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Poker faces on campus

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Controversy surrounding the issue of gambling on campus goes back several years when a student from Bryant was arrested and charged for running a nationwide gambling operation. To this day, it appears that Bryant has made extensive efforts at controlling gambling on campus. Recently, Texas Hold 'Em has been the game of choice around Bryant. Poker is a fun and intriguing mind game in which a person has to predict whether or not he or she has a decent enough hand to beat their opponents. Even Resident Director Chuck Stanley was quoted as saying, "There is nothing wrong with playing cards; it is the involvement of money which makes it illegal. Playing cards allows a person to learn techniques and interpreting an opponent's strategies."

So what is the illegal about playing a game? In its simplest terms, an illegal poker game involves the purchase of

chips to play with. The individual with all the chips at the end of the game wins all of the money. That being said, gambling is clearly stated in the Student handbook as being an illegal activity on the Bryant campus.

There are three elements a poker game must fall under for it to be considered gambling. These reg-

ulations fall under two specified standards known as "N" and "U". "N" regulates the taking or receiving of money in any the form of gambling debts and distributing of any form of gambling materials. "U" becomes violated when students, faculty,

or administration place bets on any event on campus. Like Chuck stated above, it is not the game, it is the involvement of money which defines the action as illegal gambling. There are many reasons why students feel the gambling rule is not valid and not worth paying attention to. In most cases, students are only playing for a small amount, such as a few dollars and there is no large risk of going into debt. People seem to feel that it does not matter if they choose to gamble away small amounts of money because it has no actual impact on the school. Chuck Stanley disagrees by saying, "Small amounts of money can easily increase to excessive debts."

Last year, the popularity of poker stirred up a small controversy in one of the freshman halls. Occasionally a small group of guys would gather in the study lounge to play as sort of a bonding experience. As the popularity of those games progressed, more people joined it. The initial problem last year began with the noise level followed by a warning concerning

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Ladies along with the guys are all playing the game.

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Power through voting

By Kristina De Angelis
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As "Rock the Vote" stickers have been showing up everywhere from notebook decorations to the latest fashion trend, many students are probably wondering what the fuss is about. Through a joint effort of Student Senate, Student Programming Board, Bryant University Democrats, and campus radio station WJMF, Rock the Vote campaign has invaded Bryant's community in an effort to inform the campus about political issues in the upcoming election.

As expressed through their website, www.rockthevote.com, Rock the Vote is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that was formed in 1990 as a way to increase the amount of voting among young people. It was created after freedom of speech and artistic expressions were being attacked. Using entertainers, singers, actors, athletes, and more, Rock the Vote tries to show the youth that politics are not just for the older generations. As one turns 18, it is a right and a privilege to have a say in what happens to the

country that one is living in. This is the message that the campaign is trying to put out; through voter registrations drives, voter education, and voter events this message is being made. It is not a campaign that ends when the election ends. The campaign

world that the right to vote and the right to change things is theirs as well.

At Bryant, many people participated in Rock the Vote events around campus, that were held September 17 thru September 24. Rock the Vote events included the following:

two days of voter registrations in the rotunda; two showings of the movie "Everywhere but Florida", the story of the 2000 election and the history behind the electoral process; an electoral debate during the movie showings between Professors Ulricksen and Dietrich; and two days of distribution of informational handouts about the different parties and the electoral process in the Rotunda. "The participation also showed that many people are already registered to vote," according to Senior Quentin Phipps, Student Senate President and Co-chair of Rock the Vote campaign on campus.

The goal of the campaign was to stress the importance of political education. It

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Students on campus are getting involved in politics

encourages youths to go out into their communities and be active in all aspects of what is going on. From signing petitions, to protesting, to helping out at a local political office, youths everywhere are showing the

Completing Koffler

By Meghan Hanlon
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Construction on Koffler has been a topic of many conversations. Particularly about when the construction will be completed and the facilities inside Koffler can be utilized.

The outside of Koffler has been painted and the new additions have been added, right now most of the construction is being done on the inside.

On August 20, Koffler was considered "substantially complete" by the town of Smithfield and the University was issued a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy. This certificate allowed for the majority of faculty whose offices were in Koffler to move in.

As of right now, there are only two offices which have not been occupied. Once these two offices are filled, all occupants will officially be in Koffler.

A Full Certificate of Occupancy cannot be issued until the main entrance to Koffler is complete and can be used as the actual entrance rather than entering through the Department of Public Safety tunnel.

Peter Malkowski, Senior Project Manager, is in charge of all construction done on campus. Most recently, Malkowski worked on the Bryant Center construction, which will be 99% complete by Thursday. Malkowski expects the construction on Koffler

being complete in mid-October.

At this point, a Full Certificate of Occupancy can be applied for and the process called "punch list" will begin.

The "punch list" process is when the Architect goes through the building and



Photo by Meghan Hanlon

A general meeting area will be available for students in the center of Koffler

makes note of any defects that the Architect feels needs to be attended to. These defects may include anything from scratches to installations being done incorrectly.

Once the main entrance to Koffler is open, a person will go through a small entrance way. This entrance way leads to the center of the main floor where a general meeting area has been set up. In this area, the "crown" or sky light is visible. A large, flat screen television is also positioned so that viewers may watch what is being recorded in the television studio or what has been previously recorded.

There is only one classroom on the main floor. This room will be used for the K2 lab. The rest of the space is split

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Halloween countdown

October not only means it's fall, but also the time for pumpkins to be carved, costumes to be designed, candy to be bought, and pranks to be played.

The name Halloween comes from the shortened version of "All Hallows' Even" and was eventually it was shortened to Halloween.

Trick or Treating evolved from the Festival of Samhain.

People left food outside their doorsteps to prevent hungry spirits from entering their homes.



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Soon people began dressing up as ghosts or witches and making lots of noise to scare away the spirits wandering around who were believed to be looking for bodies to possess.

Don't forget to go apple picking when you pick up your pumpkins.

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Cell Phones for Soldiers: Young kids making a big impact

By Bethany Thornton
Editor-in-Chief

How many cell phones have you been through? With the rate of technological advancements today, your laptop, MP3 player and cell phone are projected to be out of date within 18 months of purchases. So what happens to your high-tech toys once they are made obsolete?

For 13 year old Brittany Bergquist and her 12 year old brother, Robbie, it means that soldiers in the Middle East will be making a phone call home without paying the consequences.

When the Bergquist siblings heard about a local soldier whose phone bill to call home from Iraq had amounted to a steamy \$7,000 expense, they were determined to help. Combining their own money along with a

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-Hope Solomos \$500
Senator '08

donation from South Shore Savings Bank, Brittany and Robbie began what is now called Cell Phones for Soldiers.

Cell Phone for Soldiers raises money to pur-

chase phone cards for soldiers who are overseas so that they are able to call home for free. The kids raise the money by selling old and unused cell phones back to the phone companies; the profit is in turn used to purchase phone cards. Phone cards have been distributed to soldiers in Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan, and several other places. But where do you drop off your cell phone?

There are currently 1,500 drop off locations ranging in places from fire houses, schools, to other various locations which are responsible for raising \$15,000. At this time, they are projecting another 14,500 within all 50 states with the help of the American Legion. How can we help?

At the September 22 Senate meeting, both Brittany and her father were in attendance to discuss Bryant University's role in working with Cell Phones for Soldiers. Senators Hope Solomos 07, Anthony Furnari 06 and SPB's Paul Bi will be working with the siblings to form a community service project at Bryant. Hope Solomos had this to say about the project, "I am really looking forward to working with them. I have been talk-

ing to the Bergquist family since the end of May and I just have a really good feeling about this."

The coordinators will work on collecting cell phones

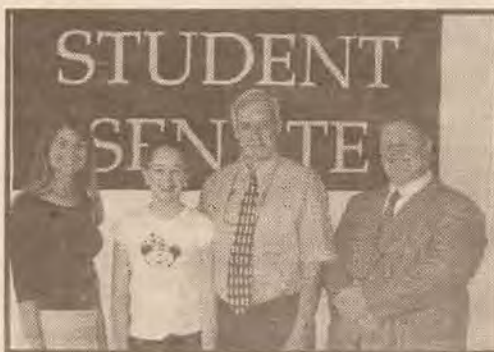


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Senator Hope Solomos and Senator Anthony Furnari with Brittany and her father.

on campus while seeking to establish drop-off locations throughout the Rhode Island area.

Throughout the meeting, Brittany discussed specific goals of the organization. Such goals include the distribution of phone cards to certain areas where soldiers need to travel hours to reach a phone that can call home. Their long term goal is much more tedious and will take a lot more money and time.

In the future, Cell phones for Soldiers is looking to obtain cell phones for the soldiers. The phones they are looking into are satellite cellular phones which will work anywhere in the world. The

organization plans to have one satellite cell phone per 10-20 soldiers. The price of these phones sets the fundraising mark at \$9 million. Seems like a lot, but not when you consider the two children began work on their project at the start of summer 2004 and have already raised over \$250,000. The question remains, when do we start?

The team of senators, SPB, the Bergquist family, and University Relations are all working together to kick things off. Parent's Weekend is being projected as the starting time for Cell Phone for Soldiers. They are looking at placing flyers inside the parents' packet which they will receive at the start of the weekend's events. The committee feels that by informing the parents, they are likely to see students come back from Thanksgiving break with more than one phone.

At thirteen and twelve years old, Brittany and Robbie have become not only the talk of their hometown, but the talk of the nation with recognition on T.V. shows such as "The Early Show," "The Tony Danza Show." The White House has even contacted the siblings. Their selfless attitudes and determination should be a

lesson to young and old that we are all capable of amazing things. Anthony Furnari was impressed by Brittany's speech at the Senate meeting stating, "This is an unbelievable program and these kids are extremely impressive. Cell Phones for Soldiers is going to work out well for everyone involved." Tell your family and friends and get involved. Donate your old cell phones for the men who risk their lives for yours.

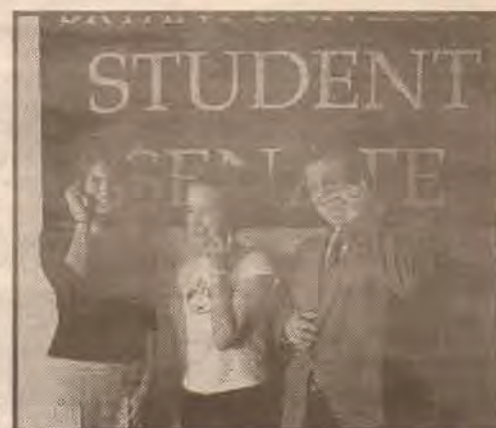


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Hope, Brittany, and Anthony get their cell phones ready

Visit the website at <http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com/pages/1/> or contact Senator Hope Solomos at esolomos@bryant.edu or Senator Anthony Furnari at ajf2@ryant.edu for more information.

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FYI

Did you Know...

-Study Abroad Representatives will be in the Rotunda on October 4. Catalogs for different programs will be available. For more information visit the Study Abroad Office in the Unistructure next to Academic Affairs.

-SPB will be showing Spider-Man 2 on October 3 in Janikies Auditorium. Admission is \$1.00 and snacks can be purchased. There will also be a raffle at the showing.

-Bryant Builds, a new organization that works with Habitat for Humanity, will be holding an informational meeting on Thursday at 5 p.m. in Papitto.

-During peak hours, parking around Bryant is tough when there are approximately 2000 parking spots and approximately 3400 cars registered. From 8 a.m. to 4 p.m cars can be parked on the grass near the Athletic fields or on the entrance ramp leading in to campus. Spots are typically full from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and more become available after 1p.m.

-If you are interested in becoming a DJ, visit WJFM's website at www.wjfm88.7.com for information.

-Big Brothers of Bryant, a new organization, is hosting a walk-a-thon on October 2 at 10 a.m. on the track to support Big Brothers of Rhode Island. Everyone is invited to participate. Anyone who wants more information about the walk-a-thon or about the club should email Brandon Ruotolo at bar2@bryant.edu or call Big Brothers of Rhode Island at 401-432-9955

-The American Cancer Society is sponsoring a "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" on Sunday, October 17. If you are interested in signing up a team or donating, contact Kathy LeJeune at 401-243-2627, strides_providence@cancer.org.

Right questions at the debate could prompt revealing responses

By Dick Polman
Knight Ridder Newspapers
(KRT)

Presidential debates can be great political theater, a clash of wits under excruciating pressure, and the confrontations of 2004 should fill the bill.

Think about it: President Bush has prosecuted a war with no foreseeable exit, contrary to every confident White House prediction, yet still insists that "freedom is on the march."

And John Kerry has spun a web of words so dense that he may need a scythe to hack his way out, yet still says things like, "I could not be more clear."

So, as they prepare for their Thursday night prep on foreign policy the first of three meetings that could swing this race it is tempting to pine for another Bernard Shaw moment, when somebody is hit with an impertinent inquiry that prompts a revealing response.

Consider, for example, these 10 questions: 1. Mr. President, in September 2003, one of your prominent supporters, Pentagon adviser Richard Perle, predicted that "a year from now, I'll be very surprised if there is not some grand square in Baghdad that is named after President Bush."

2. Sen. Kerry, many Americans are confused. On Sept. 20, you sounded as if you would have never gone to war in Iraq, saying, "I would have tightened the noose and continued to pressure and isolate Saddam Hussein, who was weak and getting weaker, so that he would pose no threat to the region or America." Yet, when you voted for the war resolution in 2002, you said on the Senate floor that "the record of Saddam Hussein's ruthless, reckless breach of international values and standards of behavior... is cause enough for the world community to hold him accountable by use of force, if necessary."

accountability and "a culture of responsibility." So why has nobody in your administration been held accountable for the various intelligence failures, and the absence of a workable occupation plan? Harry Truman, whom you quoted at the Republican convention, used to say, "The buck stops here." If underlings are not responsible for the problems in Iraq, does the buck stop with you?

3. Mr. President, you were briefed last summer about a new National Intelligence Estimate that warned of a potential civil war in Iraq; one administration, reportedly, says it contains "a significant amount of pessimism." Yet you continue to paint a rosy picture of Iraq's democratic future.

4. Sen. Kerry, the noted political analyst Charlie Cook now says that "whoever coined the joke about John Kerry's having 57 varieties of answers on Iraq should be earning substantial royalty payments." And here's one example: You continue to fault this president for failing to build a broad international coalition before going to war against Saddam. Yet, in 1990, when the first President Bush successfully built a broad international coalition before going to war against Saddam, you voted against Senate authorization.

5. Mr. President, you said in 2002 that you "will not permit the world's most dangerous regimes to threaten us with the world's most destructive weapons." But you have committed us to Iraq, which has no evident nuclear weapons, despite your previous public warnings, other members of your "axis of evil" notably, North Korea and Iran are racing to develop them.

6. Sen. Kerry, you keep saying you'd do a better job stabilizing Iraq and ensuring an eventual troop withdrawal, by enlisting more help from NATO and our Western allies. But your claim doesn't square with all the facts - for example, NATO members are wary about new commitments in Iraq, because they already have 25,000 troops on the ground in Afghanistan and the former Yugoslavia.

7. Mr. President, in a new Gallup Poll, 42 percent of Americans still say that Saddam Hussein financed and planned the Sept. 11 attacks. They believe this, despite the bipartisan Sept. 11 commission's conclusion that Saddam had no working ties to Osama bin Laden's network.

8. Sen. Kerry, global trade is a key element of foreign policy, as you know. But even though you voted in the Senate for big free-trade agreements, such as NAFTA, you stumped during the primaries as a skeptic of free trade and attacked "Benedict Arnold CEOs" who moved jobs overseas to avoid U.S. taxes.

9. Mr. President, you always characterize your opponent as a flip-flopper. But the record shows you opposed creation of the Sept. 11 commission before you supported it; opposed the idea of negotiating with North Korea (November 2002) before supporting it (June 2004); declared in May 2003 that "we have found the weapons of mass destruction," before saying last February that we "found the capacity to produce weapons"; and saw no need for extra Iraq funding (February) before requesting an extra \$25 billion (May).

10. Sen. Kerry, you were asked at a Sept. 23 news conference to state how you would defeat the insurgents who control the key city of Fallujah. But you didn't answer the question. The Bush strategy is to squeeze the city, and launch a military assault by year's end. Is that a bad plan? What would you do differently to ensure that elections are held?

When asked about this report on Sept. 21, you said your intelligence people were "just guessing." If they're guessing, how does that inspire confidence in your administration? And if they're better than mere guessers, as you indicated on Sept. 23 when you revised your earlier remark, doesn't your optimistic talk confirm Sen. Kerry's charge that you have been misleading the voters?

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President Bush and Senator Kerry addressing their fans. Americans are anticipating an intense debate and have several questions in mind.

Does al-Qaida favor a presidential candidate?

By Peter A. Brown
The Orlando Sentinel
(KRT)

The biggest unknown factor in the presidential campaign is whether there will be a major domestic terrorist incident before Election Day.

The key question is not just whether al-Qaida will seek to influence U.S. voting, as it did in Spain last March by detonating 10 bombs on three crowded Madrid commuter trains and killing almost 200 people a few days before national elections.

It is al-Qaida's mind-set: Do its leaders see their task as easier with President Bush or John Kerry in the White House? Or, from its warped perspective, is there no difference between the two men?

If al-Qaida prefers one candidate to the other, does it think it can influence the result to suit its ends?

Or, do the terrorists think their interests are better served by shelving any efforts within the United States before Election Day because an attack might benefit Bush?

After all, the assumption has long been that following Sept. 11, al-Qaida is planning additional attacks.

The whole idea of trying to figure out al-Qaida's mentality is obviously conjecture, but any notion that a terrorist attack within U.S. borders before Nov. 2 would not play a role in deciding the presidency is either naive or disingenuous.

Elections are the ultimate zero-sum game; what helps one candidate hurts the other.

And the actual truth of who politically benefits in case of an attack may be less important than al-Qaida's view of the matter. Its judgment likely would guide the terrorists' decision on whether they should try to scare American voters into backing off the war on terror, which would presumably be their intent.

That calculation depends on whether the bad guys think U.S. voters would react as did their Spanish counterparts, or they agree with the conventional wisdom that such an attack here would just cement support for the war on terrorism.

The party on terrorism Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar, a strong U.S. ally whose

troops were part of the U.S.-led war in Iraq, would be favored to maintain power but was defeated in the days after the bombings. Opposition leader Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero had pledged to pull out Spanish troops and did so upon taking office.

Bush has made clear that he won't be pressured into leaving Iraq any sooner than he deems necessary to put that nation on a course to democracy.

Kerry, on the other hand, has offered seemingly contradictory policy statements, but in general he appears more willing to bring U.S. troops home sooner rather than later.

Suggesting that al-Qaida might prefer Kerry in the Oval Office will certainly enrage some, but rational analysis supports that view.

Although presumably the terrorists think that they were able to influence the Spanish election in a satisfactory manner, a key question is whether they believe the American people would react similarly.

en the electorate's resolve to stay the course in a demonstration of national unity.

Unknown is whether the terrorists understand the American people well enough to make a correct decision that incorporates the prevailing wisdom on the subject.

The Spanish public, to put it bluntly, caved to al-Qaida.

Much has been written about the fundamental differences between the American and European mentalities. There are many, myself included, who think that this dynamic would lead to a much different U.S. public reaction to a pre-election attack that occurred in Spain.

If the terrorists attacked in this country before Election Day, the public reactions following 9-11 and Pearl Harbor suggest the president would benefit politically from an energized united front against a common enemy.

In addition, polls already find Americans think the president is better able to fight the war on terror. It is no accident that the president's numbers surged at the same time that terrorists in Russia seized a school and killed hundreds of students.

teachers and parents. Tragedies such as that one, which further stamps the threat of terrorism in voters' minds, would likely help Bush.

Obviously, the circumstances surrounding the terrorist incident would be paramount in the public's electoral reaction. If voters judged that such an attack was made possible by Bush administration incompetence, Kerry might benefit.

Democrats, of course, may argue that voters will punish Bush if terrorists attack within the United States, and they may be correct.

But the evidence makes it difficult to see how an attack would be more likely to help Kerry than hurt him.

Of course, no American wants terrorism.

The decision about whether there will be an attack, however, rests in the hands of the bad guys.

If they can't be stopped, their timing is likely to be determined by their preference about whether they would rather fight an America led by John Kerry or George Bush.

National News

Controversy over wireless networks at college stirs national debate

By Aman Batheja
Knight Ridder Newspapers
(KRT)

It's OK to make college students do more homework, write longer papers or even pay higher tuition.

But mess with their Internet access and you'll get some high-tech turmoil.

Through the power of blogs, or online journals, news that officials at the University of Texas at Dallas were trying to restrict students from using personal wireless networks grew from a local dispute to a national online debate on student rights.

"It turned into a much bigger issue than I had anticipated it would have," said Bill Hargrove, executive director of information resources.

Two days after officials announced the restrictions, the school in Richardson's silicon corridor was forced to back off on its demand.

The issue arose earlier this month, when UT-Dallas' Information Resources Department posted a letter on the doors of every room in the Waterview Park Apartments, the school's on-campus residence. The letter addressed the issue of personal wireless networks, which are apparently interfering with the university's official

wireless network.

For more than a year, UT-Dallas has provided wireless Internet access throughout its campus, including student residences. But many students opted to bypass the network and pay for service with local providers. Instead of each roommate paying for his or her own connection, many rooms have installed private wireless networks, described in the letter as "rogue" access points, which allow them to share the costs.

The "rogues" are just like the school's official network but are only strong enough to accommodate computers nearby. The number of "rogue" access points at Waterview jumped from a handful earlier this year to more than 100 last month, Hargrove said.

The problem with these networks, Hargrove said, is they interfere with use of the university's wireless network, at times keeping those trying to use the official network from even signing on.

"Such interference is not only unfair to other residents, but it is also a violation of UTD policy and will not be permitted," the letter read.

Threatening disciplinary action to those who didn't comply, the letter said that those

using private Internet connections must either switch their wireless networks to a frequency that doesn't interfere with the school's network or dissolve their "rogue" access point and log on the old-fashioned way, with a wire connecting their computer to the wall.

"It's when it's wireless that it interferes," Hargrove said.

Students immediately took their outrage online. One student-run site, waterviewsux.com, received dozens of comments from students. One visitor referred to UT-Dallas as "the Gestapo." Another said he had contacted a lawyer.

The issue moved beyond the realm of the university when it was covered on Slashdot, a Web forum on technology issues read by millions. The posting received more than 1,100 comments in just 12 hours. The issue was soon discussed on other popular sites including Techdirt, News.com, and MIT's Technology Review.

UT-Dallas reversed the ban after discovering an FCC ruling prohibiting the restriction of wireless access points by landlords. Many colleges have restricted "rogue" access points on their campuses, Hargrove said. However, according to the

FCC, the university does not appear to have that power because some rooms in Waterview Apartments are rented by faculty members, meaning that they are not traditional dormitories, he said.

Interference with the university's wireless network continues to be a problem for students, Hargrove said.

"Students who can't afford to pay for their own Internet connection have a right to use the university's network free of charge," he said.

The school made the decision to expand wireless networks from campus several years ago when it considered wiring the residences at Waterview and discovered that providing a wireless network would be cheaper than equipping every room with an Internet connection.

"I received communications on this from colleges as far as Oregon, and they've all been saying we're working on our wireless network and we're going to start facing the same stuff," Hargrove said.

On Waterviewsux.com, several posters took the university's reversal as a sign of the student body's power.

"You all make me proud to be a student here," one

visitor wrote.

Another added, "Long live the nerds."

ABOUT WIFI

Short-range networking systems, known as WiFi, allow students and faculty with wireless computers to access the Internet from places outside computer labs, including student lounges and even outdoors.

Schools have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars expanding their WiFi networks over the past years.

The University of Texas at Dallas is one of the first area schools to provide wireless service to student residences.

The Federal Communications Commission has said that college campuses can prohibit the use of personal wireless access points that could interfere with a college-provided wireless network. UT-Dallas officials said their student residences don't qualify, however, because some of the apartments are rented to faculty members.

Students age 18 to 24 are adopting public WiFi at about twice the rate of the average online population, largely through exposure to the technology on campuses and from peers, according to a recent study from Jupiter Research.

Legal access to Napster service provided by many Universities

By Eunice Sigler
Knight Ridder Newspapers
(KRT)

Faced with a seething music industry that has already unleashed a wave of lawsuits to stop illegal music downloads, some colleges are lining up to get their students a legal alternative.

So far, 10 schools across the country have signed up with Napster, a popular music downloading system, to give their students legal access to music on the Web.

The University of Miami started its pilot program Aug. 23, meaning free online music access for all its undergraduate students, nearly 10,000 of them.

Using their school IDs, students can log on to the Napster Web site and download the software. Then, they can access hundreds of thousands of songs without having to worry about police knocking at their doors.

They can put Napster on up to three computers and can even create playlists on their hard drives, effectively turning their computers into their own personal radio stations.

If they want to put songs on a CD, it costs 99 cents each.

The students get the same service the public would pay \$9.95 a month for, and the schools get to buy it at a discounted price neither Napster

nor the schools will disclose.

"We were able to do that in large part because of the recording industry. Each of us is willing to cut our profits to virtually nothing in order to change behavior," said Aileen Atkins, a senior head of business affairs at Napster.

The program at UM is slowly catching on. During the first few weeks of the pilot, 3,000 students downloaded Napster to their computers, said Stewart Seruya, UM's chief security and network officer.

It beats constantly trying to outsmart the pirates, he said.

"We block a good portion of it, but some kids get around it," he said. "This hopefully will give them a legal channel to still get the music and still play with it."

For Vance Aloupis, who successfully ran for student government president last year by promising to bring Napster on campus, it's also a matter of pride.

It was tough selling his campaign pledge to university brass, he said.

"At first they said, 'We really don't see any academic benefit to it,'" Aloupis said.

But he did some research and found that there is.

Napster has close to a million songs available online. Sure, the kids can get their favorites from Hoobastank and Coldplay, but they can also access older, more obscure

songs, songs that might be taught in a music class.

"Instead of a student having to go to the basement of a library and listening to a scratchy record that's probably already checked out, they can listen to it here," Atkins said.

That helped the UM folks come around. That, and the fact that for eons college students have always been into music.

"We did a survey last February and March, and this is the number one thing the students wanted to see," said Pat Whitely, a head of student affairs at UM.

Kevin Corrales, a 21-year-old senior at the school, said he likes being able to pick and choose.

"I'm basically sampling tons of stuff, so I don't have to buy it and later decide, 'I hate this CD,'" he said.

"If you like one song on a CD, then you can just buy one song."

Napster also has message boards where students can share thoughts on music with other students from their school.

Pennsylvania State University made headlines by being the first school to sign on with Napster.

An official there said the spring pilot program was so successful that they're now offering it to 83,000 students at 24 campuses.

Kidnappers release Italians, Egyptians

By Nancy A. Youssef
Knight Ridder Newspapers
(KRT)

Two Italian humanitarian workers who were kidnapped three weeks ago from their office in Baghdad were released Tuesday night, along with two Iraqi colleagues who'd been snatched with them, Italian and Iraqi officials said.

Four Egyptians who were kidnapped last week at a telecommunications office in Baghdad also were released. Elsewhere, U.S. forces bombed a suspected insurgent stronghold in Fallujah and two British soldiers were killed in an ambush near Basra, in southern Iraq.

The Italian women "were treated very well. They are in good health," said Talat Abdul Jabar al Wazan, a member of the Iraqi National Union Party and a participant in the negotiations that led to their release.

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi told the Italian Parliament that the two were on their way back to Italy. "Finally, a moment of joy," Berlusconi said.

The women, Simona Pari and Simona Torretta, both 29, worked on school and water projects for "Un Ponte Per ..." an Italian aid group whose name means "A Bridge To ..." They and the two Iraqis were in the group's office Sept. 7 when men dressed in Iraqi national guard uniforms barged in, grabbed them at gunpoint and drove off.

The brazenness of the kidnapping, the kidnappers reportedly asked for them by name.

Many humanitarian workers considered leaving the country while others tightened their security measures. Al Wazan wouldn't say which group had held the women, but he said their release was the result of an aggressive campaign by Muslim clerics, local tribal

sheiks, several nations and advocates for the women.

He said the group kidnapped the women because it thought they "worked for a suspicious organization." "We didn't hear the group ask for any money," he said. Al Wazan said those working for the women's release learned where they were being held and began asking clerics in that area.

The kidnapping was a test for Berlusconi's government, which has 3,000 troops in Iraq.

Two weeks before the kidnapping, a freelance Italian journalist, Enzo Baldoni, 56, was captured near Najaf and killed.

Berlusconi refused entreaties that Italy withdraw its troops to win the women's freedom, and dispatched an under-secretary for foreign affairs to several Arab countries to appeal for help. Only Jordan has publicly acknowledged its help.

Last week, two militant groups claimed to have killed the Italian hostages, but the Italian government dismissed the claims. While meeting with Berlusconi in Rome on Monday, Jordan's King Abdullah said the women were still alive.


In Baghdad, one of the Iraqis captured, Raad Ali Aziz, was back home by 8 p.m.

Through his family, he refused to comment on his experience.

Less was known about the circumstances of the release of the four Egyptian telecommunications workers, who were kidnapped last week. One Egyptian official said their kidnapping had been "motivated for financial reasons," suggesting that a ransom had been paid.

There were no reports of injuries in the U.S. bombings in Fallujah, which officials said targeted a suspected hideout of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the Jordanian terrorist thought to be responsible for many of the recent acts of violence in Iraq.


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Location: RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: A DPS officer called dispatch to report he was in the process of an investigation of a possible drug violation. Upon investigation four Marijuana buds were found in a plastic bag. SPD arrived on campus and arrests two students.

ALCOHOL VIOLATION 00 Alcohol Violation
SEP 20 2004-Monday at 01:26
Location: RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: While on another call a DPS officer found a funnel in a residence hall.

FIREWORKS (POSS.) 11-13-1 Possession of Fireworks
SEP 20 2004-Monday at 01:35
Location: RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: Fireworks found in a student's room.

THEFT (FROM AUTO) 11-41-1 Larceny from an Auto(S) (Over \$500.00) SEP 23 2004-Thursdays at 11:00
Location: BRYANT CENTER LOT

Summary: A staff member called to report that her PLC tag was stolen from her vehicle.

00 EMT CALL EMT Call / Medical Services Rendered
SEP 23 2004-Thursdays at 19:58
Location: RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: An RA Called DPS requesting an EMT for a laceration to a student's foot. EMS was activated

DRUG (POSS.W/INTENT) 21-28-4.01 Possession with Intent to Del (Con SEP 24 2004-Friday at 05:51
Location: RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: DPS assisted in an investigation with Smithfield Police involving suspected drug activity. Two students were arrested by SPD.

00 EMT CALL EMT Call / Medical Services Rendered
SEP 25 2004-Saturday at 00:24
Location: RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: It was reported to DPS that a student had hit her face with a door. EMS was activated.

00 EMT CALL EMT Call / Medical Services Rendered
SEP 25 2004-Saturday at 02:42
Location: RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: An RA called and requested an EMT for a female with a bump on the head. EMS was activated.

00 EMT CALL EMT Call / Medical Services Rendered
SEP 26 2004-Sunday at 00:10
Location: TOWNHOUSE

Summary: An EMT was requested to assist a male with a possible broken nose. EMS was activated.

00 EMT CALL EMT Call / Medical Services Rendered
SEP 26 2004-Sunday at 00:14
Location: TOWNHOUSE

Summary: An EMT requested a rescue for a female with a head injury and possible concussion. SFD contacted.

VANDALISM (RES) 11-44-1 Vandalism (Residence)
SEP 26 2004-Sunday at 02:14
Location: RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: Student called to report a rock thrown through his window. Officer dispatched.

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Power through voting

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did not dictate who a person decides to vote for, but that they decided to vote.

Phipps stated, "These political issues do affect each and every one of us. What is important is that your voice is heard; it doesn't matter who you vote for, but that you honor and exercise your right to vote."

According to Shawn Benham, sophomore and Special Events Chair of Student Programming Board, "the campaign was about giving the people the issues and getting them to come to their own conclusions on whom to vote for."

Rock the Vote is not just for the already politically

active person, but for all people. Phipps stated, "We all learn from each other, from those who know a lot to begin with to those who don't have a political background. The people are going to need a mixture of ideas from different people in all parts of a political discussion to get a clear view."

With this said, people who might have been reluctant to join in Rock the Vote events in order to avoid feeling left out or inadequate due to a lack of political knowledge should change their way of thinking. Rock the Vote encourages all political IQ levels to participate in events. It is not just about giving those already interested

in politics an outlet to further their interest; it is also about sparking an interest in those who do not know anything about politics.

For more information about the Rock the Vote campaign visit www.rockthevote.com. From this website, one can research the different aspects of the campaign, donate to the cause, join a street team, and more.

From famous stars like Drew Barrymore to the person sitting next to you in class, people are getting involved in the ways this country is run. We are all a part of it and should be included in the different aspects of the way it is being run.

Poker surrounding Bryant

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the use of poker chips. Eventually, their study lounge was locked for reasons that varied. They were believed to be gambling and rumors stirred that poker chips would eventually be banned on campus. However, residence life then made it clear that gambling was not allowed on campus; but poker chips would be allowed.

Bryant University Junior Charles Muir commented in opposition to Bryant's regulations on gambling, "Bryant should not be able to regulate monetary gambling because it takes away a person's freewill. By restricting gambling on campus students are more apt to gamble on-line and lose an extreme amount of money."

Further, students feel that the threat of becoming addicted to gambling is not as large of a concern as the school makes it out to be. Most people

agree that the chances of them becoming addicted are very slim and they can self regulate by setting proper limits as to their behaviors. Poker is looked at as just a hobby much like collecting stamps or coins. It is an activity that students take part in during their leisure time among their friends.

Bryant's Hockey team took advantage of Texas Hold 'EM's popularity by holding a fundraising tournament. The tournament allowed 75 people to participate and required a \$10 entrance fee. The event was so popular Hockey team members were forced to turn people away.

Due to the Bryant Hockey Team's World Series of Poker, questions have been raised as to why these poker activities are sanctioned by one department of the school, even though other departments restrict similar types of activities.

One difference allowing the Hockey team's event to be

sanctioned was the use of fixed prizes as opposed to cash prizes. These prizes ranged from a Championship poker set, to gift certificates. In addition, the door fee was not a "buy in" but rather a donation towards the hockey teams yearly budget and future events.

It is the policy of Bryant University to restrict gambling on campus. In no way does this deny students the right to play cards or prohibit organizations from sponsoring event's such as the Hockey team's World Series of Poker.

Although students may feel gambling in small amounts is harmless, it can become quite serious. Moreover, Bill Phillips, the director of counseling services defines gambling as an "impulse control disorder that can be dangerous if it interferes with the quality of life." It is Bryant's job to protect its students from harming themselves and the community.

Completing Koffler

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between the new radio station, three rooms for editing, and the control room for the television studio.

The control room looks down in to a large open studio that can easily be divided for different scenes. The three editing rooms allow different groups to work on their editing project at the same time.

The WJFM studio has three rooms with a view of campus. The new studio is equipped so that WJFM can host events outside Koffler and still broadcast. Matt Wetmore, Technical Coordinator for WJFM, "cannot wait to move in" because the new station is "more functional, the layout and overall design is better."

Wetmore says "Overall, the new Koffler is going to be an amazing building and WJFM's goal is to make the Radio Station a main focal point for the whole campus."

Once construction is complete, the new equipment will be installed in the television studio, radio station, and other rooms. Power will not be available until after Thanksgiving break.

A campus wide email was sent out that told recipients

of the four hour period that everything will be offline. At this time, construction will tap in to the power system to elevate Koffler to full power. Until this time, the equipment that is being installed can not be fired-up and tested.

The new setup and expansion of Koffler allows for the creation of new classes.



Photo by Meghan Harlon

Looking up into the control room from the what will be the television studio

Students can look forward to classes that will incorporate the television station.

Mr. Joseph Doris was brought from Channel 10 as a consultant for picking out equipment for the television studio. Doris also teaches as Broadcast Media class this semester were students are already designing shows that could be pitched as ideas for next semester when the

new station will be opened.

Professors are also eager for the new studio to open. Harold Records, Professor for the Computer Information System department, moved back in to his office in Koffler in August. Records is looking forward to using the new gadgets that this expansion has brought and incorporating the digital aspects of the television studio with in the Computer Information System classes. Another addition Records and other professors are looking forward to using is the new, larger conference room.

Koffler's additions on the outside, the paint job and brick detail, have been done in order to make Koffler blend with the other buildings on campus. Another feature that will be completed soon is a new walkway. Currently, all walkways on campus merge at the

Bell Tower. A new walkway from Koffler will be built that will link Koffler to all the walkways on campus. The landscape will hopefully be completed before its snows.

In the Senate meeting on September 22, President Machtley stated construction on Koffler will be completed by the end of October.

Women's Volleyball Team: There's no folly in there volley

By Chris Hamilton
Assist. Sports Editor

Bryant's Women's Volleyball team has a long history of success working under Coach Theresa Garlacy. She has been the head coach for 9 years and two more years as assistant coach. Over the past five years the team has made it to the state tournament and has one of the best ratings for a school sport second to golf. Last year's team was no exception to the long history of volleyball here at Bryant. The team went undefeated in conference games and took the regional tournament, making it to the Sweet 16. They also swept the

five major awards for the North East to Conference taking best:

three key players this year who graduated. Two freshman and a sophomore have stepped up and become starters to fill the void.



Photo by Chris Hamilton

player, coach, setter and freshman. The team also broke a record last year winning 23 consecutive games. The team lost

self as a setter. And sophomore, Beth Schlatterer is now covering the right side having shortly recovered from an ankle injury.

“One match stick is easy to break, but 17 match sticks together are unbreakable.”

-Mission statement excerpt

Have all of these new players been able to fill the large shoes left behind by graduating seniors? The team is currently 17-2 this year and 6-0 in the

team. When asked what the strongest part of the team is, assistant Coach Ted Garlacy, pointed out team captain and lone senior Carola Pierluisi, who has been on the team since her freshman year and loves it. Ted Garlacy continues to say one such example of this team's hard work and dedication is a plaque of the team's mission statement posted in their locker room. The goals differ from GPA's to respecting and supporting each other.

As far as rewards go the team started their season in Puerto Rico, a tournament where they did a record of 3-1. Their success has been covered in the Providence Journal and NCA sports.com. The team's next game is away in Long Island, New York. They will play powerhouse New York Tech.

conference. Currently, the Bryant team is on a 20 game winning streak for conference games, including last year's undefeated sweep. The team already destroyed arch rival Bentley 3-0. Also the annual Coaches Poll gave 14 out of 15 votes for Bryant's Volleyball team to come in first. The only vote against it was Bryant's own Volleyball coach who was not allowed to vote for her own

Bulldog Bites: Weekly Athletic Scoreboard

CROSS COUNTRY

The Bryant men's and women's cross country teams were idle last week in preparation for this weekend's Bryant Invitational which will run on Saturday at the Bryant cross country course starting at 11 a.m. The Bulldogs are led by senior Holly Resendes who is coming off a 13th-place finish overall at the Fordham Invitational back on Sept. 18.

FIELD HOCKEY

Bryant Picks Up Pair of Wins Over Weekend (5-6, 3-5 NE-10)
Bryant hosts Assumption Thursday at Saint Michael's Saturday after dropping a 5-2 decision at Southern Connecticut on Wednesday, the Bulldogs rebounded with a pair of wins over the weekend to pull within one game of getting back to .500. On Saturday, the Bulldogs earned a hard-fought 2-1 win at Franklin Pierce and concluded the weekend with a thrilling 1-0 overtime win over C.W. Post on Sunday. Freshman Courtney O'Brien broke a 1-1 tie with the game-winner with just over 30 minutes left in the game over Franklin Pierce. Freshman goalkeeper Kasey Kortz stopped all six Franklin Pierce shots she faced in the second half and earned her first collegiate victory. On Sunday, it took nearly 82 minutes for someone to score,

but junior Maureen Burns made Bryant fans happy as she scored the game-winner in overtime to lead the Bulldogs past C.W. Post 1-0. Kristen Patat made six saves to earn the win.

FOOTBALL

Win Over Pace Puts Bulldogs Back to .500

(2-2, 2-2 NE-10)
Team Hosts First Place C.W. Post on Saturday at 1 p.m. One week after rushing for a career high against Assumption, Bryant sophomore running back Chris Peaks (Silver Spring, Md.) rushed for a new career best with 118 yards and three touchdowns in a 24-19 win over Pace University. Freshman quarterback Charles Granatelli completed 15 of 24 passes for 162 yards to lead the Bulldog offense. Peaks had touchdown runs of 1 and 12 yards and also turned in a short screen pass into a 59-yard touchdown in the second quarter. Early in the fourth, the sophomore broke free for a career-best 70 yard run down to the Pace one-yard line. One play later, he was rewarded for his efforts by getting the ball the short score to put Bryant ahead 24-13. The Setters would make a game of it, cutting the Bryant lead to 24-19

and again threatening late in the game. However, the Bulldog defense would step up down the stretch as Joe Kugler intercepted a Mike Timmerman pass in the end zone with 15 seconds left in regulation, sealing the Bulldog victory.

5-2 in league. Leading the way for the Bulldogs offensively was Michelle Muniz. The junior outside hitter led the way with one of her best matches of the season with 21 kills on 28 swings, hitting .678 offensively. Muniz also had a strong hand defensively with 14 digs and five blocks on the night while also tallying a career-high eight service aces.

Sophomore middle hitter Jessica Cegarra added 10 kills while freshman setter Tiffany Garry, the conference setter of the week, had 28 assists in a pair of games played.

Bryant will travel to Brookville, N.Y. this Saturday to face N.Y.I.T. (10:00 am) and C.W. Post (12:30 pm) for a pair of non-conference

matches. in first place in the Northeast-10 Conference standings at 5-1. Last week, the Bulldogs defeated Merrimack 3-2 in overtime on Wednesday and fell to Felician 2-1 in nonconference action Saturday.

WOMEN'S SOCCER Unbeaten Streak Reaches Eight Games For Bulldogs

(8-1-1, 5-0-1 NE-10)
Team Visits Southern N.H. Tuesday. The Bryant women's soccer team improved its record to 8-1-1 overall with a pair of conference wins over the week. The Bulldogs are currently in first place in the conference at 5-0-1, just ahead of perennial power Franklin Pierce (5-0-0). On Wednesday, the Bulldogs edged UMass Lowell 2-1 at home and followed with a 1-0 win over Assumption on the road Saturday. Kristen Harmon tallied the game-winner against the Greyhounds on a penalty kick in the second half.



WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The Bryant Women's Volleyball Stayed Undefeated

(30-24, 30-17, 30-18)
In the Northeast-10 Conference the women came up with a 3-0 win over visiting Saint Anselm Tuesday night at the Chace Athletic Center. With the win, Bryant's sixth-straight, the Bulldogs improve to 17-2 overall and 6-0 in conference play. Saint Anselm drops to 7-9 and

MEN'S SOCCER

Bulldogs In First Place In Conference Standings

(5-4, 5-1 NE-10)
Traditional Power Southern Connecticut Visits Tuesday Under the direction of ninth-year coach Seamus Purcell, a former Providence College '89 All-American, the Bryant men's soccer team finds themselves alone

BRYANT ANNOUNCES HALL OF FAME CLASS 2005

Bryant's 2005 hall of famers are: Jen Carvalho '98 of East Providence (volleyball); Jason Eldridge '99 (baseball); Bob Reall (coach/administrator); and Scott Trethewey '91 (golf).

Wynne win for lacrosse

By Emilie Lovoie and Lauren DiNitto
Staff Writers

After developing the Bryant Women's Lacrosse program, and coaching the team to a three-year record of 30-21, Coni Fichera has stepped down from the head coaching position. Fichera will continue coaching the Women's Field Hockey program as well as working as the assistant athletic director.

Wynne Lobel has been named the new head coach of Women's Lacrosse. During her college career at Ithaca College, Lobel was a standout lacrosse and field hockey player. She then began her coaching career at Wheaton College and Boston College as an assistant coach. She then graduated to a head coach position at Plymouth State University for four seasons, earning the 2004 title of New England Regional Coach of the Year.

During these four seasons, Lobel led her team to a combined record of 59 -11 and four con-



Photo by Chris Hamilton

secutive conference championships. Her team also competed in two other NCAA tournaments. Adding to the impressive record, in 2004, her PSU team won 17 consecutive games before losing to Amherst College in the NCAA Regional Finals.

She also coached three regional all-Americans at PSU.

Lobel earned several titles and awards in her career. Among these include the 2004 IWLCA and Inside Lacrosse Division III New England Coach of the Year, the Little East Conference Coach of the Year of 2002, 2003, and 2004. With a year's experience under the coaching of Coni Fichera, Lisa Nichols, a sophomore, says about her new coach, "she's extremely personable and really easy to communicate with. And although it is a brand new coach it's been an easy adjustment. I know myself and all the girls are looking forward to the spring season more than ever." Lindsey Cann, a member of the class of 2008, also adds that, "She (Lobel) is a good coach; I've already learned so much and it's only been two weeks of practice. She really knows what she's talking about."

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Sports

Upcoming Games

Men and Women's Cross Country
Saturday, October 2, Bryant Invitational, TBA
 Friday, October 8, @ New England Championship

Field Hockey
Saturday, October 2, Saint Michael's, 4:00PM
 Tuesday, October 5, @ Merrimack, 1:00 PM

Football
Saturday, October 2, C.W. Post
 Saturday, October 8, @ Stonehill, 1:30 PM

Men's Golf
 Sat.-Sun., October 2-3, @ E.C.A.C. Championship
 Fri.-Sat. October 8-9, @ Power Aide Invitational, Coshockton, Ohio

Men's Soccer
 Saturday, October 2, @ St. Anselm, 11:00AM
Tuesday October 5, Bentley, 3:00 PM
Saturday October 9, UMASS Lowell, 1:00PM

Women's Soccer
Sunday, October 3, Southern Connecticut, 1:00 PM
 Wednesday, October 6, Franklin Pierce, 3:30 PM

Volleyball
 Saturday, October 2, @ NYIT @ Brokeville, NY, 10:00AM
 Saturday, October 2, @ CW Post, 12:30 PM
Friday, October 8, PACE, 7:00 PM
Saturday, October 9, Southern Connecticut, 11:00 AM
 Tuesday October 12, @ UMASS Lowell, 7:00PM

Frosh Hoops Begin

By Jason Gilbert
 Staff Writer

Starting on Wednesday, September 29 marks the date for another year of Freshman Hoops. The basketball league is an association for all freshman men and women. This year there are 14 teams, and the teams are based on the floor and hall the players live in.

Participating in this league run by RA's Cathy Doane and Dan Raposo, is a great chance for all freshman to get to know their neighbors, not only on their floor but in the other freshman halls as well. These teams are coached by their Residence Assistants, and there is one captain per team. The main reason for this league is not to get these "young guns" ready for the upcoming intramural basketball league, but to bring community development throughout the freshman



Four Bryant University golfers finished among the top five places to lead the Bulldogs to their 19th Northeast-10 Conference Men's Golf Championship over the weekend at the NE-10 Championships at Le Moyne College. The Bulldogs combined for a two-day total of 597 strokes to win the title by 20 strokes over host Le Moyne College. Assumption College junior Jeff Furtado shot a one-over par 145 (72-73) to edge Bryant's Dan Falcucci (Northboro, Mass.) by two strokes (71-76-147) for the individual medalist honors at the Links at Sunset Ridge in Marcellus, N.Y.

Dan Falluci, Senior
 Northboro Mass.
 Jim O'Connell, Junier
 Troy N.Y.
 Brendan Smith, Junier
 Noth Attelboro Mass.
 Jeremy Hall, Junier
 North Attelboro Mass.
 Coach, Archie Boulet

Falcucci has been the runner-up at the conference championship three times. Dave Falcucci (Northboro, Mass.), Jim O'Connell (Troy, N.Y.) and Brenden Smith (North Attleboro, Mass.) finished in a tie for fifth with 151 strokes. Head coach Archie Boulet was named Northeast-10 Conference Coach of the Year for the 18th time. Also Jeremy Hall an junior (North Attelboro Mass.) who finished in 9th place over all was voted to be second team all conference for the NE-10 conference.



Pick of the Litter

Jessica Henson is not just any old (or new rather) freshman. This outside hitter has made contributions to her team. Having played volleyball almost all her life she views the sport as something that she has just always done. "I like it, its fun and intense," Henson explains.

Jessica has been a volleyball player for about eight years, beginning in junior high school when she was about 11 years old. Between her junior high school and college years Henson has made several accomplishments in volleyball. She was an All

Area Athlete, as well as the Defensive Player of the Year. At Bryant she was awarded freshman of the week three times. After being recruited by Brant, she packed everything up from her hometown in Bedford, Texas and flew all the way up to Bryant. "I miss the attention and security of my friends and family, Henson said, "I came here to get a different experience." Even though she is a long way from home, she has found her niche with this team. "I love playing

for Bryant. It's a great team," she said putting emphasis on the closeness of the team. Her teammates who refer to her as "Tex," often chant "Yee Haw" to pump her up during games. Henson's individual goals include staying positive and working as hard as she can as a player. In addition, some of the ways she does this is

by preping for games. "Before a game I pray and focus. It's when you relax and imagine yourself in the game, getting the points and making the plays correctly." When Henson is not on the court, she occupies her time working towards her psychology major and listening to all types of music, especially country. "I want to do a lot of things and I still have time to decide," she mentioned. However, right now she's

Jessica Henson
 Volleyball
 Outside Hitter
 # 8
 Freshman, Applied Psychology
 Born: May 6th, 1986
 Bedford, Texas



Photo by Chris Hamilton

The 2004 season will run about a month long, having all the teams play against one another. Game times will usually be at night from 7pm to 10pm, and each game is about an hour long. The rules are the same as any other basketball league, to find out specific rules check out the intramural website, and

search for basketball rules. After the regular season is over, the top eight teams will compete in a one loss elimination playoffs. The champions not only get t-shirts sporting the championship win and a subway party but they most importantly get bragging rights for the year.

Freshman hoops are a great way to get the freshman involved in extra-curricular activities, and to get a taste of how intramurals in the future will be like.

The schedules and standings will be consistently updated on the schools website under the intramural section, make sure you check the website on a regular basis due to changes in schedules and opponents. Freshman, put the books down for an hour, and get out of those rooms it is time to get out and meet your freshman class. Oh yeah don't forget to beat them either.

Top Dogs



Sacha Solomon
 Women's Tennis
 Single's
 Sophomore
 Bourne Mass.

Bryant University women's tennis sophomore Sacha Solomon captured the women's singles title at the ITA East Regional Championship held over the weekend at Shippensburg University. Solomon, the 2004 Northeast-10 Conference Freshman of the Year and Conference Player of the Year, won all five matches in becoming the first Bryant women's tennis player to capture the ITA East title. Solomon, seeded seventh at the tournament, defeated the top three seeds of the tournament en route to the championships. In the

quarterfinals, the sophomore defeated Bloomsburg University's Iida Hokkanen, the second seed of the tournament, in straight sets 6-2, 6-0. She would follow with a straight-set win over No. 3 seed Lina Pavilionyte of Shippensburg, 6-4, 7-5 to earn the right to play for the title. In the championship match, Solomon made quick work of top-seeded Yvonne Niederbracht of Indiana University (Pa.) 6-3, 6-2 in Monday's championship match. Niederbracht, is a senior from Germany and IUP's No. 1 player. With her victory, Solomon will next advance to the ITA National Championship in Florida Oct. 13-17, 2004.

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The Hangover: Watching Sports With Men



By Justin Williams
Staff Columnist

This week's topic: A few things rookie females should know before watching sports with men.

You've probably noticed that with the Red Sox and Yankees' pieces, the opinion section is looking a lot like the sports section. I was going to write a column questioning the importance of NATO in the post-Cold War world, but I like fitting in with the theme and all, so I figured I would write about a very timely sports topic at Bryant University. Here's why:

A great thing has happened at Bryant in the past few years. Yeah, the school has added some new majors and got a new library. More importantly though, the ratio of males to females of the school has become nearly level.

Some of the seniors here can remember the old days when the male-female ratio was roughly 50 to 1. This isn't meant to offend the upperclasswomen, it's just that almost all the women who were around had some boyfriend back home. You see, it was simply hard to find all the single ladies out there. You'd have a better chance of

finding Bill Gates at a K-Mart than you would finding a single lady at a party in the village.

But even though the addition of females is a great thing, there is a big sports problem, all of these women are going to want to hang out with the guys. And what do the guys usually do? Watch sports. This is a great sports time too.

See, us guys like watching sports with other guys. It's nothing personal, it's just that we do. When women are around, we can't do the same things, make the same jokes, or emit the same smells. Back in the day, when there were only like ten female students on Bryant's campus, the ten of them could sneak into a room of men watching sports, and no one would notice. Now with so many women, it can be a problem, so I suggest not watching sports with your man. But for a woman who still wants to watch sports with your man, or because you want to hang out with some of the guys, follow these rules and everything should be okay.

Rule #1. The color of the team's uniform is not an acceptable reason to give for liking a team. I remember back in my elementary school days, when most everyone I knew (guys and ladies) had the Charlotte Hornets starter jacket. The boys liked the Hornets because of Alonzo Mourning and Larry Johnson, the ladies liked the Hornets because of the feminine teal and purple color combination. We're all adults now, and you have to have a better reason for liking

the baseball team from Boston than that you too have red socks.

Rule #2. When you get up to do something ask, "can I get you anything." It makes us feel like the Kings we are... or were, or wish we were.

Rule #3. No PDAs. Public displays of affection are generally unnecessary in all parts of life, but if you're watching the game with your boyfriend and his boys, there is simply no place for the hugging, the scratching of his back, rubbing his shoulders, kissing, cuddling, playing with his hair, and touching his leg. In front of his friends, PDA makes a man more uncomfortable than thinking about the fact that Michael Jackson has children who actually share his genetic material.

Rule #4. Don't ever ask, is the game almost over yet? There's just no acceptable reason to ask this, ever.

Rule #5. Don't complain when we are on the phone. Often times during a game, men will call up other men to talk about the game, or to make fun of them because of the poor performance of their favorite team. When your man is on the phone, it isn't necessary to say: "I hate how you change your voice when you're on the phone with your friends." Just stop hating. It is the longest conversation two men will actually have on the phone anyways. Especially compared to women, who could spend the entire weekend visit-

ing their friend, drive back home, and talk to them for two more hours about things in their lives. It's a short phone call.

Rule #6. Don't complain about remote control changing. We men have an instinctive sense of how long commercial breaks last. Men simply want to be efficient with their television time. You've probably noticed by now that on Sundays, two channels are showing football games; you should also have noticed that men have to watch them both. Bryant has been great and offered men ESPN news so we can catch highlights of the players on their fantasy team when both Fox and CBS are showing commercials.

Rule #7. Just like men have a natural instinct with working the remote control, I know women have a natural instinct of needing to relax. If you could just wait until half-time to do so, that would be great.

Rule #8. Know your stuff. It's okay if you didn't learn the rules of every sport when you were a little kid. In fact, most men are happy to teach you the rules. The key is to get this learning done during the preseason, when the games are not as important. If you come to watch the Red Sox and Yankees play in what will probably be the American League Championship Series, and ask, "How's Nomar doing tonight," you might as well just walk out. If you don't know much about what's going on, try sticking to simple observations

like, "He's pitching the ball fast," or "that was a hard tackle."

Rule #9. Laugh at the jokes we make. Men are fairly easy. If you laugh at the jokes we make, we'll feel better about ourselves. If you're like me, you probably have fond memories of "The Magic Hour," you know, the show Magic Johnson hosted for about two weeks until they took it off the air. Now while I've stepped on funnier things than that show, Magic felt he was actually funny because the band leader was laughing hysterically. If you could do that for us, it'd be great.

Rule #10. Under no circumstances is it acceptable to say "I think Derek Jeter is cute." You're watching sports, not The Bachelor. And besides, I have heard some Red Sox fans think Derek Jeter is gay. (My editors want me to point out that Jeter probably isn't gay since he's dated Mariah Carey, Jessica Alba, Anna Koumnikova, a Miss Universe, and a former Miss Teen USA. I will leave the decision to Jeter himself.)

But all you Yankee fans, don't be offended. I'm just jealous; I'm an Orioles fan, and saying that has offended me for the last 8 years.

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Simon Says: Bonjour de Paris



By Toby Simon

Staff Columnist

My love affair with Paris began over thirty years ago when I spent my entire junior year in France. Since that time I've been lucky enough to visit often and several years ago we bought an apartment in Paris.

Ernest Hemingway wrote a beautiful book about Paris: *A Moveable Feast*. I read it before going to Paris that first time but didn't fully appreciate it until I lived here. No matter what neighborhood you explore your senses are bombarded by the sights, smells and sounds of Paris. From the delicious smell of fresh croissants and yummy chickens cooking on a spit to the sight of bright red tomatoes on the vegetable stands, Paris is truly a feast. Every "quartier" has tons of cafes where the conversation among the locals is lively and animated. Dogs are omnipresent and regulars of the chic-est restaurants in town. School children, with enormous backpacks, hustle along the streets chattering quickly while munching on a pain au chocolat.

It usually takes about a day to figure out the latest fashion trends in Paris. Yesterday my husband and I were strolling through one of our favorite neighborhoods to check out "the look". It's usually not that

different from the states, however the particular color of a given season is different. This fall it's a beautiful shade of green in the shop windows and on the streets.

But the biggest difference with the women and fashion here is their ability to accessorize. No matter what the

it off in ways that I'm convinced wouldn't work here. If you're curious about the latest perfume in Paris, take a ride on the metro and you'll smell it everywhere!

Another aspect of life on the streets of Paris that is truly appreciated by my husband is the abundance of lingerie shops. In the fancy neighborhoods there are at least two on every block leading one to wonder how many times a day French women change their underwear! But even in the poorer neighborhoods these shops are everywhere reinforcing the notion that undergarments are a big deal here.

There's an old song "How ya gonna keep 'em down on the farm, after they've seen Paris". Well I'm the first to admit it's not easy, but that is one of the most wonderful aspects of travel—you want to keep doing it, experiencing more and learning new things. And while travel allows you to appreciate what you may take for granted in your own country, it also encourages you to think about our values and culture in new ways.

I highly recommend it and strongly encourage any of you who are contemplating study abroad to go for it. You won't regret it.

A bientot!

Toby Simon
Director, Women's Center



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The Eiffel Tower in Paris.

socio-economic class, women in Paris have that certain "je ne sais quoi". They know how to throw on the right little scarf, add a touch of color, wear some fabulous earrings and carry a great looking handbag. And they pull

Opinion

Point-Counterpoint: Yankees vs. Red Sox

Why I don't like the Red Sox



New York: The Evil Empire

By Greg Hirshorn
Staff Writer

I have found myself, since I have entered college, to be a Yankee fan lost in the heart of Red Sox nation. It is easy to tell by all of the T-shirts and hats that Bryant University is predominantly in favor of the Red Sox. My view point in this article may not be a popular one but I still feel that it needs to be expressed. The Red Sox and the Yankees are the two most storied franchises and most popular teams in the sport of baseball, which naturally leads to a rivalry between the two teams. From the standpoint of a Yankee fan I look at the rivalry as a type of ironic situation seeing that the Red Sox have not won a championship since 1918 and the Yankees have been by far the most successful franchise in the history of the game. The events have been well documented; the trading of Babe Ruth to the Yankees by the Red Sox, Bucky Dent's home run, the ball going through Bill Buckner's legs, and last but not least the homerun hit by Aaron Boone to propel the Yankees into the 2003 world Series.

I can understand the viewpoint of a Red Sox fan being jealous towards the Yankees because they always seem to be so successful. The problem that I have with a large portion of Red Sox fans is that this jealousy that they have leads them to become harsh and nasty towards the near mention of the word Yankees. A perfect example of this is from this past Sunday when I attended the game at Fenway Park. On my way to the stadium I saw blocks full of anti Yankee apparel. At first I laughed at this finding some of the shirts so stupid that they were funny in a way. Then I thought to myself, why is all the merchandise here anti Yankee shirts instead of Red Sox jerseys or hats? Red Sox fans root against the Yankees just as much as they root for the Red Sox themselves. As a Yankee fan I can honestly say I would have no problem with both the Red Sox and Yankees having good years but I get the feeling from Sox fans that they are not quite satisfied unless the Yankees fair poorly and the Red Sox succeed. This is just bitter hatred on the part of some fans that is really not necessary. Can't everyone just root for their particular team to do well and not hope for the demise of the competing team?

Another pet peeve of mine has to do with Red Sox fans and complaints that the Yankees buy their wins. In baseball there is no salary cap and so teams have no limit in how much money you can spend on your player's contracts. Since this is the case it is illogical to say that the Yankees purchase their wins. George Steinbrenner is portrayed as a villain by many Red Sox faithfuls, in reality George is an extremely successful business man who understands in the concept of investing money into a business for the reason of creating future profit.

Another reason I do not like the Red Sox is because at times they appear to be a classless organization. Pedro Martinez has recently been quoted as, saying something along the lines of 'wake up Babe Ruth from the dead and I will beam him'. Babe Ruth is a baseball legend and there is no telling where the game would be if it were not for the contributions of 'The Babe'. Saying something like that shows disrespect for the game that you play and a poor overall attitude. Fans say that those who root for the Yankees are fair weather fans. What they do not understand is the fact that every organization goes through good and bad stretches and right now the Yankees happen to be going through a very good stretch. Even when the Yankees are not playing well I will still be as devout a fan of them as I am today.

Bitterness, classlessness and illegitimate hatred on the parts of the players and fans are the three main reasons why I do not like the Boston Red Sox.

By Bryan Sergeant
Staff Writer

In your sights you see the love of your life, the job of your dreams, or your one true fantasy. You rush after it with tears of joy filling your eyes. Then, as you take that last step into pure joy and absolute bliss, the Yankees take it all away from you. We, as members of Red Sox Nation, have every right to hate the New York Yankees.

Does it get any worse than having your biggest rival take away all you ever wanted? Unfortunately, it does. To the Red Sox, a World Series victory would be like finding the Holy Grail. Since 1918, the Red Sox have been obsessed with it, and even more in present day. We search year after year, decade after decade, and still nothing. Meanwhile, the Yankees just rack up championship after championship and act as if it is just another game.

Which one of Derek Jeter's championship rings is most special to him? Probably the one he can sell on eBay for the most money.

Did someone say money? The payroll of the Yankees is larger than the GDP of some small countries! Thank you, George Steinbrenner for single handedly ruining baseball with your insane payroll. It is because of you, that small market teams such as Minnesota, Tampa Bay, and the Detroit Tigers cannot compete. No money means no wins, and no wins means no money. For that reason, historic parks like Candlestick Park in San Francisco have been torn down and turned into a larger SBC Ballpark. What is next? Welcome to friendly Taco Bell/Wal-Mart Fenway Park? Maybe the Red Sox fans should not be the only ones who hate the Yankees.

A Red Sox fan's hatred might be justified, but shouldn't we just enjoy cheering our own team? Heck no! We want revenge! True this sounds childish, but after dealing with Babe Ruth going to the Yanks, the 2003 ALCS disaster, and of course Mr. Bucky F. Dent, we need some retribution. Put it this way: Guys, if some other gentleman come along and steals the girl you have always been in love with, do you really want them to live happily ever after while you get nothing? Or ladies, if you just bought a new dress for a dance and your worst enemy has the same one on and she looks much better than you, are you just going to be happy that she looks beautiful while you pale in comparison? Of course not! You want to see punch spilled all over that stupid dress. You want to see that guy get slapped in the face by your girl and be left alone forever. You want to see them fail while you strut around in your fine dress or with your gorgeous new girlfriend. So what if that is selfish and mean? It has been a long, difficult 85 years.

With the postseason now upon both teams, they will make their preparations. The Yankees are probably putting some champagne on ice while the Red Sox clear beds in the psyche ward of Mass General Hospital. This year has a different feel to it, though. I think this is the season we all stop waiting for next year. Next year is here, and as a proud member of the Red Sox Nation I want to let the Yankee faithful know we are coming to take the crown.

The Sox, behind Manny, Pedro, Papi, and Shilling are going to finally defeat the evil empire, and when the Sox finally win that elusive championship the party will never stop. This one World Series win, whenever it may be, will be far greater than all 26 Yankee championships combined! After that maybe the Sox will be the most hated team in the league, and I am perfectly fine with that. Go Sox!



STUDENTS SPEAK OUT

Question of the Week: Who are you planning on voting for in the coming Presidential election and why?

Compiled By Steve Proulx and Chris Hamilton



"I am voting Kerry because I don't think Bush should have a second term, and Nader does not stand a chance."
Pete Connors '08

"I am voting for Bush because Kerry wouldn't accomplish anything with finishing the war in Iraq."

Shelly Sobol '08



"I am voting for Bush because I am Republican and I am voting for the party."

Dan Salcito '08

"I've done research but I am not really happy with either candidate at the time, but I still plan on voting."

Stefanie Mello '05



"I am undecided at the present time."

Joe Truncali '06

"I am voting for John Kerry because I dislike Bush greatly and disagree with his policies."

Kristina Antal '06



Augusten Burroughs comes to Bryant

By Justin Setter
Business Manager

September 29 marked a busy day for author Augusten Burroughs during his stop at Bryant. Burroughs, the author of the acclaimed *Running with Scissors* and *Dry*, started his day with a question and answer session in MRC 4 for a group of one hundred students, faculty, and staff.

This session provided a great opportunity for Burroughs to answer questions that ranged from his creative process as a writer to his battle with alcohol and the transition from alcoholic to writer.

After the Q&A session a small group of guests accompanied Burroughs for an informal dinner. The dinner was reported to be a good time with Burroughs sharing stories and answering small questions about past characters from his books.

The main event, a lecture form Burroughs took place

at 8pm in Janikies auditorium. Tickets for this lecture had been sold out for a while as Janikies filled to capacity.

Baring some technical difficulties with microphones (Burroughs took this in stride as he was able to joke about the various microphones he was being handed) the



event went over extremely well.

A reading from the soon to be released *Magical Thinking* opened up talk as Burroughs proceeded to discuss his chaotic life, success as a writer, and life without alcohol.

One of his most compelling messages dealt appropriately with the absence of alcohol. Sobriety, while obnoxious at first, provided Burroughs with the time and outlet he needed to pursue his desire to be a writer.

Burroughs made it clear that while cliché, pursuing your dreams will reward you. Doing what you love passes time rather quickly as opposed to filling your time in a numb, drunken state.

This was a rather interesting thought for college students to consider as we spend our time at school partying and preparing ourselves for the future.

Further bits of wisdom will be imparted by Burroughs through his upcoming books.

Magical Thinking will be released October 5 with two additional works soon to follow.



Jet Li is a Hero for historical China

By Samuel Tabatabai
Assistant Variety Editor

Do not dismiss this film as a *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* remake; it is actually quite a different feature. With a twenty million dollar budget, Zhang Yimou's *Hero* is the most expensive and highest grossing film in Chinese history.

Actually released in 2002, *Hero* was Oscar nominated for Best Foreign Film.

However, Miramax acquisitioned the film and merely sat on it for two years. There is extensive production design, numerous extras, enhanced CGI and some amazing choreographed swordplay. The interpretation of the unification of China is a must see film for 2004.

character is referred to as Nameless, an unknown governmental Prefect called to the king's court for vanquishing the king's three most feared enemies, Long Sky (Donnie Yen in *Shanghai Knights*) Broken Sword (Tony Leung of *Internal Affairs*), and Flying Snow (Maggie Cheung from *In the Mood for Love*). When Nameless arrives to be praised and rewarded, the king honors him by breaking security regulations and allowing him within 10 yards of the king. A 100 yard security precaution prevents individuals from being in the king's presence since the failed assassination attempt by Broken Sword and Flying Snow.

While in the King's audience Nameless illustrates for the king how each of his ene-



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Jet Li as Nameless challenging an assassin

Historically based around 230 and 221 BC, this mystery is told in recollections and interpretations of passed events conveyed through stories. Because of the distorting nature of storytelling the fighting becomes supernatural with the effects of wires and trick photography. Even though the action seems fictional and unrealistic the film portrays a powerful and true historical event.

The king of Qin was a ruthless warlord who for the first time in history united China by conquering six more kingdoms. The king also unified the culture of china by introducing the standardization of the written language, currency, and weights/measures. However, during his time he also had many enemies who did not appreciate his rule. He feared three assassins in particular, who have failed at assassination attempts.

Starring Jet Li, his

mies were brought to justice. However, The King believes Nameless is fabricating the events and questions his true motives. Between the two, four complete acts are depicted through the storytelling, two from Nameless' point of view and two from the king. The King and Nameless each give narratives with their own interpretation of what truly occurred as the two try to throw each other off guard.

Yimou presents each scene with its own color scheme, beginning with red, then blue, to green, next white and eventually black symbolizing various themes each fabrication is portraying. The profound focus of movement and color illustrates the scenes beautifully. This recreation of historical dialogue is by far one of the most astonishing, extravagant and attractive martial arts movies ever made.

Horoscopes

Aries (March 21-April 19) Money's the root of all evil, they say, but that doesn't have to be. It can also cause all sorts of wonderful things to happen. The choice is yours. Think long term.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Choose your battles carefully; you don't want to waste your time arguing with somebody who's actually got a pretty good idea. Think it over again.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Just when you'd rather race off and have fun, obligation rears its ugly head. You'd better hurry and do what you promised even if you're not sure you can. You'll get points for showing up.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Stick to the course you've already set, the plan you've already made. There's something about it that you don't like, but you'll find a way around that.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Negotiations may prove fruitful but probably not today. You're more likely to hear everybody's objections to your suggestions. Take notes, and put in corrections.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Travel looks relatively good for today and tomorrow, but you'll have to deal with a couple of little annoyances. Don't forget your toothbrush or your vehicle maintenance checklist.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) What'll it be: love or money? You shouldn't have to choose. The best option, of course, is to have both. Keep that in mind as you negotiate.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You have a lot on your mind and maybe too much on your plate. Ask a practical partner to help before you request an extension. There's a chance you might not need it.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may be able to concentrate a little bit better today. It's a good idea for you to try, anyway, so you can afford to go play.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Achieving success requires more than hard work, as you might know. It also requires somebody to love and to share the success with you. Don't overlook that part.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You've got your feet planted firmly on the ground, so you're unlikely to fall for a silly romantic suggestion. But do consider it.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) The more you think about it, the more you might realize you've been doing things the hard way. It's difficult to change your habits even if they're not serving you well, but give it some consideration. It might be a good idea.

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WHATEVER. YOU'RE A CHEESE. OH YEAH, I WENT THERE, NOW LETS GET DOWN TO BUSINESS BEFORE I REALLY GET VIOLENT.

November 2: Please don't forget that date!

By Christian Collard
Variety Editor

I don't have the time to. I don't know where to register. I've registered, but I don't know where to go for the polls. My vote doesn't count anyway. None of the previous statements are acceptable come this November. There is absolutely no excuse not to vote. As Americans, it is our duty to participate in the very democracy this nation was founded on. With the election less than a month away, if you do plan on registering to vote, you had better get going before it is too late. Rhode Island's deadline is Saturday October 2, Massachusetts' deadline is October 13, and others are fast approaching as well (note: absentee ballots are also an option).

A fire was lit under the seat of many after the "hanging chad" controversy of the Bush/Gore election of 2000. Many were unhappy with the results of such a close election, but many of those unsatisfied individuals did not take it upon themselves to voice their choice in November. The problems with our nation's lack of poll participation had reached an all-time high, and that was not about to sit well with the people. Many have chosen to become active rather than remain passive to ensure that what happened in 2000 does not happen again.

The Bryant community

has even gotten involved in several election-related activities, including Rock the Vote in the Unistrukture and the "Presidential Debate Debate," which took place in the Bello Center last night as part of this year's Communication Department "Distinguished Speakers Series." Dr. Sidney Kraus, the country's foremost



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authority on presidential debates and author of the classic *The Great Debates*, discussed the debates, their history, and how to watch them. Immediately following the talk, the debate on foreign policy was shown on the Jumbotron screen.

Registering to vote for the election on November 2 was almost too easy. You'd have to have been going out of your way to avoid the efforts of dozens of both sanctioned and grassroots voter registration campaigns. It

seems like everywhere you turn, someone is urging you to vote, whether it is in the form of a radio/television PSA, an internet banner, or even in person at a public place.

If you're a fan of music and television (and what college student isn't?), you more than likely have encountered a voter registration campaign PSA or two in the past several months.

MTV, VH1, and Clear Channel Entertainment have been very vocal in providing airtime and funding for such campaigns as Rock the Vote, Citizen Change, Choose or Lose, Vote for Change, and America Coming Together.

HeadCount, Music for America, and several other campaigns are focused around registering fans of live music by setting up tables and/or walking around with clipboards getting people to fill out voter registration forms and sending them in for free, eliminating the possibility of human error (a.k.a. being too lazy to put it in the mail yourself). You may have encountered these troops at such events as Dave Matthews, the Dead, Phish, 311, the Allman Brothers, Santana, Wilco, etc. The Dead's Bob Weir spoke about HeadCount and voter registration during every concert on the first leg of the Dead's national summer tour. It marked the first time in 35 years that Weir, a member of HeadCount's board of directors, has regularly talked about any issue on stage.

"I think I can speak for the entire band in saying that this is the most important election that has occurred in our lifetime," said Weir recently. "If you ever want to participate in a real election again, I think you better vote in this one. If every Deadhead in Florida voted in the last presidential election, it would be a very different world today."



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HeadCount is a group of nearly 1,500 volunteers, 25 bands and dozens of band managers, promoters and benefactors who have rallied around the cause of voter participation. They have no paid employees and operate entirely as a grassroots network, with no central office. To date, they've registered close to 50,000 voters. No group of their size or funding level has done what they've done. With less than 150,000 dollars of funding, they've regis-

tered nearly 5 times as many voters as Music for America, who had two million dollars in funds.

Now that you're registered to vote (hopefully), you need to decide exactly who you're going to vote for. Don't just pick a name because it's listed on the ballot. Be an educated voter. If you're undecided about who to vote for, there are plenty of non-partisan resources out there so you can check facts and formulate your decision. The most widely used and acclaimed resource, Project Vote Smart (<http://www.vote-smart.org>), provides a comprehensive database about thousands of candidates and elected officials for President, Congress, Governors, and State Legislators. Less detailed information is available at the county and local level for each state. Project Vote Smart covers these candidates and elected officials in five basic categories: background and contact information, issue positions, voting record, campaign finances, and interest group ratings from over 100 groups across the ideological spectrum.

Recognizing the void in American civic culture and the need to create a new organization, 40 national leaders, including former Presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter, formed Project Vote Smart back in 1992. While you're at the website, make sure to download a copy of the 2004 Voter's Self-Defense Manual (available in PDF format).

If that's still not enough information for you to make your decision on, visit the online version of the Annenberg Political Fact Check (<http://www.factcheck.org>). They describe themselves as a "nonpartisan, nonprofit, 'consumer advocate' for voters that aims to reduce the level of deception and confusion in U.S. politics." They monitor the factual accuracy of what is said by major U.S. political players in the form of TV ads, debates, speeches, interviews, and news releases.

If you have no way of getting home to vote because you're here at school, you can still file an absentee ballot. Visit your home state's website and follow the links to information about absentee ballots, as rules and deadlines vary from state to state.

If you've read this entire article and you're still not convinced you should register to vote, you could've already done so ten times over. It's simple, quick, and the American way. Don't let someone choose your leader for you. Be active and vote on November 2. And remember, registering is only half the battle. Make sure to double check poll locations and deadlines so you can actually cast your vote and let your choice shape the future of our nation.

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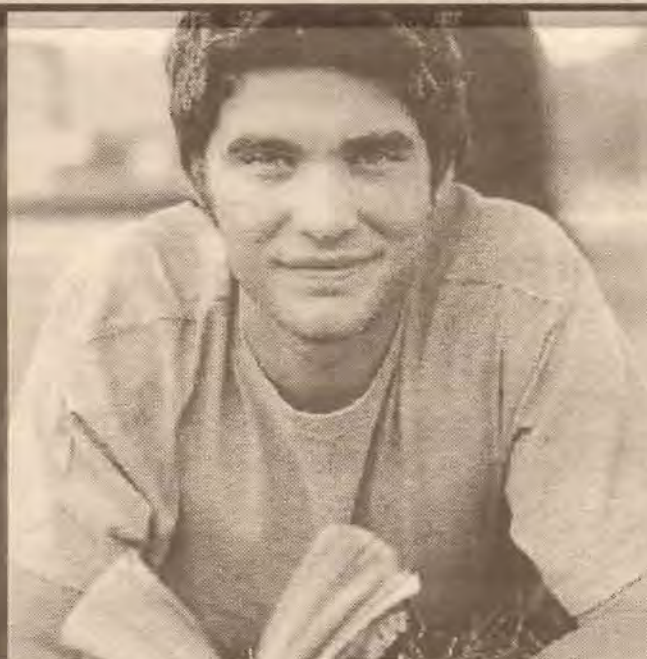
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