroom as they did on the field or court. Men's Soccer Captain Patrick Doherty explains, "I decided to play soccer for Bryant because of the fact that the NE-10 is one of the top three Division II conferences in the whole country. I like competition and Bryant is a competitor in the league every year. I also liked the school and its commitment to academics and walking away from college with a good degree is as important as any rewards with sports."

The valuable lessons of hard work, fair competition, and teamwork are put to use not only come game time- but while sitting in the classroom as well. Fichera

adds, "Last year we had 6 women's teams compete in the NCAA tournament and the team GPA's of the women's student-athletes was 3.14. That is a remarkable statement on

their commitment to excellence."

With such talented athletes storming onto the Bulldog field and court each season, one may wonder where the drive comes from for a college student to want the added responsibility and commitment it takes to play a college sport. For most athletes, the answer would be easy- they love the game. The rush of adrenaline from when the first whistle sounds, till the last burst of speed when the legs have nothing left to give- playing a sport you love, is something an athlete cannot live without.

Volleyball player Elysce Tackmann states, "Playing a sport here at Bryant not only helps me stay fit, but it gives me a chance to break away from school stresses for a few hours, clear my mind, and re-focus."

Every time an athlete puts on a Bryant uniform they are representing a school that prides itself in teaching students to give 100% on the field, in the classroom, and in the work place. on II athletes know what it takes to suc-



courtesy of Bryant Athletics

Preparing for the NCAA Quarterfinals, the Men's Basketball Team took time to sign autographs

"The NE-10 is one of the most competitive Division II conferences in the country."

-Field Hockey Coach Coni Fichera

ceed. After years of training and practicing it all pays off when they hear their name being announced and join their team before they play in a game they love.

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Senegal's legendary Orchestra Baobab takes Somerville by storm

By Christian Collard
Variety Editor

Senegal is a country with a rich musical heritage and one of the most vibrant music scenes on the African continent. Its music scene was at its peak in the 1970's when the legendary Orchestra Baobab was founded. The fusion of Afro-Cuban elements with various local styles and sounds of Senegal was what made Baobab's sound so diverse and unique.

Baobab exploded onto the scene in 1970, put together to animate a new elegant night club that had just opened in central Dakar. It was meant to be a meeting place for politicians, intellectuals, and wealthy businessmen, so the band needed to have a certain appeal. The club owners picked six musicians from existing popular bands, including two singers Balla Sidibe and Rudy Gomis, the brilliant self-taught guitarist, Barthelemy Attisso, Wolof griot singer Laye Mboup, rhythm guitarist Latfi Benjeloum, bassist Charlie NDiaye, drummer Moutage Koite, and saxophonist Issa Cissoko.

Baobab immediately became the top local band, famous for their lofty and sophisticated arrangements, lyrical vocals and dazzling guitar solos. Their hauntingly beautiful songs such as "Utrus Horas", "On Verra Ca," "Autorail", "Sutukum" and "Coumba" became all-time great hits in West Africa.

There are two qualities that set them apart from most other groups of the period. One was their approach to the Cuban sound, which went far beyond imitation. They actually created their own mellow Cuban-style rhythms in a uniquely Baobab way. Second, while other bands were fusing the Latin tinge with Wolof melodies, this was only one of the regional styles that Baobab drew upon. More important for them were the rolling harmonies and intensely melodic drumming traditions of Casamance. The combination of Casamance plus Cuba created something completely new and entrancing that was to become Baobab's trademark.

For a decade they reined supreme, recruiting some of the finest musicians from around the country. They recorded more than 20 albums between 1970 and 1985.

But by the early 1980's, times were changing and there was a definite mood swing in Senegal. In 1981 a new president was inaugurated and there was a new sound in the night-clubs, the sound of Wolof mbalax. Youssou N'Dour was the young rising star, and he introduced the sabar and tama drums into his band, together with rap

and influences from jazz and soul.

One by one, members of the band left, either to form their own groups or take up their original professions. Attisso went back to his job as lawyer. He put down his guitar and didn't touch it for fifteen years. By 1987, the band had completely broken up with no plans of ever reassembling.

Fortunately for Baobab, the UK label World Circuit released their instant classic and much acclaimed album *Pirates Choice* with some tracks the group had first recorded in 1982. With the release of the album, Orchestra Baobab's unique sounds were launched around the world. Among connoisseurs of West African music, it achieved almost cult-like status. But it

days, griots used to be buried in the hollow of the giant, grey, gnarled baobab trunk. Perhaps they infused the tree with the spirit of music.

And so the ancient tree breathes a renewed spirit back into Senegalese music with some of the most mystical dance grooves of West Africa. The legendary Baobab uprooted and transplanted itself in Somerville, MA last Friday night for a full house of fans waiting to experience what only could be witnessed in the clubs of Dakar for years.

One of Baobab's vocalists, Ndiouga Dieng, came out and asked the crowd what they wanted to do: dance or sit there. The audience comprised of mostly affluent, white, over-40 couples replied as if they wanted to

dance...but when the music started, they sat in their seats like stiff. I, for one, could not sit still while their up-tempo yet languorous sounds filled the small theatre, so I remedied the situation by getting up, walking down the aisle, and joining the several younger audience members who had the same idea. We were greeted by smiles from all members of the band, especially the very animated saxophonist Issa Cissoko who danced all over the stage, sporting an ear-to-ear smile for the duration of the set.

With Dieng and Rudy Gomis sharing vocal leads sung in

French and various African dialects, Barthelemy Attisso laying down bright and rolling electric guitar lines and the rock-steady beats of the rhythm section, the group powered through slinky hits such as "Coumba" that got even the most reluctant of audience members up and dancing for much of the rest of the set.

My only complaint was that the set left me wanting more, but to no avail. They treated us to a double encore of yet more material from *Pirates Choice*. I cannot remember exactly which songs were played or in what order, but I do know that 95% of the set probably came from either *Pirates Choice* or *Specialist in All Styles*. When it came time for the band to exit the stage, sax man Cissoko kept on busking for whatever he could pry loose from the pockets of the audience, which happily lapped it up. Anything that would keep the band on stage longer seemed like a grand idea to the audience, who had been waiting quite some time to witness the magic of Orchestra Baobab live.

Orchestra Baobab certainly has staying power and Friday's show has proved they only get better with age. Other performers may come and go, but the Baobab will always survive and grow back in full force.



image courtesy of World Circus Music

The members of Senegal's Orchestra Baobab are: Assane Mboup (vocals), Latfi Benjeloum (rhythm guitar), Moutage Koite (drums), Rudy Gomis (vocals), Barthelemy Attisso (lead guitar), Charlie NDiaye (bass), Balla Sidibe (vocals), Ndiouga Dieng (vocals), and Cherno Koite (saxophone). Not pictured: Issa Cissoko (saxophone).

was too late. The band had already split up. For the time being, at least...

In 2001, the director of World Circuit music decided to reissue the album *Pirates Choice* for a second time. This edition included some previously unreleased material from the same 1982 sessions. It didn't take much persuasion to get the core members of Baobab back together again for a reunion concert in May 2001. Even though Baobab hadn't played together for all those years, they proved that they were still one of the great live bands of West Africa. Their music sounds as powerful as ever and now a whole new generation is able to enjoy the sounds of Baobab.

The regrouping of the musicians inspired another batch of instant classics. In November 2001 Baobab, by now in tip-top form after a tour of Europe, recorded an entirely new album which includes some stunning new material as well as some old favorites.

The name "Baobab" refers to one of the most majestic trees of the African savannah. It is slow growing and enduring. It lives many hundreds of years, and it is considered sacred, therefore it is not used for carving or for firewood. If you cut it down it will always grow back, unless you burn the roots for days on end. It's said that in pre-colonial

Horoscopes

Aries (March 21-April 19)

You're smart and strong and very cute, but you still can't bi-locate. Don't try to cram too much into the day; you'll wear yourself out.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Not a good day to gamble, or take risks of any kind. Focus instead, on your paperwork. There's plenty of that to be done.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

There are still a few nerves on edge, but they'll calm down as the day continues. If the matter hasn't been resolved by tomorrow, don't worry. They'll forget all about it.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

You can retain most of what you learn, in detail, now. Take on a complicated subject, just for the fun of it.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

The more you learn, the more you realize you don't know a thing. That's not a reason for concern; your life's getting more complex.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Unpleasantness at home could put you into a foul mood. Don't turn a molehill into a mountain by making a big deal of it. Forget about it.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Everything you read in books won't work. So, be prepared to think on your feet when necessary. Imagination is required.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Postpone a shopping trip. If you wait, you'll have less of a tendency to spend on things you don't even want or need, just because they're on sale.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Life should be rolling along nicely, but it's not a good time to take risks. Keep your arms inside the windows and your attitude optimistic.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Bad news is good news, in a way. Finding out one more thing that won't work narrows it down. Now, all you have to do is test everything else.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You're very involved in making sure other people have what they need. Don't give away more than you can afford, however. First, take care of your own.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Discuss with your partner what you'll do with all the money. Don't do that while you're on the job, however. Minimize distractions.

Thumbs up for *Knuckle Down*

By Kristin Gayda
Asst. Variety Editor

Even with an eclectic taste in music, I still find it difficult to come across a record that really grabs me by the hand, urges me to sit down, and begs me to listen. Recently over break, I discovered Ani DiFranco's newest release, *Knuckle Down*, and it hasn't left my CD player since. With sixteen albums to her credit and a lifetime of performing to boot, DiFranco never ceases to reinvent herself and exhibit an original and exciting sound each time she steps into the studio.

Knuckle Down has forever changed my opinion as to what a singer/songwriter should be -- Ani is one intense chick with a hell of a lot to say. Her unique voice (which I'd say is kind of like an ass-kicking, angst-ridden, very radical Alanis Morissette) serves for the foundation and soul of each track. DiFranco's very intimate and insightful lyrics make for the beauty that is *Knuckle Down*. Yet, the instrumentation provides its magic. What sets this album apart is its wholly lush and organic sound. As the disc progresses, the music flows seamlessly with the aid of acoustic guitars, an upright bass, piano, and strings ensemble.

It's rare to unearth something so unrefined within the spectrum of what would be called "popular music," and the

atmosphere *Knuckle Down* so effortlessly creates comes as a refreshing break from the cookie-cutter singer/songwriter material heard so often on the radio. DiFranco definitely sticks it to the John Mayer's of the industry lyrically. Crafted with the style and grace of a true poet, Ani uses her literary prowess and adroit lyrical brush-strokes of imagery to compose musical vignettes of reflection and recovery. The title track begins the story, initiating raw emotion with its percussive slap-guitar sound, as she declares her new self-awareness: "I think I'm done gunnin' to get closer to some imagined bliss / I must knuckle down, and just be okay with this." The story continues to climax and fall, but DiFranco's passion never once subsides. A personal confession, she sings of recovery from divorce, family tragedy, and severe bouts with depression. A now signature Ani move, included also is a spoken piece, the chilling "Parameters", which recalls a time she was raped when she was younger.

Overall, *Knuckle Down* is logical progression of the successful career of one of the most capable female musicians of her time. Give it a listen; you'll be thankful that you did.

Through the Looking Glass Texas teen has Dynamite skills

By Mike Pingree
KRT Campus

GEEZ, WOMEN ARE SO PICKY

A man in Focsany, Romania, bought identical gold necklaces for both his wife of 20 years and his mistress, and had their initials and a personalized message engraved on each of them. Then he mixed them up.

He left the mistress' necklace at his home for his wife to find when she woke up, and then went to work. He gave the other one to the mistress later. Both women have left him.

NOW THIS IS WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT

A group of people climbed up to the Aspen Highlands Ski Area in Colorado for an avalanche awareness class. They were hit by an avalanche.

THIS IS SOOOOO EMBARRASSING

A woman and three men in Limburg, Netherlands, engaged in a sexual role-playing game in which the guys "kidnapped" the woman, tying her hands and bundling her into a van with the intention of driving to another location for a night of passion. Alas, a passer-by witnessed the "kidnapping," and called the cops.

A team of 20 officers caught up with the van in the city of

Heerlen where they arrested the men. But they let them all go when the lady explained what was going on.

I THINK WE'VE FOUND THE PROBLEM

A man arrested for marijuana possession in Coram, N.Y., was brought to the police station where he suddenly turned blue, became unable to speak and had trouble breathing.

A cop performed the Heimlich maneuver on him, and a plastic baggie with 11 packets of cocaine popped out of his mouth.

HEE HEE, THEY'LL NEVER CATCH ME!

A young man drove at high speed through two unmanned photo speed traps in Bern, Switzerland. 19 times in one night to taunt the police.

He had taken the license plates off of his car to avoid being identified, but, unfortunately for the zany lad, a traffic policeman who had arrested him the day before recognized his car from the photos.

TAKE IT WITH OUR COMPLEMENTS

An anti-poverty agency in Fostoria, Ohio, wanted to get rid of a huge office safe it had no use for, but it was too big to move. So they just emptied it out, locked the door and let it sit. The problem was solved by

unwitting thieves, who broke in one night and took it away. The agency's director said, "They did us a favor."

LOOK OFFICER, I WAS KIDDING, HONEST

A knife-wielding bandit burst into a dormitory in Harimachi, Japan, and announced a robbery. He realized that he was in a police dormitory only after he found himself surrounded by cops.

YOU CAN'T MEAN ME, I'M JUST BIG-BONED

Due to a construction error, the security entrance to National Police headquarters in Stockholm, Sweden, was made too narrow and allows only one person at a time to pass through.

Also, the entryway seems to feel that the "one person" must weigh less than 230 pounds.

Those who weigh more are greeted with a recorded voice saying, "Stop! One at a time!"

BUCKING FOR EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Driving to her restaurant job through Alligator Alley in Florida, a woman clipped another car and went flying into the canal. She got out and scrambled to dry land as alligators converged.

But instead of taking the day off because of her ordeal, she got a ride from someone and went to work a few hours later.

By Dave Ferman
KRT Campus

In the film *Napoleon Dynamite*, the goofy title character is obsessed with sweet skills like knowing your way around a pair of nunchucks because, he says, that's what girls want in a boyfriend.

Bryan Demke's sweet skill is being Napoleon Dynamite -- or pretty darned close.

In less than two months, the 15-year-old has gone from an anonymous high school freshman in Haltom City, Texas, to posing for photos and signing autographs at nearby malls thanks to his uncanny resemblance to actor Jon Heder, who plays Napoleon in the wildly popular comedy.

"It makes me happy to do this, and I think it makes other people happy," Demke said. "Some people said it makes their day."

Demke did Napoleon's goofy dance at Haltom High's annual lip-synch contest recently, and "the kids were screaming," Associate Principal Adele Kennedy said. "I thought it was real good -- he was right on."

In the film, Napoleon is a lovelorn, majestically nerdy tetherball player living in a small Idaho town. He befriends Pedro (played by Efrén Ramirez), who runs for student body president and wins, in part because of Napoleon's beyond-dorky dancing.

Demke first saw the film shortly after it hit theaters last spring. A second viewing convinced him that it was "the funniest thing in the world. There's

something for everyone to relate to."

But it wasn't until after students came back from the 2004-05 Christmas break that his resemblance to Heder began attracting attention.

"People wouldn't stop bothering me about it," he said. "I was having fun with it, and I liked getting attention from other people instead of being ignored."

With the school's annual lip-synch contest approaching, he bought a copy of the DVD and began practicing Napoleon's moves for hours at a time. Meanwhile, the Demke family had to move into a local hotel in mid-February as water damage repairs were being made to their home. He debuted his Napoleon imitation in the hotel lobby to a college volleyball team.

"They enjoyed it," he said. "It was a good reaction."

His mother, Marilyn Demke, says her son is "having the time of his life."

"His confidence has gone from zero to hero, as the saying goes. It's really neat. It just tickles a mother's heart."

Demke and his brothers have gone to local malls three weekends in a row.

"I think my brothers take me to the mall so they can get girls' phone numbers," he says of Grant, 18, and Jake, 19. "That's one of the reasons. We go to have a good time."



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Bryan Demke, 15, of Haltom City, Texas, resembles the main character in the movie *Napoleon Dynamite*.



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04/01	Mr. Bryant Competition	9:00 PM	Janikies
04/03	Movie: <i>Meet the Fockers</i>	7:00 & 9:30 PM	Janikies
04/06	Comedian: Marko Elgart	9:00 PM	South
04/07	Band: <i>Ryanhood</i>	8:00 PM	South
04/13	Band: <i>Fivewise</i>	9:00 PM	South
04/19	Year-End Bingo	9:00 PM	South
04/21	Katie Todd & Jordan Carp	9:00 PM	South
04/27	Cultural Coffeehouse	9:00 PM	South
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05/01	Spring Weekend	TBA	TBA

Upcoming GAMES

Baseball

Saturday, March 26, Stonehill, 12:00 p.m.
Monday, March 28, @ Stonehill 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday March 29, American International, 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 31, @ American International, TBA
Saturday, April 2, @ Southern Connecticut, TBA
Sunday, April 3, Southern Connecticut, 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 5, Saint Rose, 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 7, @ Saint Rose, TBA
Saturday, April 9, @ Pace DH 12:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 10, Pace, 1:00 p.m.

Men's Lacrosse

Saturday, March 26, PACE, 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 31, @ American International, 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 2, Lemoyne, 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 7, @ Merrimack, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 9, C.W. Post 1:00 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse

Wednesday, March 30, @ Saint Anselm, 3:30 p.m.
April
Friday, April 1, Adelphi, 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 5, @ New Haven, 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 7, Bentley, 4:00 p.m.

Track & Field

Saturday, April 2, @ Trinity College, TBA
Saturday, April 9, BRYANT INVITATIONAL, TBA

Women's Tennis

Saturday, March 26, @ St. Rose, 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 30, St. Anselm, 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 5, @ Southern New Hampshire, 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 7, Bentley, 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 9, @ Stonehill, 11:00 a.m.
Sunday, April 10, @ LeMoyne, 3:00 p.m.

Men's Tennis

Thursday, April 31, @ American International, 3:00 p.m.
April
Tuesday, April 5, Southern New Hampshire, 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 7, @ Bentley, 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 9, Stonehill, 1:00 p.m.

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Hardwork pays off for Hafiz

By Samee McDannel
 Staff Columnist

With hard work and perseverance, Hafiz Greigre has brought the heat back to Track and Field. With a more than impressive season of Indoor Track he is making the smooth and steady transition into the spring Track and Field season. Greigre has impressive diversity in his Track and Field abilities. He competes in the 800, 400, 200, 100 meter sprints, 4 x 100 and 4 x 400 meter relays as well as the long jump.

It is impressive when a runner sets new school records for his efforts, but it is even more impressive when the records the athlete beats are his own, and that this occurs on a weekly basis. When asked how this success made him feel, Greigre's face lit up "I love to get the crowd amped up, I want them to go wild."

Greigre, who is a transfer student from Wheaton College, has certainly made a name for himself on the Bryant campus. He is a true believer that actions speak louder than words when it

comes to achievement and thinks "Track gets no respect." Greigre began "We get no respect in the US so I try to

show off to get more people to come to the meets."

He celebrated a great running career before his record breaking at Bryant.

Greigre has been run-

pus. Greigre describes one person who has greatly motivated him this year, "On this campus what motivates

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~ Hafiz Greigre

me the most is Joe Brennan [The Greatest Man Alive], because he works so hard and has so much heart. I love that he

wants it so much

because that makes me want it too."

Greigre bears a strong resemblance to his role model, Carl Lewis, who dignified himself as a world renowned sprinter and jumper in numerous Olympic games. Like Lewis, Greigre has his mind on the prize and is willing to work for it.

He wanted to leave the school with a word of encouragement. "I want more people to come to the meets and to see what it is like. Come see the Bryant Invitational Saturday, April 9th and check it out. Because we are just that good, come see and you will be surprised."



courtesy of Photographer Demetrius Bobo

Runners to your marks! Greigre's dedication and work ethic pays off on the track.

Mens basketball team is headed to Final Four following historic win

Courtesy of Jason Sullivan and Bryant Athletics

Junior guard John Williams scored a game-high 27 points and Mario Correia added 26 to lead the Bryant University men's basketball team into the NCAA Division II Final Four with an 84-69 win over Mount Olive in the quarterfinals here Wednesday.

Bryant, making its' first-ever trip to the NCAA Elite Eight after winning the Northeast Regional Championship last week, become the first team from the Northeast Region to come away with a win in the Elite Eight in seven years. Bryant is the first Northeast-10 Conference team to win a game at the Elite Eight since Assumption in 1975.

Bryant (24-8) started strong against Mount Olive, the champions out of the East Region. The Bulldogs held leads of 10-1 and 18-10 early as early turnovers by the Trojans led to several Bryant buckets in transition.

A jumper by John Williams gave Bryant a 22-18 advantage with 10:21 left in the first half, but Mount Olive started to heat up offensively.



courtesy of Bryant Athletics

Head coach Max Good coaching his team on good sportsmanship and maximizing their potential.

Coming into the game averag-

ing 85.9 points per game, the Trojans entered the tournament with one of the best offenses in the country.

Elton Coffield drained a three from the left side to trim the Bryant lead down to one and after a missed three-point attempt by Williams, the Trojans took their first lead of the game on a layup underneath by Coffield to make it 25-24 with 6:32 left to play.

It marked the first time in the postseason that the Bulldogs had trailed in four NCAA tournament games.

Chris Burns would answer at the other end for Bryant but the Trojans would close out the half on a 14-7 run and head into the locker room leading 39-33.

In the second half, the Bulldogs fell behind early 41-35 but a three from Correia followed by a Mike Williams dunk helped pull the Bulldogs to within a basket at 46-44 with 15:14 left to play. The jam helped spark the Bulldogs who were still a bit sluggish, but following Williams' dunk, the Bulldogs would start to steal back a little momentum.

A three by Mount Olive's Young from the left side was quickly answered by Correia with a three from the top of the key and the Bulldogs were quickly back in the game.

Following a missed jumper by Coffield, Burns grabbed the rebound in the paint and went coast to coast, scoring



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Bryant's Mike Williams, left, blocks a shot by Mount Olive's Sharome Holloway in an NCAA Division II basketball championship quarterfinal game in Grand Forks, N.D. (AP Photo/Nati Harnik)

the go-ahead basket and was fouled on the play, drawing cheers from the Bulldog supporters with 13:25 left.

Burns would hit the ensuing free throw and Bryant would not trail again in the game. The Trojans would close to within a point but the Bulldogs seemed to always have an answer as John Williams and Burns drilled two consecutive three's to give the Bulldogs a comfortable lead and never looked back.

"These guys played much smarter in the second half," said Bryant coach Max Good. "I think Mount Olive has a terrific basketball team and we were a bit tentative on offense in the first half but played much better in the second half."

Bryant finished the game shooting 50 percent from the floor - including a sizzling 66.7 percent in the second half. Mike Williams had eight points and eight rebounds and continued to dominate the inside in the play-offs. After recording 19 blocks in the regional championship, the 6-foot-11 senior had six more blocks against Mount Olive Wednesday.

The 24 wins this season by the Bulldogs sets a new school record for wins in a season.

The Bulldogs will face Tareyton State of Texas in the national semifinals.