



The Archway

Undercover bust leads to six arrests

By Lauren Cimino
Copy Editor

On February 11, 2005 six Bryant students were arrested after a month long investigation by the Smithfield Police. The Smithfield Police, along with DPS officers, entered Hall 16 after obtaining arrest warrants for two students suspected of dealings with marijuana. The following information was obtained from the *Providence Journal* via a Smithfield Police press release.

Tieg Bean '07 was charged with allegedly delivering marijuana to a police officer. Bean did not enter into a plea and was placed on \$10,000 bail.

Jeffrey Sawyer '08 was charged with allegedly delivering marijuana to a police officer and possession of marijuana with intent to deliver. Upon a search of Sawyer's room, police seized 25 grams of marijuana, \$300, and drug packaging materials. He was placed on \$25,000 bail.

Bean and Sawyer are both set for a Superior Court arraignment on April 15.

Of the remaining students involved, two were charged with possession of marijuana. One student was released with a summons while the other was released with community service, donations to the VCIF and a one year filing.

One of the students was charged with possession of Psilocybin (a Schedule I drug). The student was scheduled for a pre-arraignment on April 15 following his release on \$500 personal recognizance.

The last student was charged with simple assault and resisting arrest after confronting a police officer who was securing the rooms. After pleading no contest, he was released with a one year filing, community service and a donation to the VCIF.

All six students met in the 6th District Court in Providence where they were required to sign a waiver of extradition forms as a condition of their bail.

In an interview with Dr. Eakin, Vice President of Student Affairs, he made clear the issue of accountability among Bryant

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Bryant announces plans for the future

By Bethany Thornton
Editor-in-Chief

The board has met and the results are in. Will this be the end of parking problems? Is Junction destined for a new location? Will there be space for a chapel and new dormitory on our little campus? On January

20-21, the Board of Trustees, along with the administration and President Machtley, re-adjourned in sunny Palm Beach, Florida to discuss just how to handle some of the hottest topics around campus.

On February 11, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in Janikies, President Machtley stood before the

Bryant community to announce new plans for Bryant's future. The following article is a recap of Friday's forum along with a sit down interview with President Machtley.

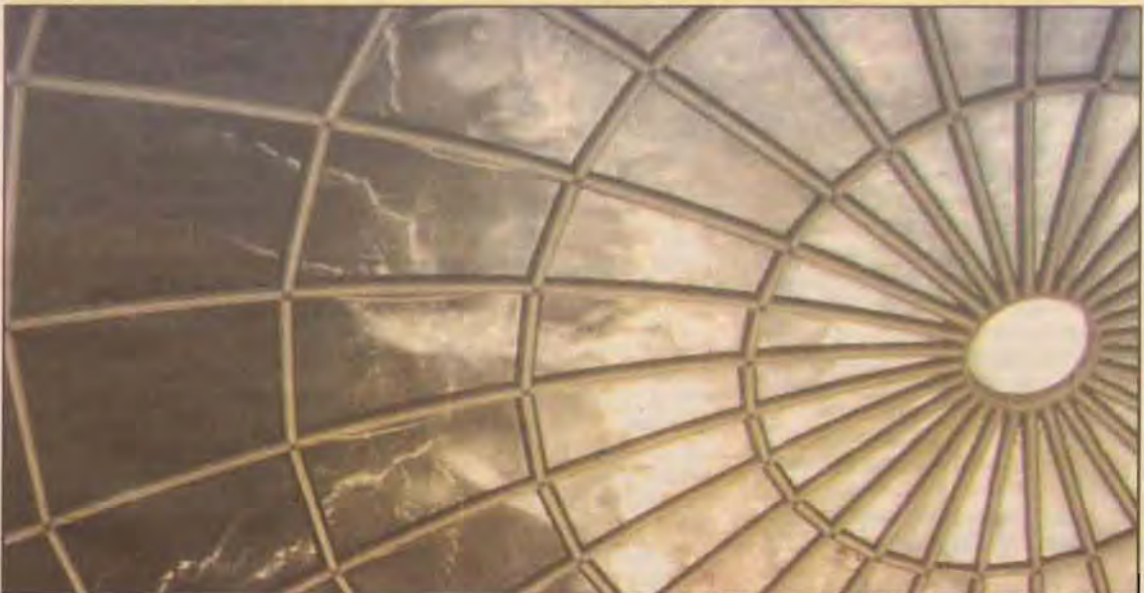
Thanks to a few articles in the newspaper, an angry student body, and frustrated commuters

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courtesy of the President's Office

The above map is a layout of Bryant's campus and the potential locations for new developments. The parking location is the only plan which has been deemed absolute. Construction on the new parking lot will commence post-graduation. Upon completion, the lot will accommodate another 275 vehicles.



courtesy of Joe Hansen

Photo of the week: The dome roof over the Rotunda reflects the sunlight after being covered in snow from the recent storms.

Having a stressful day?

By Leah Rosenbaum
Staff Writer

Raise your hand if you've ever experienced stress. Ok, put your hand down before people start looking at you funny. Everyone knows stress and college are synonymous. However, when you think about it, what would life be without stress? I know, you're probably thinking "bliss" or "ecstasy," but did you know there's such a thing as good stress?

Stress is the combination of psychological, physiological, and behavioral reactions that you have in response to events that threaten or challenge you. Stress can be good or bad. Sometimes, stress is even helpful, providing the extra energy or alertness you need. If you're an athlete, stress could give you the edge you need to persevere in a competition. This good kind of stress is called eustress. Unfortunately, stress is often not helpful and can even be harmful.

Stress could make a salesperson buckle under the pressure

while trying to make a sales pitch at an important business meeting. Moreover, stress can increase the risk of developing health problems, such as cardiovascular disease and anxiety disorders. This bad kind of stress is called distress, the kind people usually refer to when they use the word stress and what causes Americans to use over 16,000 tons of Aspirin per year.

A convenient way to think about stress is in terms of stressors and stress responses. Stressors are events that threaten or challenge people. They are the sources of stress, such as making decisions, surviving classes, and meeting deadlines. Mike DePaola '08 gets stressed when, "taking a test, especially when I'm pressured for time, which affects my thinking, and I lose my train of thought sometimes."

Stress responses are psychological, physiological, and behavioral reactions to stressors. Anxiety, depression, concentra-

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Carbs a must, diet guide confirms

By Jane Snow
Knight Ridder Newspapers
(KRT)

America's fling with high-protein diets is finally waning, according to a Mintel market research report that found introductions of low-carbohydrate foods had slowed to a trickle by the end of 2004.

The coup de gras was delivered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture on Jan. 12, when it released new dietary guidelines confirming the importance of high-carbohydrate grains and debunking the idea that a particular combination of nutrients can make people thin. The only way to lose weight is to eat less and exercise more.

The eating plan recommended by the committee of scientists who revised the dietary guidelines is, as in previous guidelines, carbohydrate-based. About 45 percent to 50 percent of the calories consumed in a day by most adults should come from carbohydrates, the committee concluded.

So listen up, high-protein dieters: Carbs do not make you fat. They do not cause diabetes. They are not bad for you, as Atkins and other best-selling diet-book authors would have you believe.

In fact, research suggests some types of carbohydrate-rich foods may help you stay lean, think better and lower your risk for heart disease, diabetes and cancer.

"Long term, the studies show that people who keep off weight are people who eat a high-carbohydrate diet," said Joanne Slavin, a professor of nutrition at

the University of Minnesota who was asked to review the latest research on carbohydrates and whole grains for the dietary guidelines committee.

Low-carbohydrate diets may help obese people lower blood triglyceride levels, and in a short-term study conducted by researchers at the University of Pennsylvania, reducing carbohydrates was shown to suppress the appetite and raise HDL ("good" cholesterol) levels. However, no long-term studies have been conducted on the safety or effectiveness of the diets.

Most nutrition experts believe that eliminating or drastically reducing carbohydrates is a grave mistake. Carbohydrates are essential nutrients for the function of the brain and central nervous system, and are the most efficient energy source for the body.

"People who eat carbs feel better all day long," said Donna Skoda, a registered dietitian and director of community health programs for the Summit County Health Department.

The catch is that not all carbs are created equal. While candy bars and oat bran are both high-carbohydrate foods, they are not equally nutritious. Figuring out which carbs to eat and which to pass up can be confusing.

A theory popularized by some diet books is that eliminating carbohydrates that have a high glycemic rating will help curb hunger and help people lose weight.

The glycemic index rates carbohydrate-rich foods on how quickly they raise blood sugar levels. When blood sugar spikes, the pancreas releases insulin to

corral the glucose and store it in the cells, where it eventually becomes fat if more calories are consumed than are expended.

The glycemic index may be a valuable tool for diabetics, but research is still in the early stages, Slavin said. There is no evidence that eating high-glycemic foods causes people to gain weight, she said. Any food eaten in excess, whether it's a

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steak or a bowl of pasta, will be stored in the body as fat.

"People want a way to evaluate carbohydrates, which is why (the glycemic index diet) is popular," Slavin said. "Do not use the glycemic index to improve your diet, because you're not going to improve it."

Slavin pointed out that Frosted Flakes have a lower glycemic score than regular corn flakes, but that doesn't mean they're more nutritious.

High-glycemic foods do not cause adult-onset diabetes, either, as some diet books claim. Obesity, not carbohydrates, causes adult-onset diabetes, Skoda said.

If the glycemic index is no help in sorting out carbohydrates, what about the standard categories of simple and complex carbohydrates? These cate-

gories can help untangle some of the confusion but not all of it.

Simple carbohydrates are found in candy, cakes, soda pop and other sugary foods. These carbohydrates are made up of just two or three molecules, and are easily converted to glucose by the body. Glucose is what the muscles use for energy.

Most complex carbohydrates take longer for the body to convert to glucose, so they make you feel full longer. They are found in such foods as bread, pasta, potatoes and beans.

Not all simple carbs are bad, though, nor are all complex carbs good. Such nutritious foods as fruits, some vegetables and milk technically are simple carbohydrates. And white bread is a complex carbohydrate, although it provides a fraction of the nutrition of whole-grain bread.

A better way to choose carbohydrates is by whether the foods are whole or processed, Slavin suggested. People should go for whole-grain breads, brown rice, whole-grain cereals, fresh or frozen vegetables and whole fruits. These foods are high in fiber, vitamins and minerals.

The new dietary guidelines recommend that at least 3 ounces of grains or half of a day's recommended intake of six to 11 servings be whole grains. A slice of bread is about one ounce.

Whole-grain foods have significantly more fiber than refined grains. A one-half cup serving of brown rice has 3.4 grams of fiber compared to 0.1 gram in a serving of white rice, for example. A high-fiber diet may help prevent heart disease,

diabetes and certain cancers.

"The risk of coronary artery disease has been shown to be reduced by about 26 percent with regular consumption of whole grains," Skoda said.

Researchers also have evidence that a high-fiber diet can help prevent breast and colon cancers, and possibly cancer of the pancreas, stomach, rectum, uterus, mouth, throat, liver and thyroid, Skoda said.

To reap the health benefits, the National Cancer Institute recommends consuming 20 to 30 grams or more of fiber a day. Meat, the mainstay of high-protein diets, contains no fiber.

Shoppers will soon have an easier time identifying whole-grain foods in stores. Beginning this week, products rich in whole grains will be allowed to carry a whole-grain stamp designed by Oldways Preservation Trust in partnership with grain-food manufacturers. Oldways, a nonprofit Boston food issues think tank, campaigned for a prominent role for whole grains in the new dietary guidelines, Oldways president Dun Gifford said.

The stamps will designate whether a product contains 100 percent whole grains, is an excellent source of whole grains (16 grams per serving) or a good source (8 grams).

Gifford predicts that a flood of new whole-grain products will hit the market in the wake of the new dietary guidelines.

"There will be double or triple the number of products on the shelves that are whole grain," Gifford said.

If so, eating healthfully is about to get a whole lot easier.

North Korea rejects talks

By Tim Johnson
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(KRT)

North Korea's declaration that it possesses a nuclear weapons arsenal and will drop out of talks on giving it up sent the United States and its partners searching for a way to re-engage with the autocratic and isolated regime.

The North Korean claim came as Knight Ridder learned that the U.S. intelligence community six months ago raised its estimate of the size of North Korea's nuclear arsenal to between two and 15 bombs.

The lower assessment came from intelligence analysts at the Department of Energy, caretaker of the U.S. nuclear arsenal, while the higher number came from the Defense Intelligence Agency, said U.S. officials, who requested anonymity because the estimate is classified.

The U.S. officials, however, cautioned that the numbers weren't based on hard evidence, but on assumptions based on such factors as the quantity and quality of North Korea's highly enriched uranium.

The previous classified estimate put the number of North Korean nuclear weapons between two and nine.

The United States, Japan, South Korea, China and Russia have been urging severely impoverished North Korea to return to talks aimed at getting it to dismantle its nuclear program in exchange for security guarantees and economic assistance.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said the North Korean announcement was "a

most unfortunate move, most especially, probably, for the people of North Korea." She urged North Korea to reassess its decision to pull out of the talks, saying a withdrawal "only deepens North Korean isolation from the rest of the international community."

Rice, in Luxembourg, gave no hint of what concrete actions the Bush administration plans to take. Washington will consult with North Korea's neighbors in northeast Asia, she said. Rice plans to meet with the South Korean foreign minister on Monday.

"We are confident ... that the United States and its allies can deal with any potential threat from North Korea. And North Korea understands that," she said.

North Korea didn't back up its nuclear assertion, and some experts said the nation might be trying to up the ante in the crisis as a ploy to increase its bargaining leverage. It has used brinkmanship before.

In its statement, North Korea's foreign ministry decried what it called Washington's "wicked nature" and "hostility" and lashed out at Rice, who called Pyongyang an "outpost of tyranny" during her confirmation hearings on Capitol Hill last month and has been in Europe this week sternly warning Iran about its secret nuclear programs.

The North Korean government said the Bush administration still seeks to topple the one-party Kim Jong Il regime.

"This compels us to take a measure to bolster its (North Korea's) nuclear weapons arse-

nal in order to protect the ideology, system, freedom and democracy chosen by its people," the statement said.

North Korea said it would suspend its participation in the six-party talks "for an indefinite period till we have recognized that there is justification for us to attend the talks and there are ample conditions and atmosphere to expect positive results."

Rice rejected North Korea's assertion that the United States is pursuing an increasingly hostile policy.

"The North Koreans have been told by the president of the United States himself that the United States has no intention of attacking or invading North Korea," she said.

One new development that could add urgency is new evidence indicating that North Korea may be more actively involved in nuclear proliferation than previously thought.

The Bush administration this month dispatched an Asia affairs specialist on the National Security Council, Michael Green, to present the evidence to the governments of China, South Korea and Japan.

According to the diplomat, Chinese government officials for the first time didn't raise doubts about the U.S. intelligence and didn't dispute whether North Korea had a secret program to produce highly enriched uranium.

China is North Korea's only major friend and an important source of food and oil.

Astronauts say they're ready for space shuttle 'test flight' in May

By Martin Merzer
Knight Ridder Newspapers

The last shuttle mission ended 16 minutes prematurely and in death and debris 40 miles above Earth. Improvements recommended over the past two years will not be fully achieved. Engineers haven't even decided how to patch a damaged shuttle in flight.

Nevertheless, the crew members of shuttle Discovery, poised for launch from here in about three months, stood in blue flight suits Thursday, beamed with the confidence that comes so easily to astronauts, and declared themselves ready to sit atop a redesigned fuel tank and a powerful stack of rockets and return the shuttle program to space.

And they said this "test flight" did not require much courage at all, certainly not as much as riding a roller coaster.

"I feel the shuttle is safe to fly," said mission commander Eileen Collins. "Clearly, I'm not going to go fly on something that's unsafe. I'm a person who won't even get on a roller coaster at an amusement park because they scare me."

The media session came during two days of training at the Kennedy Space Center, as the seven-person crew familiarized itself with equipment to be used during the nine or 10-day flight.

While the astronauts spoke, workers in white face masks and

pale blue clean suits and hair nets worked around them in a NASA processing center, preparing components for future shuttle missions.

Though more delays are quite possible, the crew is scheduled to blast into space between May 12 and June 13 on the first shuttle mission since Columbia disintegrated while returning to the Kennedy Space Center on Feb. 1, 2003. Engineers later determined that a six- to 10-inch gash in Columbia's outer tiles, gouged at liftoff by an errant chunk of fuel-tank insulation, allowed superheated atmospheric gases to melt the left wing from the inside.

New methods have been developed to insulate the tank, but they cannot be fully assessed on the ground. And so, someone must get aboard the shuttle and blast off.

The return-to-space mission has relatively modest goals: In addition to studying new equipment and procedures, Discovery's crew will deliver supplies to the International Space Station.

"This is a test flight," said Collins, who in 1999 became the first woman to command a shuttle mission. "We are the first shuttle flight with a redesigned external tank. We have confidence in that redesign, but you must verify the changes that have been made."

Campus News

State of the University addresses future

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and faculty, Bryant parking is getting a face lift. Machtley broke the news everyone has been waiting to hear; 275 additional parking spots will be made available by the start of fall semester.

It is estimated that anywhere from 100-150 spots are actually needed but those estimates have plenty of room for errors. You may have noticed the Senate campaigning for car registration. They are still trying to get a more accurate picture of how many spots are needed, but with so many cars still not registered, those estimates are really guesstimates. Please, do us all a favor, REGISTER YOUR CAR!

Tentatively, the new lot will be placed where the current tennis courts are located. The courts will be moved back by the track just behind the location for the new dormitory.

The location of the new dormitory is still under discussion, but by September 2007, there will be a new dormitory. The primary purpose of this new dormitory is to house students from the suite village during the course of a four year maintenance upgrade. While individual suites will get a full makeover, its occupants will spend one semester in the new dormitory.

Since the upgrades are projected not to finish until 2011 and maintenance is becoming an issue now, current students will begin to see some cosmetic changes taking place already.

A few things students will start to see as early as this semester include painting and new furniture.

Along with enhancements made to the campus, there will also be new academic developments.

The Unistructure will also undergo a few renovations. While the details are still being worked out some ideas such as

case study rooms, seminar facilities and possibly another building are being toyed with, the question still to be debated is where in the world will it go?

The same can be said about the Chapel. The most current location idea is in front of the pond at the stop sign at the top of Jacob's Drive. The non-denominational Chapel will be small, seating anywhere from 100-150.

"The Chapel is very important to Bryant and will allow our spiritual groups on campus a place to express themselves. It could also be used for recitals and weddings," commented Machtley when asked about the necessity of a Chapel.

Finding someplace to put new buildings is one thing, but moving from one to the other is an entirely separate issue.

The class of 2004 may have left the normal impact but they also recently left a large check. The class gift last year was money given to help move Junction into the old Cornerstone building. When news got out of a water main problem, plans were halted and have not resumed since. Well, that is until this summer.

The plan is to install the new water main system over the summer months in hopes that Junction may still be able to take

up residence at the old Cornerstone. Now juniors, do not get too upset, plans for the Junction building are still undecided which means your voice counts, so make it heard!

Before President Machtley's address got to the all important

combined nearly 180 students studying, with the Applied Psychology program leading the pack. Machtley made a point to mention that having those programs has allowed Bryant to target a larger variety of students while still maintaining Bryant's "business" reputation. Under that same idea of a wider variety of students comes the new movement toward international expansion.

In the spring of 2004, President Machtley spent a great deal of time negotiating with institutions within China. To reinforce this process, Bryant has added The U.S.-China Institute and just recently appointed

Hong Yang as the Director of the U.S.-China Institute. One of the reasons this overseas expansion is becoming necessary is because of a forecasted change in enrollment. According to one of the slides Machtley showed at the forum, in the near future, colleges and universities will start to see falling enrollment rates.

Two reasons for this occurrence are one, a decreasing number of students graduating from high school, and two, tuition increases are making secondary education more and more difficult.

Fear not future Bryant

Bulldogs, Machtley stated he would do what he can to keep tuition from only increasing between 5-5.5% which is the lowest increase among Bryant's competitors. Even though we can count on tuition to increase, just like we can count on not having a parking spot on the strip, enrollment numbers will remain steady.

Last year, when freshmen common rooms were turned into suites, rumors buzzed around campus that Bryant was accepting too many students. When the announcement that Bryant was becoming a university hit the news, rumors started once again that Machtley wanted the college to grow bigger than it had room for.

When asked about enrollment numbers, Machtley told the Archway in an interview, that the Board has no intention of increasing enrollment numbers. "If we keep the enrollment size relatively constant and continue to have an increasing applicant pool, we have the ability to be more selective," stated Machtley.

On a 1-4.0 scale, Bryant's initial peer review has moved from a 3.0 to a 3.2. Even though ranking is important to Bryant it is not nearly as significant as what was announced next.

It's important to note that whatever happens on our campus is planned out for the best, but sometimes the Board and administration are not aware of issues affecting students and faculty directly. Problems such as parking can only be resolved if the voices of the community are loud and clear.

The success of Bryant University comes from the success of its students, faculty and staff, so stay informed and make your positive and negative critiques known. We have the ability to make an impact, so let's make one.



courtesy of Brian Levin

President Machtley presents the "State of the University Address" at the community forum last Friday.

current issues such as parking, he made a point of bringing up some current successes which Bryant has attained. One of which includes an upgrade from an A3 to an A2 classification from Moody's bond rating.

The rating has to deal with debt equity and interest rates for loans, similar to Standard & Poor's. This rating puts us ahead of many of Bryant competitors. He was also equally thrilled to see the impacts the new academic programs have brought to Bryant.

Applied Psychology, Communication, and Information Technology have a

Stress solutions for the college campus

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tion difficulties, and muscle tension are all examples of stress responses.

Acute stress affects the autonomic nervous system. Heart rate increases, pupils dilate, blood rushes toward large muscles and away from the fingers and toes. Muscles can tighten and adrenaline and cortisol are released into the blood stream. These reactions are all part of the "fight-or-flight" response. Our bodies are becoming prepared to fight or to run.

You can even see this response in animals. Watch two dogs that are facing-off. You'll see them extremely excited; and you'll see them teeter back and forth between the instinct to fight and the instinct to run.

The fight-or-flight response is not helpful in a job interview; yet our bodies still respond that way to stress. There's nobody to fight and nowhere to run. We're just left with fast breathing, a racing heart, perspiration, and a feeling of anxiety. It's the same way in a final exam. People often feel confident and motivated going into an exam, only to feel the stress during the exam. Test-anxiety often involves the fight-or-flight kicking in. Memory retrieval is impaired, and performance suffers.

There are some fairly simple ways to begin to manage the

stress in your life. Erin Bornholm '08 likes to "go to a place where I won't feel confined. My best bet is to take a nice walk, by myself, for a very long time." You may find this breathing exercise to be helpful:

This technique consists of taking three slow breaths to slow things down. Count silently and slowly to three when you breathe in (through your nose and push your stomach out rather than your chest. This allows you to breathe with your diaphragm and to get a deeper breath. Breathe out on a slow count of six - through your mouth. Repeat twice more. If you feel light-headed, then just slow it down a bit. Practice this several times each day and you will then have it available in a stressful situation. This simple technique can slow and even stop the fight-or-flight response.

While meditation and deep breathing may be useful in the long run, here are a few time-saving tips that can help your day progress a bit more smoothly.

1) Don't waste waiting time. Waiting for other people shouldn't be an active, time-consuming part of your day. For the inevitable times when you must wait, find ways to put even a few minutes of waiting time to good use. Whether on hold on the telephone or waiting for a meeting or appointment, you can

make lists, sort mail, go over your schedule, or complete small but necessary tasks.

2) Capitalize on your body rhythms. You know when you're at your peak mentally and physically; schedule the most demanding tasks for these periods. You'll work more efficiently and save time.

3) Try an Internet reminder service to keep track of important dates or events. You can program them to receive calls, email, or pages to remind you of anything you don't want to forget or miss. Most of these services are free.

4) Organize your clothes closet to insure a speedy start to your day. Be brutally honest and weed out anything that you don't love, that doesn't fit, or that you don't feel good wearing. If you can't bear to part with it for sentimental reasons, pack it away if it won't be worn. A pared-down, well-organized closet can save time every morning.

5) Stock up on the small items you frequently run out of or make special trips to purchase. Examples might include postage stamps, greeting cards, wrapping paper, or change for tolls and vending machines. Over time, the minutes saved on these trivial errands will add up.

In case all else fails and you still feel as if you're having a horrible day...you're day is still much better than the days of

these two people. This is a story to make you feel a little better about your day:

"A man was working on his motorcycle on his patio and his wife was in the kitchen. The man was racing the engine on the motorcycle when it accidentally slipped into gear. The man, still holding onto the handlebars, was dragged through the glass patio doors, and along with the motorcycle, dumped onto the floor inside the house. The wife, hearing the crash, ran into the dining room and found her husband lying on the floor, cut and bleeding, the motorcycle lying next to him, and the shattered patio door.

The wife ran to the phone and summoned the ambulance. Because they lived on a fairly large hill, the wife went down the several flights of stairs to the street to escort the paramedics to her husband. After the ambulance arrived and transported the man to the hospital, the wife uprighted the motorcycle and pushed it outside. Seeing that gas was spilled on the floor, the wife got some paper towels, blotted up the gasoline, and threw the towels in the toilet. The man was treated and released to come home. Upon arriving home, he looked at the shattered patio door and the damage done to his motorcycle. He became despondent, went

to the bathroom, sat down on the toilet and smoked a cigarette. After finishing the cigarette, he flipped it between his legs into the toilet bowl while seated. The wife, who was in the kitchen, heard the loud explosion and her husband screaming. She ran into the bathroom and found her husband lying on the floor. His trousers had been blown away and he was suffering burns on the buttocks, the back of his legs, and his groin.

The wife again ran to the phone to call the ambulance. The very same paramedic crew was dispatched and the wife met them at the street. The paramedics loaded the husband onto the stretcher and began carrying him to the street.

While they were going down the stairs to the street accompanied by the wife, one of the paramedics asked the wife how the husband had burned himself. She told them and the paramedics started laughing so hard, one of them slipped and tipped the stretcher, dumping the husband out. He fell down the remaining stairs and broke his arm."

Still having a bad day? I didn't think so...

The above story was provided by www.snopes.com/embarrass/accident/toilet.asp

Arrests on campus

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students upon entering the community. At the beginning of every year, Eakin continuously reinforces that students are starting a new time in their life and the importance of being responsible for one's actions. Eakin stated, "A bad choice early on can be difficult to explain in the future," using job applications and interviews as an example. He feels that when and if he is able to help students, he will, but the extent of his help can only go so far.

As an institution, Bryant has the responsibility to uphold its policies as well as the law. While students may view this as receiving two punishments for one crime, it is the school's policies and society's laws which all Bryant students must adhere to, Eakin explained. "The college is not immune to the laws of the local community and state."

After speaking to Dr. Eakin, there were three messages he seemed to convey: the college will follow policies to make appropriate resolutions, there are consequences for making irresponsible choices, and nothing is final until after the investigation and the hearings have taken place.

In a separate interview with George Coronado, the Director of Public Safety, commented on the case explaining that DPS has a responsibility to enforce laws. It is a mandate and one the department takes seriously. DPS does not have the intent to hurt students. With evidence of drugs, they must do what their mandate tells them. Coronado asks that if students are using drugs, they should seek out Student Affairs, Residence Life, a counselor, or a member of the ministry for assistance.

RA Inspections

By Shannon Noonan
Campus News Editor

Over the course of a school year, room inspections are conducted by Residence Directors, Facilities Management, and Residence Assistance. These inspections are intended to regulate the health and safety among students. Residence Director Amanda Veitch said, "Inspections are for health and safety of residences. We are not going around looking for violations but checking for safety on campus."

Residence life routinely runs inspections among residence dorm rooms. These inspections are normally run by the residence assistances (RA) once a month. RA's inform residents at least 24 hours before inspection, communicating to their residence through flyers, email, etc. This prior information allows students to know about the inspection and make sure at least one roommate is present for the inspection.

Occasionally, a residence director will assist in a routine inspection. RD's participate to oversee the RA's. When RD's participate in room inspections, they are checking for needed facilities updates. They want to see if rooms need repairs, renovation, new furniture, or new rugs. Veitch said, "We are looking at the conditions of the rooms. We do not go through personals but only look at items in plain view."

When a violation is discovered by RA's or RD's, they will first document the item in violation. Depending upon the student's year, RD's may request the individuals to come in for an explanation. Other students usually just receive letters identifying the violation and the fine.

Many complaints came from

students about unexpected inspections over the winter break. Residence Life explained inspections did not occur over the break, but instead traditional closing of buildings happened.

As students know, all freshman dorms and the village close over winter break. To double check students closed their rooms appropriately, RA's go through each room to check and see if all electrical appliances have been unplugged. During this process RA's or RD's may come across violations within rooms. These violations can range from candles to funnels, but all violations found will be reported.

Unlike the dorms, the townhouses do not close over break. According to Veitch, over break she inspected the condition and amenities of the townhouses. She conducted the inspections during the week of January 10-14. Her inspection was for the determination of damage among the townhouses. She concentrated with only common rooms. She said, "Anything of violation was documented and discussed with students after break."

After violations have been documented and the significance of the violations determined, RD's follow the guidelines stated in the handbook. All RD's want to practice consistency with students, so they follow the rules exactly as stated in the handbook for every individual case. These rules can be found on pages 35 to 48 of the Bryant student handbook.

These inspections are to not to hurt students but keep students and the facilities safe from any hazards. If students have further questions please contact Residence Life.

Making History HERSTORY

Wednesday, March 2

Telling Her Story:
Professor Nancy Beausoleil
Noon, Heritage Room

Tuesday, March 6

Telling Her Story:
Natalie Lewisirgool,
ICC
Noon, Heritage Room

Wednesday, March 9

The Body Project
Art Exhibit
The Women's Center

Wednesday, March 9

The Vagina Monologues
9 pm, South Cafe

Thursday, March 10

Growing Up Female:
A One Woman Show
With Diane Pastorian
2 pm, Bryant Center, 2C

Wednesday, March 16

Women's Summit
Call x6008 for reservations

Tuesday, March 22

"A Woman's Money,
A Woman's Future"
With Daphne Houlihan
Noon, Bryant Center 2A

Monday, March 28

Telling Her Story:
Symphonise Wilkoughby '08
Noon, Heritage Room

Tuesday, March 29

Reporting Sexual Assault:
Breaking the Silence
2 pm, Bryant Center,
Room 2C

Tuesday, March 29

From "The Birdcage"
to "Heather Has
Two Mommies:"
Defining Family
6:30 pm, Bryant Center,
Room 2A and B

Wednesday, March 30

Women Students in Crisis:
How Can We Help?
7 pm, Papitto Lounge
Co-sponsored with Tri Sigma sorority.

Thursday, March 31

Women's Herstory Awards Dinner
Call x6855 to reserve space.

Friday, April 1

Women in Haiti:
"One Foot Over Burning Coals
and the Other Aimed at Solid Ground"
Noon, Heritage Room

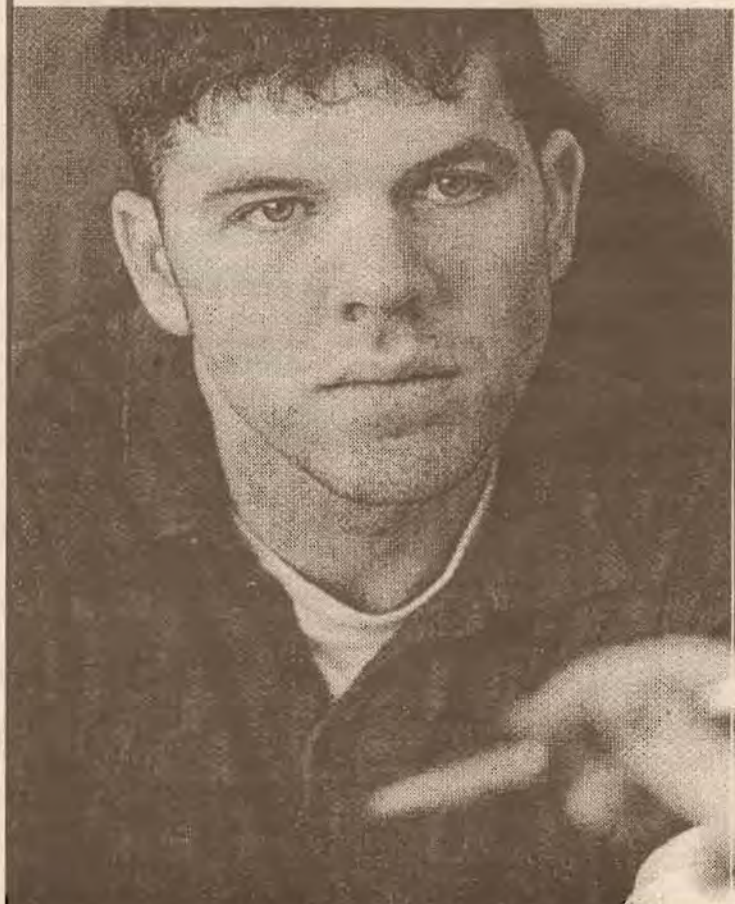


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Department of Public Safety Log

ACCIDENT Motor Vehicle Accident

Feb. 7, 2005-Monday at 2:23 p.m.
Location: COMMUTER PARKING LOT
Summary: A parked vehicle was hit in the lot.

ACCIDENT Leaving the Scene / Unattended Vehicle

Feb. 7, 2005-Monday at 9:22 p.m.
Location: COMMUTER PARKING LOT
Summary: Students reported that they witnessed a hit and run in the commuter lot.

BURG. /B&E Burglary / Res.

Feb. 8, 2005-Tuesday at 2:55 p.m.
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A student came into the DPS Office to report an item taken from his room.

HARASSMENT

Feb. 10, 2005-Thursday at 1:55 p.m.
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A student reports receiving harassing e-mails and instant messages.

VANDALISM (SCHOOL)

Feb. 10, 2005-Thursday at 10:45 p.m.
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: An RD reports that the Hall 8 Laundry Room window is broken.

DRUG ACTIVITY

Feb. 11, 2005-Friday at 2:28 p.m.
Location: ENTRY CONTROL STATION
Summary: A vehicle stopped at the Entry Control Station was found to smell of Marijuana. S.P.D. responded to the Campus. One arrest made.

EMT CALL

Feb. 12, 2005-Saturday at 12:27 a.m.
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: The reporting person states a student may be having an allergic reaction. EMS was activated.

VANDALISM (SCHOOL)

Feb. 12, 2005-Saturday at 1:22 a.m.
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A report of a bathroom mirror being vandalized.

EMT CALL

Feb. 12, 2005-Saturday at 6:50 p.m.
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: Possible allergic reaction. EMS was activated.

VANDALISM

Feb. 12, 2005-Saturday at 9:55 p.m.
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A soda machine has been emptied by using an unauthorized key.

BIAS RELATED INCIDENTS: Bias incidents reported
One (1) incident reported this week.

AVOID A TICKET

REMEMBER TO REGISTER YOUR VEHICLE ON CAMPUS

Studio take one, Koffler take two

By Emilie Lavoie
Assistant Campus News Editor

Since the semester began, campus has been abuzz with changes and additions to Bryant's realm of technology. New facilities have been added, construction finished, new rules implemented, the radio station has been reborn and many changes are simply waiting to be brought to life in the near future.

Perhaps one of the most exciting changes that have come to Bryant since last semester has been the new television studio located in Koffler. This studio features state of the art features used in the creation and production of television and other communications pieces. Many students remain unaware of this new resource that was completed along with Koffler at the conclusion of fall semester.

The studio is located directly inside Koffler on the ground

ly view-able through the glass walls. As one gets closer to this room, the filming areas below step into view. Bryant's studio, based on appearance alone, lacks little to many professional studios.

Although there is this exciting new resource for students, there is a catch to how available the studio will be. There must be trained personnel running the studio in order for most produc-



Photo provided by Beth Thornton

The new TV studio on campus features state of the art equipment.

tive student use. Eventually, students will be instilled with the knowledge necessary to maintain full operating privileges of the television studio.

With ambitions for a fully student-run studio, there must be measures taken to employ the

department is going to have to educate interested students in these areas. Although this new studio will eventually be responsible for benefits for all students, the communications department will be especially affected, providing a significant resource of hands on learning. This will also help open the door to attract a new pool of students interested in television communications.

Another exciting aspect of Bryant's newest resource is the projected future linking with NBC. By linking the university's television studio with such a well known and established network, there will arise many opportunities for expansion and integration with professionals in the television field.

By incorporating this exciting news with other changes around campus, the television programs that will eventually be produced and controlled by students will be accessible for viewing on Bryant TV and possibly even the Unistructure.



Photo provided by Beth Thornton

These monitors are just some of the features that make this studio professional.

floor. As one enters the building, the controls for the general production room, storage areas for film and other necessities is easi-

required skills in Bryant students. In order to teach students the fundamentals of controlling the equipment and operating the studio, the communications

Black History Month Upcoming Events

February 22 -

Community Service
Bryant welcomes Providence youths from the South Side Boys and Girls Club for a day of empowerment and activities.
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 232-6946 to volunteer.
"UNITY RI,"
founded by Dan Klotz, is a proactive public celebration of multiculturalism and support for diversity on campus and beyond. A symbolic march from the George E. Bello Center will be followed by a rally lead by community leaders.
2:30 to 3:30 p.m., George E. Bello Center and Janikies Theatre

February 23-

In House Freestyle/Cultural Coffeehouse
In House Freestyle is a sketch comedy troupe that challenges stereotypes and social and political realities facing communities of color. Laugh out loud and learn to be proud.
8 to 10 p.m., South Hall

February 25-

MSU's Extravaganza Night,
featuring fashion, music, and dance.
Bryant students celebrate black entertainment contributions from the Harlem Renaissance to the present.
8 to 10 p.m., MAC (doors open at 7 p.m.)
\$3 Bryant students, faculty, staff; \$5 general public



Bryant University Student Programming Board February/March Events

Date	Event	Time	Location
February 13	Snow Tubing Trip	TBA	TBA
February 16	Comedian: Rob Stapleton	9:00 PM	South Dining Hall
February 17	Band: Jonah Cohen	9:00 PM	BC Pit
February 20	Movie: <i>National Treasure</i>	7:00 PM	Janikies
February 20	Movie: <i>National Treasure</i>	9:30 PM	Janikies
February 22	February Bingo	9:00 PM	South Dining Hall
February 23	Cultural Coffeehouse	9:00 PM	South Dining Hall
March 02	Band: Jason LeVesseur	9:00 PM	South Dining Hall
March 06	Movie: <i>Ocean's Twelve</i>	7:00 PM	Janikies
March 06	Movie: <i>Ocean's Twelve</i>	9:30 PM	Janikies

The Hangover: My Trip to *The Apprentice* Casting Call



By Justin Williams
Staff Columnist

As a senior, I'm faced with the prospect of having to get a job. Now of course, I could apply for a job the old fashioned way; but where's the fun in that?

I decided last week that the way I want to get my job is through a series of televised challenges. The *Apprentice* is perfect for me.

I wish all things in life were decided by challenges where people were systematically eliminated one by one. For example, in *Salmonson*, Marge could run a show called *The Eater*. The show would say that only one student will be able to eat lunch and everyone in line needs to compete for the right to eat.

Needless to say when I heard *The Apprentice* was holding a casting call in Providence, I had to go. If you wanted to go too, but were too lazy to get up and go yourself, you can live vicariously through the diary I kept when my buddy T and I went to *The Apprentice* Casting Call Experience:

7:03 am- Saturday morning. Senior Night was last night so I'm working on three hours of sleep when T calls me to make sure I'm awake. I'm so out of it that when I hear my phone ring, I think it's my alarm going off. So I keep hitting my alarm and wondering why it's not shutting

off. **8:43**- Expecting lines like you'd see back when Russia opened the first McDonalds, I'm relieved when we get to the studio to see that there are only about 200 people in front of us in line.

Martha Stewart is doing a show along the same lines as *The Apprentice*. In case you were unsure-as I was- she's still locked up. Just running things from the inside like a *Mob Boss*.

She still has legions of fans though; many of whom are vying for the opportunity to be on her show too. They look like the arts and crafty type. In other words, there were some weirdos. I mention to T that if we go in after these guys, we'll look 1000 times better.

9:14- One of the people with *The Apprentice* comes outside to try and get people excited. She makes a joke saying that they're in the line for *American Idol*. T yells out that he's willing to sing. Another woman towards the front of the line yells out that she would like to hear him. I want to go home.

The woman says that they would be handing out numbered bracelets starting at 10:00. Then they would start to see people in numerical order. We only need to kill another 45 minutes- ergh.

9:31- Someone brought a dog. Why do some people always bring their dog everywhere? It's not like it's a Seeing Eye dog either, it's a pug. Plus, in an attempt to take away the masculinity of the canine, the owner dressed it up in a pastel gortex suit. Soon the dog will run away to Provincetown.

9:48- It's starting to get cold out-

side. It's startling to me how many women brought their boyfriends for moral support. As much as I loved my previous girlfriends, I'm would never be out there in the cold waiting with them.

Honestly, the chances of any of us making the TV show are the same as seeing an R. Kelly/Michael Jackson presidential ticket. I would just tell my girlfriend, "look honey, forget Donald Trump, you can be my *Apprentice*." And then, when she fails a challenge I give her, like making me a sandwich, look her square in the eyes and say "you're dumped!"

10:14- T and I finally receive bracelets. I am Number 221. The producers tell us we can go back to our cars and wait for awhile because by the time they get to the two hundreds, Steven Segal will have won an Oscar.

10:25- I start filling out my *Apprentice* application form in my car. It asks the basic questions about name and phone number and job history. I was looking for the fun questions like "What is the over/under on days Trump will stay married to his current wife?" or "What are the odds Trump's hair-stylist is Stevie Wonder?" They weren't there.

The best question was "How would your co-workers describe you?" Since the answer is probably along the lines of sexist, racist, in the closet, ugly, lazy, I pretty much fudged that part.

10:39- T points out the inordinate amount of cops standing around doing nothing. I make the joke that maybe Martha Stewart broke out of jail and was

expected to come here so all the cops came to bring in the fugitive.

11:20- We decide to go find a Dunkin Donuts. Because there are so many Dunkin Donuts in RI that there are frequently Dunkin Donuts inside of Dunkin Donuts, we felt sure we would find one. I mean there's even a Dunkin Donuts in the Lincoln Mall, and NO ONE goes to Lincoln Mall.

11:45- We get back to the station and see Beth the Archway Editor-in-Chief interning at NBC. In addition to her normal duties as intern like getting coffee for Doug White (the graying anchorman with the bad hair piece), her duty today was to stand outside (unpaid) and wave cars in with a bright orange flag.

Either because she secretly wants me or because she was trying to be nice, [Editor-in-Chief's note: It's definitely the latter] Beth gave me the down low on the interview process. Basically, the casting director pulls in 10 people and sits them down at a large table. The director then throws out a topic about which we all have to debate.

If the casting director likes you, they'll pull you aside after everything is done.

12:13- It's our turn to get inside the interview room.

12:17- We went around the table introducing ourselves. While others at the table owned their own businesses and went to Ivy League schools, my crowning achievement has been playing football at very mediocre level.

The casting director then set a 10-minute timer and threw out the topic of the Virginia legisla-

ture's plan to fine people \$50 for wearing their pants too low.

Without a moderator, everyone started yelling out their opinion until one person could be heard. Everyone made the same redundant point that it's a civil liberties violation. I agreed, but I hate repeating things that have already been said, so I didn't have much to say.

T then made the point that there could be discrimination issues "because the law could be applied to guys who sag their pants but not to women who wear their jeans so low that the top of their thong could show."

Before anyone else could interject, I pointed out that "I'm a big fan of thongs," and "every effort to stop women from wearing thongs is a moral outrage that must be stopped." It got a few laughs, but I'm not sure if it was a very intellectual point.

The rest of the 10 minutes consisted of more yelling and redundant comments.

My thong comment probably did me in because when the time was up, the casting director didn't pull me aside.

As we were leaving interview room, two women went to the director and explained they were sisters. They suggested they could use a unique angle that they were sisters. The director rolled his eyes and humored them with a "Oh thanks for your help with some story angles..."

At least I could leave the building with my dignity intact. T and I then left the building and joked to the people in line that "we're going to HOLLYWOOD!!" So maybe it's a push on the whole dignity thing.



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The Portfolio: Value vs. Growth

By Louis Abate and Pete Ziegler
Staff Columnists

I know we promised that this week we would get down to it and start talking stocks, but after some thought we decided to write a little more background information on the stocks we will be talking about from this point on. As usual, Pete will be explaining what a value stock is, and Louis will be talking about what a growth stock is.

Typically, value stocks are those that people like famed investor Warren Buffett would invest in. Companies fitting the value criteria of Buffett are those that one would want to keep in their portfolio for decades, like what he has done with Coca-Cola, Gillette, and American Express. Buffett's value criteria are a bit different than the value investing strategy that we favor. While Buffett invests in companies that are large capitalization stocks, where the total number of shares outstanding multiplied by the price of the stock is at least \$5 billion, I like stocks that have market caps of \$500 million and below. These are called small or even micro-cap value stocks. Most people have probably not heard of most small cap stocks, because they are just that: undiscovered to the majority of investors. For example, Microsoft started out as a small cap stock and we all know what has happened from there. In the early 90s, most investors had probably never heard of Microsoft, but as its revenues and profits grew, investors took notice.

Here are value criteria that I have discussed comes in play. I'm sure most have heard of penny stocks and all the rage

that has been pumped up in them through e-mails, word of mouth, newsletters, bulk mailings, etc. I could be pretty safe in saying that nearly every one of them is part of a pump and dump scheme. This is where people pump up a company which usually does not even have a product or service to offer. It seems one generally finds novice investors that are willing to buy in the scheme and end up taking a beating at the price of those who start the scheme. The stocks I buy into fall under the "value" category. These companies are, more often than not, making money with putting up some pretty good sales numbers, have money, little or no debt, and are trading at low price to earnings ratios. The company must have something that will drive the stock price, whether it be a company that you think has fallen out of favor in the market, is simply under-valued, or has a product or service that will position itself for excellent growth. In observations of charts that compare different types of stocks, such as large companies versus small companies and value versus growth, it has been proven that small company value stocks have outperformed the rest. So, this is what I like to invest in and have found to offer impressive long term gains if you stick with and believe in the company as the stock price fluctuates.

A stock is considered a "growth" stock when the company's earnings are expected to grow at an abnormally fast rate. This type of stock does not usually pay a dividend, as the company will usually utilize their retained earnings for reinvestment into the company. Growth

stocks and technology stocks are known to go hand in hand, hence the reason for this brief overview. Many technology stocks are in a position to gain enormous amounts of attention in very short time periods. With this large influx of potential investors and large amounts of speculation the stock can all of a sudden take off. Satellite radio was, and still is, in this category. Looking at Sirius Satellite Radio, the only competitor to XM, the company is not even turning a profit, yet continues to find its way into millions of investors portfolios. Because of my knowledge of technology industry I am in a good position to make assumptions as to what is going to take off and what is going to fail. Taking a look at Apple Computer two years ago, the stock price was hovering around \$15. Today it is breaking its 52-week highs day in and day out, and rests around \$80. When one of my family members bought a second generation iPod, I knew instantly that Apple had a winner, and because of that, I invested in the company. The same thing holds true for Satellite radio. I have had XM installed in my car for almost two years, and after using it for one month I decided I could never live without it, and figured there would soon be many more like me. Looking at the stock price of XM Satellite Radio, over the last two years, it has sky-rocketed from \$3 a share, to \$35. Starting next week we will start talking about some stocks that have caught our attention in the last few months. One has to do with downloadable music, and we will give you a hint, its not iTunes.

The Sexpert: The Language of Love



By Samee
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Staff
Columnist

As some people know, I have a penchant for words and their various definitions and usages. When it comes to the language of love I like to consider myself a linguist. That being said, I would like to offer you a few definitions, word histories and possible alternative substitutions for those words.

"Penis" is such a gross word. It sounds like it should be the name of some sort of sea creature, probably with tentacles: "The North Atlantic Penis feeds predominantly on small shellfish, and is often observed demonstrating parasitic attributes behavior, as it has been known to latch onto and take small bites

of beluga whales." And what about "vagina?" Vagina is just as crummy of a word. It sounds like an industrial Eastern-block nation: "Bulgaria, Romania, Vagina and Poland have faced hard times following the decay of communism."

Where did all of these words come from? Who the heck got to pick out the words that we use for our most personal and pleasurable bits of skin? The answer lies in etymology: It's all about where the words that we are so familiar with came from and what they meant way back when. This lesson, however, is different from your run-of-the-mill word history; this is sexy etymology. So read up and get ready to impress the next filly you settle down with, as you regale her with the origin of the labels of your favorite regions!

I will start this column the same way I started my kick-butt life; with the vagina. The word, first showing up in written documents around 1682, has its soft,

sexy roots in the deadest romance language of them all, Latin. It originally meant "sheath". The word also has a tie to the ancient, Indo-European root "wag," which means "to break". So basically, the vagina is a Latin thing that you have to break. Are you kidding me? That is the crudest, foulest thing I've ever heard in my entire life.

I hereby officially declare that the word vagina should be deleted from our language and be replaced with "dojo" - as in the hall in which Judo is practiced. As in "Today in anatomy kids, we're going to explore the sexual organs, let's start with the dojo." Now that's sexy.

Penis apparently first started showing up as a written word in 1676. Like its female counterpart, this word has its roots in Latin, where it literally meant "tail." It's strange to study the words related to penis with the previously explored origins of vagina in mind. Nowhere does the history of this word even get

in the ballpark of something that you would actually put into a sheath. The Greek word for whale, "phallaina," is connected to "phallus," or "swollen penis," because the Greeks thought that whales looked like giant, well you know. I thought that last part was absolutely fascinating, and I encourage all of the boys out there to embrace the whale-ish history of your respective penises and make as many "Free Willy" jokes as humanly possible.

I hereby officially declare that the word penis should be removed from our language and be replaced with "Wolverine," as in the coolest superhero to ever jump from a motorcycle onto the head of a sentinel and chop its eyes out with his claws. See X-Men if you do not know what I am talking about.

The word "clitoris" comes from the Greek word "kleitoris", which means "little hill," as well as the Greek verb "kleitorizein," which means "to titillate,

tickle." A little hill that you tickle, finally, a word that makes some sense! A male Italian anatomist claimed to have discovered it in a 1559 report in which he called it "amor Veneris," meaning "the love of Venus." That's just like an Italian guy: "Ciao, I have discovered a part of you, and I have named it after a Goddess. Would you like to ride the Vespa with me?"

"Testicle" comes from the Latin word "testis," meaning "witness," because the testicles bear witness to fertility. Witness my balls! It's hilarious to think about the poor little balls, never having any fun, always witnessing the love-making and the sexing going on just a few inches away.

Now you know, kids. Go home and pat yourself on the back. You deserve it because this is the day that you actually learned something at school.

The wide world of needless laws



By Greg
Hirshorn
Staff
Columnist

Laws are what our society depends on. Without laws our country and world would be a very unruly place, not too far off from how it is right now. Anyway I digress, I find some laws to be absolutely unnecessary and I question why some laws were even established. The following laws I speak of are real and are not made up for the purpose of your entertainment,

though some of these are fairly entertaining.

In Connecticut, you are not allowed to ride your bicycle at or over sixty five miles per hour. Damn, I don't know about you, but I have always wanted to bring my bike onto I95 and cut off all of those obnoxious truck drivers who think they own the road while I am going 80. Just something to think about, how big a hill would you have to be going down for your bike to reach the speed of sixty five miles per hour?

In Derby, Kansas, it is illegal to urinate on the side of a building. Doing so results in a 500 dollar fine and thirty days in prison. Let me tell you something, if you are found guilty of urinating on the side of a build-

ing, you need to seek professional help and fast. We are humans, not a bunch of wild dogs who do not know any better, have some dignity.

In Ohio it is illegal to fish for whales on Sunday. Monday through Saturday you can spend all day fishing for whales but it is illegal if done on a Sunday. Seeing the large amount of whales that are in the Ohio area, considering its strategic location in the middle of the country, it is the most popular whale catching state in the country. They considered putting a giant whale on back of their state quarter instead of the picture of the astronaut and the airplane.

In Palm Beach, Florida, you are not allowed to tow a sled behind your bicycle. Let me ask

this question, who needs a sled if you're in Florida? We are not talking about Minnesota here, the law is in place in Florida.

In Aspen, Colorado, yes the city from Dumb and Dumber, catapults may not be fired at buildings. For clarification purposes catapults may be fired at the following; city streets, livestock, people and National Parks. Also in the city of Alamosa, Colorado it is illegal to launch missiles at cars. Missiles are reserved strictly for use on buildings and homes.

In Texas, everyone's favorite state in the country, it is illegal to be in possession of more than six, count them, six dildos at one time. I won't even get started on that one. It is also illegal to urinate on the Alamo. This law

does have a story behind it; Ozzy Osborne urinated on the Alamo making many Texans angry enough to ban him from the Alamo for life and pass a law to prevent future events of this nature from happening. Thanks a lot Ozzy, for ruining everyone else's good time.

In West Virginia it is legal for a man to have sex with an animal as long as it does not weigh forty pounds. That is absolutely immoral and disgusting to even consider the notion of having sex with a forty pound member of a different species. A thirty nine pound animal, now that's a different story. All information found at www.dumblaws.com

The Rant: Stupid people doing stupid things



By Bryan
Sergeant
Staff
Columnist

The scary truth of the matter is that we are all stupid. That's right! Dumb as bricks. There is a reason why when someone makes a mistake they say, "Well, I'm only human." That is because humans, by nature, are stupid.

Think about the kind of stuff we do that an alien looking at us would say, "Why the deuce did he do that?!" Then u-turn his ship to find a different species to probe in hopes of locating intelligence.

Have you ever picked up a gallon of milk that you think has gone bad? What is the first thing you do? Smell it of course. As your neck whips back at the wretched stank of curdled mess you think, "Wow! That smelled terrible. Defiantly not good anymore." Everything is fine and dandy so far. The human has spotted a potential problem, tested it, and found the correct answer. The next step for some of us is confusing. Before throw-

ing the milk out we do one of two idiotic things, or maybe even both if you're really simple. The first stupid option is (and you know we have all done it before) smell it again! Why on Earth would we do such a thing? Smelled like rotten eggs and vomit before, and that hasn't changed in the past 10 seconds. But wait! Let's explore stupid option #2. This is where you, after smelling the horrible milk once or twice and fully knowing it is raunchy, seek out a friend to confirm the discovery and share in the torture of the stench. Did you, for a brief moment, think that maybe the milk is supposed to smell that way? Or maybe you don't trust your own snout. Or maybe it is because you, as a human, are inherently STUPID! Don't worry; I'm right there with you.

Luckily we are not stupid 24/7, just on rare mental lapses. Well, not all of us at least. There are some people that drive everyone else insane with their stupid nature. I mean no offense to you if you find yourself reading one of the descriptions and think, "I do that." It's not my fault. Don't kill the messenger. I just call it as I see it. It's your own fault.

You may be stupid if... You use a handkerchief. Seriously

men, we all thought it was odd when we were kids and grandpa kept stuffing his nasty tissue into his jacket after clearing the old nasal passage. Why would you do it now? The only reason it may make sense is if you were saving the goods for later. It makes sense, but it is horribly nasty. A hankie is no more than a reusable tissue, and who wants to reuse a tissue!? It is not a far cry from reusable toilet paper. Keep that in mind next time you stuff that slimy cloth back into your pocket.

You may be stupid if... You feel the compulsive need to nod in agreement to every darn thing a professor says in class. First of all it is horribly annoying. Second, the professor isn't looking at you and probably doesn't give a hoot if you think his description of the 4 P's is noteworthy. Stop doing it. You look like a butt kissing, geeky bobble-head doll.

To a greater degree of stupidity are the people who give the audible "ahhh!" to signify that they got the point. If you understand the point of a lecture, Congrats! The thing is the rest of the world does not care. The same applies to when a professor references some obscure movie, song, or book that you also know. So please take a long

walk off a short pier if you ever start nodding, fake laughing, or say "oh yeah" in that annoying smug tone that tells everyone, "I am so much smarter than the rest of the class because I have the same tastes as the professor." I hate to say it suck-ups, but it is stupid and no one is impressed.

You may be stupid if... You go to the gym like you are The Incredible Hulk. For my own safety and well-being I will clarify. By Hulk I am not talking about you huge guys who can bench press the combined weight of the Archway staff. You guys are great and I am truly, genuinely jealous when I have to use the weights after you. You guys keep doing your thing. The people I am talking about are the guys you see more if your home gym is a YMCA. I happen to go to a YMCA for the summers, and there are a handful of guys that show up for about 3 hours once a week. They spend half an hour in the locker room getting ready. This entails fixing the hair, putting on the gold chains, Strapping a dippy fanny pack on with energy gels or some stupid power goop in them, and then putting on their gloves (because doing curls with 20 lbs gives you calluses. Boo hoo big man). By the end of this process all I see is a dumpy N'Sync lifting

look-a-like. The next hour is consumed with talking about how "my workout is best" and staring at what may seem like muscle definition, but in actuality is just the shadows of the gym lighting. Sorry tough guy. The girls aren't impressed. There is very little actual working out with this type of person, just talking and mirror staring. And for that reason I deem thee officially stupid Mr. Fanny packed, gloved lifter guy.

So basically, we are all surrounded by stupidity. It's unavoidable. Everyday I do at least one thing that assures my lifelong citizenship in The People's Republic of Stupid. Even the brightest stars of Bryant do things that strike me as oddly stupid. Like what's up with the suits on Wednesday Senate? Seems sort of hoity toity don't you think? (Keep up the good work though, I couldn't do it.)

We should all be able to rag on each other for being stupid because it is the one thing we all truly have in common. We are human, and we are stupid. Yey us!

Upcoming GAMES

Men's Basketball

Saturday, February 19, @Bentley, 3:30 p.m.
Monday, February 21, @Merrimack, 7:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Saturday, February 19, @Bentley, 1:30 p.m.
Monday, February 21, @Merrimack, 5:30 p.m.

Indoor Track & Field

Saturday, February 19, NE-10 Championships
Friday, February 25, @ New England Championships
Friday, March 11, @ NCAA Championships

Women's Tennis

Saturday, February 26, @ NJIT, 7:00 p.m.
Friday, March 4, Pace @Hartford, CT, 11:30 a.m.
Monday, March 14, Minn. Mankato @ Orlando, FL, TBA
Tuesday, March 15, Florida Southern @ Orlando, FL, TBA
Wednesday, March 16, Stephen F. Austin @ Orlando, FL, TBA
Wednesday, March 23, St. Anselm, 3:00 p.m.

Baseball

Friday, February 18, @ Florida Southern, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 19, @ Florida Southern, 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 20, @ Florida Southern, 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 5, @ Wilmington College DH, 12:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 6, @ Wilmington College, 12:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 13, @ Elizabeth Cith DH, TBA
Monday, March 14, @ Mount Olive, TBA
Tuesday, March 15, @ St. Andrews, TBA
Wednesday, March 16, @ UNC Pembroke, 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 17, @ UNC Pembroke, 3:00 p.m.
Friday, March 18, @ Barton, TBA
Saturday, March 19 @ Philadelphia University DH, 12:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 20, @ Philadelphia Sciences DH, 12:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 24, Assumption, 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 26, Stonehill, 12:00 p.m.
Monday, March 28, @ Stonehill 3:00 p.m.

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Women's Tennis: Mastering the art of winning

By Shaun Leddy
Assistant Sports Editor

The Bryant Women's Tennis Team has mastered the art of winning, plain and simple. Proving their dominance in the NE-10 by winning their division last year, they went on to compete in the NCAA's and are now starting this year with an undefeated pre-season record of 7-0. Success for this team is an understatement, but, with their opening match in one week, the girls have no plans of taking it easy. Their achievements are a representative of their hard-work and dedication.

While many spring sports teams use the MAC to practice before outside conditions are playable, the Women's Tennis Team prepares for their season at Rally Point, a local club in Greenville. Annette Jervasi explains, "Although it can be some what of a hassle to travel off campus for practice, we always have a good time during the car ride there. It's nice to have a club so close since the MAC's surface is so fast."

One factor leading to the team's success stems from the knowledgeable and motivating staff. Both Head Coach Barbara Cilli and Assistant Coach Jen DiPrete are dedicated to the growth of the team, and are involved with improving the girl's game every time they step on the court.

Sacha Solomon comments, "Jen is such a great motivator, and keeps us doing our best. Coach Cilli



courtesy of Photographer Demitrius Bobo
Head Coach Brabara Cilli coaching two members of the Tennis Team, Sacha Solomon(left)and Annette Jervasi (right)

knows the game so well especially the fundamentals which help both in singles and doubles," said Sacha Solomon.

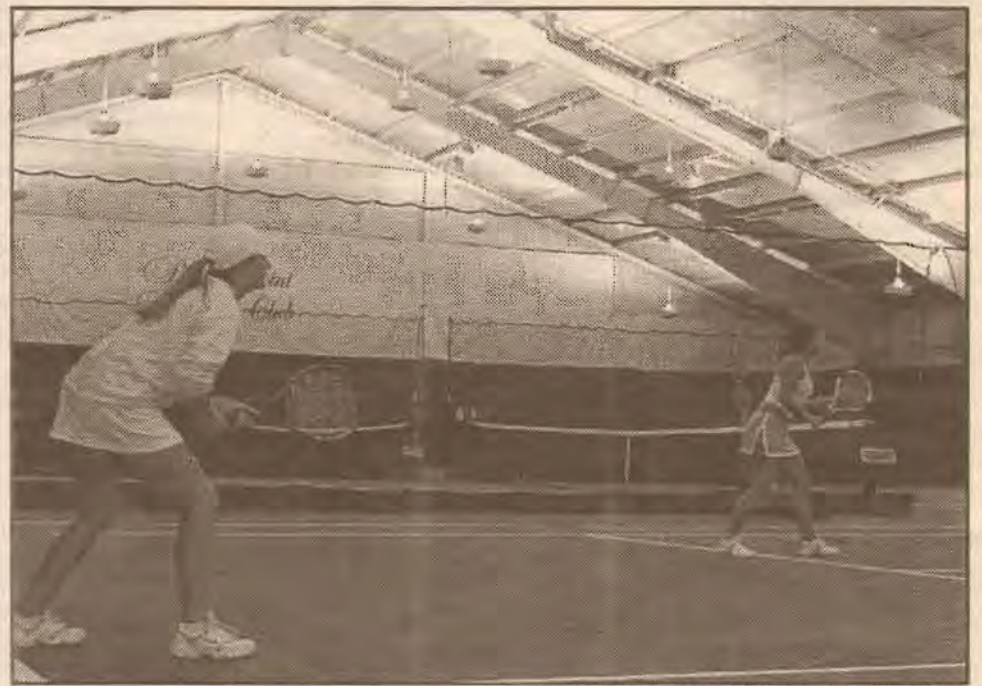
Even in a sport where individual matches are played, key elements of camaraderie and support are still imperative in determining this team's success.

Team captains Ashleigh McLean, and Alex Spence have excelled at providing these elements. They both stand out as strong competitors, ideal teammates and continue to lead by example. Coach Cilli explains, "Both have done a tremendous job helping me build this program and giving it credibility. Both are doing very well in the classroom and have become excellent role models for the underclassmen on the team."

After an impressive pre-season line-up, including victories over URI and Holy Cross, as well as a 7-2 victory over conference rival St. Mike's, the girls are going into this year's season well practiced and in top shape mentally and physically. Coach

Cilli comments, "We're at the point where we want to put the practices behind us and move on

with freshman Michelle Burke, Heather Fedesco, and Lauren Mullen whose hard work has not



courtesy of Photographer Demitrius Bobo
Bryant Bulldogs on the prowl. Annette Jervasi (left) and Sacha Solomon (right) playing doubles and ready to receive the serve in a scrimmage match during a practice.

The overall positive attitude and anticipation for this year's season is felt by the entire team.

With the last seven singles matches being won by the entire lineup,

Sacha Solomon, Alex Spence, Annette Jervasi, Michelle Burke, Alanna Santanello, Sasha Garabedian and Lauren Mullen, the girls are anxious to continue their pre-season winning streak. Jervasi explains, "I can't wait for this season, Sacha and I in particular have finally got some experience under our belts, and I'm looking forward to our doubles matches." Coach Cilli is also looking to bring some new feet onto the court

gone unnoticed. With such wide-spread talent coming from the upper classman, along with the growing presence from the rookies, their main goal this year to win the NCAA Regionals seems to be an obtainable sight.

Winning is only a part of the success of this team. The positive way they carry themselves as individuals and as a team unit, along with their ambition and drive, prove to be an unstoppable combination. The Women's Tennis Team has already accomplished much more than most, and with their focus, there is undoubtedly more to come.

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~ Head Coach, Barbara Cilli

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MASTERING THE ART OF TEACHING

Sheila Wycinowski, Director of Curriculum and Staff Development at Amity High School, explains, "Basically we look to hire Quinnipiac students. They have a clear understanding of lesson planning and classroom management and the balance between them." She also characterizes Quinnipiac students as articulate, creative, able to encourage higher-level thinking in students, and able to incorporate technology into their teaching.

BKKA is the Bryant Korean Karate Association that kicks

By Leah Rosenbaum
Staff Writer

Have you ever wondered how Bruce Lee, Chuck Norris, and Steven Seagal complete some of the most complicated martial arts sequences with such ease? The answer is practice, practice, practice. They trained constantly and worked hard to achieve the level of skill they have today while still practicing to hone their talents. Bryant University is home to the Bryant Korean Karate Association (BKKA) whose motto is "You are who you practice to be!"

The BKKA was founded in 1977 by SiFu, or Master Instructor Ron Renaud and Sensei Stephen Maurer. Though some may not be able to become a martial arts master in four years, they certainly can be able

to achieve many greatness while losing weight, gaining stamina, attaining self-discipline, and improving your self-esteem.

The style of martial arts, as there are many, is American Tae Kwon Do. Tae Kwon Do is translated as "the art of smashing with the hand and foot." Originating in Korea, Tae Kwon Do is a two thousand year old martial art form based on the premise that person has the instinct to defend him- or herself against a sudden attack.



courtesy of the BKKA

Bryant mens baseball team at last years NCAA D II Championships in Montgomery, Alabama

While getting a fantastic aerobic workout, you'll also:

- Learn how to block attacks and quickly strike opponents in line drills
- Apply what you have learned in combinations of kicks and punches in one-steps
- Practice series of motions and accuracy in forms.

When you advance to the yellow/gold belt ranking, you'll have the chance to try contact-sparring, and even participate in tournaments. All nine instructors are black belts, eight of which are Bryant University graduates.

As seen on their web site, www.bryantkarate.com, "The Bryant Karate Club is open

to all members of the Bryant community, including faculty, staff, alumni, and full-time and part-time students and previous martial arts training is not required to join. Introductory classes where new members can learn how classes are taught and where they can meet the instructors and officials of the club are available."

BKKA is also highly dedicated to the Bryant community by offering women's self-defense seminars throughout the semesters, sponsoring fundraisers, hosting demonstrations, and aiding in charity events such as the Special Olympics.

Classes meet three times a week on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings from 6:00pm to 7:00pm, in the Eannarino Aerobics studio in the Chace Wellness Center.

Bryant steps to the plate

By Greg Hirshorn
Staff Writer

Alongside returning coach Jon Sjogren, a 1988 Bryant graduate with 15 years of coaching under his belt, the 2005 Bryant University Baseball team is preparing for the upcoming season. Last year's team went to the NCAA Division II



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Last years Basball team at the NCAA D-II Championships in Alabama where they placed sixth.



courtesy of Bryant Athletics

Senior Mickey Ryan a lefty from Lowell Mass. has the leading batting average for the Bryant Baseball team.

Championships with a 40-17 record. They will begin this season in Florida on February 18 playing 3 games against Florida Southern and other tough opponents. According to Sophomore Chad Valenti, the pinch runner for the team, "The first three games in Florida will really set a tone for the upcoming season."

The schedule for this season contains more games than last season, as there are 50 games currently scheduled to be played. Valenti also adds, "This year may be tougher than last with more games on the schedule and everyone gunning for us because we are the returning champs." The first home game of the season take place on March 24 against Assumption, while, on April 21, Bryant will go up against rival Bentley.

Bryant only lost two graduating players last year; B.J. Gagnon and Mike Florest. The majority of Bryant's team

that won the NCAA Northeast Regional Championship last season has returned to play on the 2005 team.

The ace of the pitching staff is going to be Steve Sloan, who was named an All American last year with an 11-1 record and a very impressive 1.40 ERA. Mickey Ryan will also be returning after being named a third team All American; he finished last year with a .350 batting average along with 27 stolen bases.

Nick Tucarella was great last year for the Bulldogs with his amazing catching abilities behind the plate. In addition to

his catching services, Nick also contributed 40 runs batted in. With Nick as a stable form last year, only more can be expected in the future. New to Bryant's team this year are eight players who hope to continue the successful run of the past few years.

Last season, fans attended the games that were later on the schedule in early May, but significantly fewer people were in the stands during the March and April home games. The baseball team encourages students to go to these games and support the team. The team needs all the support it can get as it prepares for another championship run.



courtesy of Bryant Athletics

Bryant Bulldog Paul Novakowski and outfielder from Prospect, Connecticut.

PICK of the LITTER

Dede Fogarty

Women's Basketball Senior Middletown, Conn.

Fogarty helped lead the Bryant women's basketball team to its third-straight win on Saturday as the Bulldogs defeated Saint Anselm 72-57. Fogarty had a game-high 20 points and made three 3-point field goals and handed out four assists in the team's win. Fogarty currently leads the team with 13.4 points per game and 32 three's.



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Podcasting Power: Delivering personalized broadcasts to your MP3 player

By Dawn C. Chmielewski
KRT Campus

The "Rock and Roll Geek Show" broadcasts twice a week from San Francisco. But you won't find its distinctive mix of good time rock 'n' roll, beer and Macworld commentary anywhere on the radio.

The half-hour show, hosted by Michael Butler, is delivered directly to listeners' iPods and other digital music players. It's among a growing number of podcasts, a new online outlet for amateur broadcasters to run their own pirate radio stations. No government approval required. Butler's shows have attracted enough of a following to support an eight-country European concert tour for his rock band, American Heartbreak.

"During the past four months of me doing this podcast my band has gotten more exposure than in the seven years we've been together," Butler said, hinting that a record label deal may even be in the works. "A lot of people came to the shows in Europe just because they heard us on the podcast."

It's hard to imagine giant radio conglomerates such as Clear Channel Communications fretting over such harmless-sounding podcasts as "The Dawn and Drew Show." But technology can pounce on unsuspecting, entrenched businesses, and podcasting seems to hold the same disruptive potential as TiVo, giving everyone the power to listen to the radio shows they want whenever they want.

"The devices are listening for us, recording while you're not there, filling up with programs that you like," said Jim Griffin, chief executive of Cherry Lane Digital, a Washington, D.C., consulting firm specializing in new forms of music and entertainment delivery.

"As we move from this 'channel we' to 'channel me,' the intriguing question to marketers is: 'How do I program for that?' Podcasting is the answer."

Podcasts take advantage of an online subscription format known as RSS (short for Really Simple Syndication). The software is designed to scour the Web for the news stories posted by traditional publications or an entry posted by a blogger. A separate piece of software pulls all the disparate feeds together in one place on your computer.

"You don't have to go hunting for news; the news finds you," said Dave Winer, the inventor of RSS and creator of one of the earliest blogs, the Scripting News.

Podcasting works in the same way. Subscribe to specific Podcasts, and the software finds

the latest feeds and transfers the audio files automatically to iTunes, Apple's digital media jukebox. When an iPod is plugged into your computer, it downloads the podcasts. The software also works with other music management programs and digital music players.

Podcasting sprang from a conversation four years ago between Winer and Adam Curry, a one-time MTV host turned Internet entrepreneur. The former VJ was looking for a way to distribute video over the Internet.

"My first reaction, like many other people's first reactions, was 'forget it,'" said Winer. "We tried video on the Web. It sucks. He said, 'Maybe it doesn't have to be so bad.'"

Curry persisted, and Winer subsequently developed software to enclose audio files in RSS feeds, much like an e-mail attachment.

"We threw it out there, we evangelized it. It was like, 'If you build it, they will come.' But they didn't come... for a while," Winer said.

Consider that one of podcasting's top shows, "IT Conversations," will devote an entire program to chatting with Google's vice president of engineering about the future of search architecture.

Podcasts do include a handful of professionally produced shows, such as Boston public radio station WGBH's "Morning Stories," "The AI Franken Show" on Air America and programming from the BBC.

Fans of independent music will find podcasting an endless source of music discovery. Take, for example, "The \$250 Million Radio Show," created by Derrick Oien, a former executive at MP3.com, a company that distributed music from more than 250,000 bands over the Internet. The name, in case you were wondering, refers to the amount MP3.com paid Universal Music Group in a copyright infringement case.

Oien's show focuses on overlooked musical genres such as progressive emo, electronica and punk/hardcore. His audience has grown to about 25,000 regular listeners since the show was first podcast Oct. 14.

To listen to a podcast, you'll need software that reads RSS 2.0 feeds with enclosed audio files. The software is available at sites like www.iPodderX.com or www.iPodder.net. The software (some versions are free or available for a free trial period) automatically downloads audio files to your computer and moves the tracks to iTunes or another music management program for transfer to your iPod or other digital music player. All you have to do is subscribe to podcast feeds and your machine does the rest.

Of course, finding what feeds to listen to can be as frustrating as tuning a radio station in an unfamiliar city. Expect a good deal of trial and error.

Allen Weiner, research director with the Gartner market research firm, said podcasting remains largely a hobbyist phenomenon, attracting "anybody who's ever had a microphone or worked at a college radio station."

But over time, its potential is enormous. Radio hosts with distinctive programming will recognize that podcasting gives their live show infinite shelf life and a new, broader audience, Weiner said.

"I will boldly tell you this threatens an already declining radio market," he said. "The only things that will be left for the radio market are live sports and very topical news talk things."

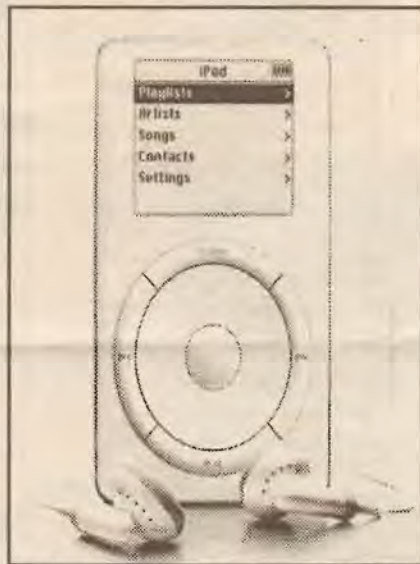


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The beginning of the end for radio as we know it? Perhaps.

Two things happened to ignite the podcasting phenomenon. First, there was the popularity of Apple Computer's portable digital music players. With gigabytes of hard drive space to fill, iPods are voracious consumers of fresh audio content. Second, Curry began podcasting his "Daily Source Code," a freely distributed variety show calculated to fill the listening void.

The "Daily Source Code," broadcast from the Netherlands, inspired imitators.

Many podcasts have the rambling, unfocused, "Look Ma, I'm a broadcaster" feel of college radio. Or, more appropriately, ham radio.

Podcasting's gadget-heavy focus means it's still mainly pursued by early adopters of tech-

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

By Liam Shannon
Class of 2005

Cancer is one of the leading killers in America today, and it has directly and indirectly affected many people and their views on life. I am one of those people who have been forever changed by the effects of cancer, and here is my story.

When I was about sixteen, my mother came back from the doctor's office with something visibly on her mind. Being an inquisitive son, I asked her what was wrong. She told me that the doctor had diagnosed her with skin cancer. She also said that later that week she was going to have the cancerous area removed and tested to make sure it had not spread to any other areas.

Luckily, after the surgery we found out the cancer had not spread and that chemotherapy was not needed. The doctor put her on an experimental drug, however, which she will take for the rest of her life. It is designed to suppress pre-cancerous cells. At the time, I remember thinking how lucky she and our family were, yet, it took another five years for me to truly understand this.

The fall after high school graduation in 2001, when my high school friends and I went our separate ways to the different colleges or universities we were attending, it seemed like we were invincible. Like many other groups of friends, we continued to hang out on long weekends or go visit each other.

During this time, one of my best friends started to notice a bump developing on his right shin. Jokingly, he said it was nothing more than a shin splint he was getting both from all the walking he had to do on the UConn campus and from his heavy American Eagle boots. The months went on, the semester ended, and his bump continued to grow.

At the beginning of the spring semester, at the request of his parents, he went to the doctor to have the bump checked out. A biopsy was taken, and it came back positive for a rare kind of bone cancer. From this point on, his family and friends

were by his side helping him, when he let us. Mostly, though, we were just there to do what we always did: hang out, crack jokes, and have a good time.

Over the course of the next two years, Jim fought hard for himself and for us. He underwent two years of chemotherapy, the removal and replacement of the bones in the lower half of his right leg, and the removal of over a hundred different tumors from his left lung.

Regardless of what was happening to him or what new chemo drug they were pumping into his body, he was always there giving us support (you would think it would be the other way around). During the school year, we would go home on the weekends to hang out or watch the latest movies, and if Jim had a break from the chemo, he would come up to visit.

One of my favorite memories is when he was able to come visit for my 21st birthday. In the fall of 2003, the cancer was stronger than ever, and his arm was amputated. Jim lost his battle to cancer on New Year's Eve, December 31, 2003.

This was the single most traumatic event in my life and in the lives of my friends. From this experience, I view what is truly important in life differently: friends, family, and being with the ones you love. I think people who do not have to experience the pain and suffering caused by this disease are really fortunate.

Having known someone who lived their life so fully for those two years has really changed my outlook and mindset. It is hard to explain exactly how I have changed, but I can say that I hope no one has to go through the pain that Jim endured or the great loss that his family and friends now have to live with for the rest of their lives.

*** If you would like to share the story of how cancer has affected your life, please contact kdeangel@bryant.edu. Every story is one step closer to helping people realize the harsh realities of cancer and motivates people to help. Thank you.

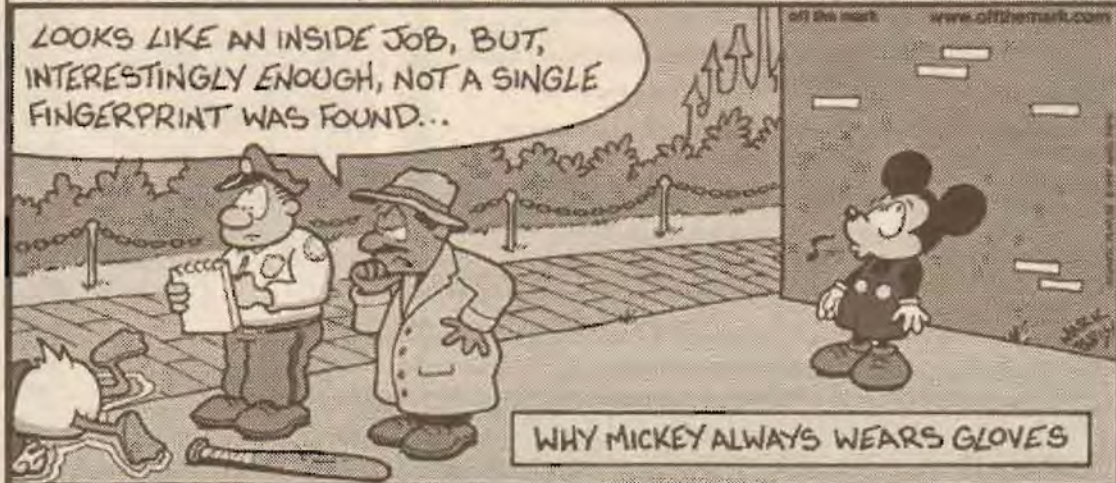


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off the mark

by Mark Parisi

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2 Dudes

By Aaron Warner



Senior Corner: Senior Class Gift Kick-Off Gala

By John Cullen
Staff Columnist

To commence the class gift solicitation period, the Off Gala is being held on Friday February 18 from 6:00-8:00 PM in the Grand Hall. The event is organized by the Senior Class gift Committee and the Office of Business Advancement in an attempt to rally the senior class together before the two month long solicitation period. The class is extremely excited about the library endowment fund gift and is expecting a large turnout

on Friday.

The gala is a high-class cocktail reception with refreshments, food and beverages for those seniors who are of age. Please remember to bring both your Bryant ID and your driver's license if you do plan on drinking. Appropriate business attire is required. If you have any questions about the senior class gift you can direct them to Class Gift Chair, John Cullen at jac18@bryant.edu.

In other senior action, there was a Senior Night Out in

Providence on Friday February 11th. The class attended an outstanding event at the bar/club, Monet. The Senior Class committee worked extremely hard to organize the event and the night was a complete success. There is now free admission every Friday night at Monet for Bryant students.

For more information on other senior events, contact senior class co-chairs Kara Paganini at kmp4@bryant.edu or Froso Tsambasis at ft2@bryant.edu.

Through the looking glass

By Mike Pingree
KRT Campus

LET'S PLAY IT AGAIN JUST TO MAKE SURE

A devout Baptist couple in Somerset, England, bought a DVD of the 1957 Doris Day-Rock Hudson romantic comedy "The Pajama Game." Or so they thought. It turned out to be an Italian porno flick called "Breasts of Passion."

The man said he and his wife began watching it and were "horrified" when a group of "topless young women appeared and started talking in Italian."

He added, "We watched it until the end because we couldn't believe what we were seeing."

UH, HI, WE MET EARLIER, REMEMBER?

Two Delaware men robbed an 18-year-old pizza delivery-woman, then, not leaving well enough alone, one of them called her on his cell phone and asked her out on a date. She declined.

She also called the police and gave them the nitwit's cell phone number, a major clue that led to his arrest.

ONE, TWO, THREE, HEAVE!

A 400-pound drunk staggered out of a bar in Whitehaven, England, and into a waiting taxi. Once in the back of the cab, he

keeled over onto the floor and became wedged between the front and back seats. Then he started vomiting.

The driver called emergency services. It took nine firefighters and paramedics half an hour to get him out.

IT'S HARD TO TAKE YOU SERIOUSLY

A man in a monkey suit tried to rob a convenience store in Yokkaichi, Japan.

The clerk refused to give him any money, so he fled empty-handed.

HEY, WHERE ARE THE DIRTY MAGAZINES?

A Putney, Ky., man who got religion and turned his adult novelty shop into a Christian bookstore has gone out of business.

Sales had dropped off sharply after he made the switch.

FIRST ADMIT YOU HAVE A PROBLEM

A man was arrested in Nelson, New Zealand, for having sex with a goat. Second offense.

THAT DUDE IS JUST SO CHARMING

A Tennessee state senator admitted in court that he lives part of the week with his ex-wife and their three children and the rest of the week with his girl-

friend and their two children.

The reason he was in court was to fight a request by a third woman seeking an increase in support for the child he fathered with her 10 years ago.

To further complicate matters, the ex-wife announced she is pregnant with his child.

JUST ANOTHER SUBURBAN FAMILY

A 15-year-old boy in Portage, Wis., was unhappy at the way he was being treated in his own home. Very unhappy. He repeatedly threatened his mother and stepfather, so they made him sleep on a mattress in the walk-in closet off the master bedroom so they could watch him.

He responded to this by putting mouse poison into the family's food for five weeks, causing a great deal of vomiting.

It ended when the stepfather discovered the pellets in some coffee grounds. The lad was charged with attempted homicide.

YOU'LL NEVER TAKE ME ALIVE! THUD!

A man went into a bar in Gowanda, N.Y., with a shotgun and took the female bartender hostage, sparking a standoff with police.

It ended when he passed out drunk.

Horoscopes

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Conditions are changing. You'll feel less aggressive, more sensitive for a few weeks. Don't be alarmed, it's a natural part of the learning process.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

The Sun's going into Pisces and for you, that's a wonderful thing. Your social life should be fabulous for the next several weeks.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Just when you're at the top of your game, the level of difficulty increases. Show you can handle the responsibility and you'll be well rewarded.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Conditions are changing quite noticeably, in your favor. Celebrate this weekend with a trip to a favorite place. The nearer you can get to a lot of water, the better.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

You're going into a more pensive phase. Old memories may stir you to make choices other than you would normally. This is good.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You've been working your fingers to the bone for the past few weeks. By now you should realize you can't do everything by yourself. Get help.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

For the next four weeks, you can become more creative than before. It'll take some trial and error, so don't dismay if it takes a while.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

For the next several weeks, love will be easy to find. Start with a conversation about philosophy.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Home and family are the focus of your attention this next phase. Start by planning your next investment to make your place more comfortable.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

For the next several weeks, you'll find it easier to concentrate. Make the most of this opportunity, and learn something useful.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

For the next several weeks, you'll find more money coming your way. The challenge will be to hold onto it. Be smart enough to stay rich.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Your confidence is growing as conditions change. Trust your own natural knowing against others' arguments.

Let your computer count Electric Sheep when it hibernates

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Tired of the same old screensaver? I know I am and it amazes me that people still haven't upgraded their screensavers from their witty (and I use that term loosely) "scrolling marquee" quotes or the ever popular "flying toasters" motif. In my quest for a free/shareware screensaver that wouldn't get old quick, I came across the most amazing screensaver ever.

If you've read Philip K. Dick's novel *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep* or if you've seen *Blade Runner*, the 1982 Ridley Scott movie that was based on Dick's novel, you're already familiar with the concept. *Electric Sheep*, as it's called, "realizes the collective dream of sleeping computers from all over the internet."

When the screen-saver is activated, the screen goes black and an animated "sheep" appears. Behind the scenes, the screensaver contacts a server and joins the parallel computation of new sheep. Every fifteen minutes, 24/7, a new sheep is born and distributed to all clients for display. Each sheep is an animated fractal flame. Sheep that receive a large

amount of positive votes pass on some of their visual characteristics to the next generation of sheep, while unpopular sequences have their traits die off. As more fractal artists participate in the project, the rendering time decreases and the animations become increasingly visually pleasing.

The difference between the first-generation sheep and the latest incarnations is a wildly psychedelic lesson in the power of evolution. The initial forms look like snowflakes or an arrangement of crystals and the latest runs look like an intoxicating blend of coral reef and fireworks display. They often even look alive.

Finally, a screensaver that increases intellect instead of just numbing your mind. Just don't get caught staring at it too long instead of doing schoolwork. It could mean the demise of your college career.

To download, point your browser (preferably Firefox) to <http://electricsheep.org/>. It may take some time to download the first series of sheep from the server, as its increasing popularity has been causing some server issues. It's definitely worth the wait, though. Beauty takes time to create.



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