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A night of community support

After 18 hours at the track, the Bryant community reached the goals of this year's Relay for Life event on Friday April 20.

By Kari Snow

and

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Staff Writers

On Friday, April 20, Bryant held its 5th annual Relay for Life. Relay for life is an 18- 24 hour event to raise money and awareness for cancer research. In 2007, more than 200 Relays will be held in the New England area. Teams, comprised of 10 or more members, are supposed to have one member walking on the track at all times. Relay for life is a time to celebrate life and remember those whose lives have been lost due to cancer.

The event took place at the track from 4:00 pm on Friday until 10:00 am on Saturday. 2007 was a record year for Bryant's Relay for Life fundraising event, with 50 registered teams and more than \$26,000 raised online alone. The dedicated committee put lots of time and hard work into planning this year's event. They organized the field, ceremonies, and all the activities in order to create a fun and wel-



Joe Domaney

In the Relay for Life tradition, last Friday's event began with the Survivor Lap to honor survivors and celebrate the lives of those diagnosed with cancer.

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Changes are upon us: New residence hall, Salmo expansion, and chapel

By Lauren Cimino

Editor-in-Chief

As the tallest construction project, both on campus and in the town of Smithfield, comes to a close this summer, don't expect to miss the sounds of trucks arriving early in the morning, jackhammers to wake you up, and the constant hum of generators buzzing in the afternoon.

The new residence hall, currently nameless, is on schedule to finish construction in July and be ready to open in September for the 187 residents anticipating move-in day. The five story building includes a large common area on the main floor along with a reservable meeting room, Resident Director apartment, and a food service provider to replace The Junction.

Ronzios has been selected to manage the hall's

food service, a cafe, which will have a similar menu and hours comparable to that of Junction. Also like Junction, it won't accept dining dollars or points as payment for purchases. Ronzios has managed similar operations at other school and has received positive responses.

The lobby of the building is divided between the common and residential areas; only residents of the building will have access to the living area. Ample seating for the cafe will be inside and outside on the south side of the building.

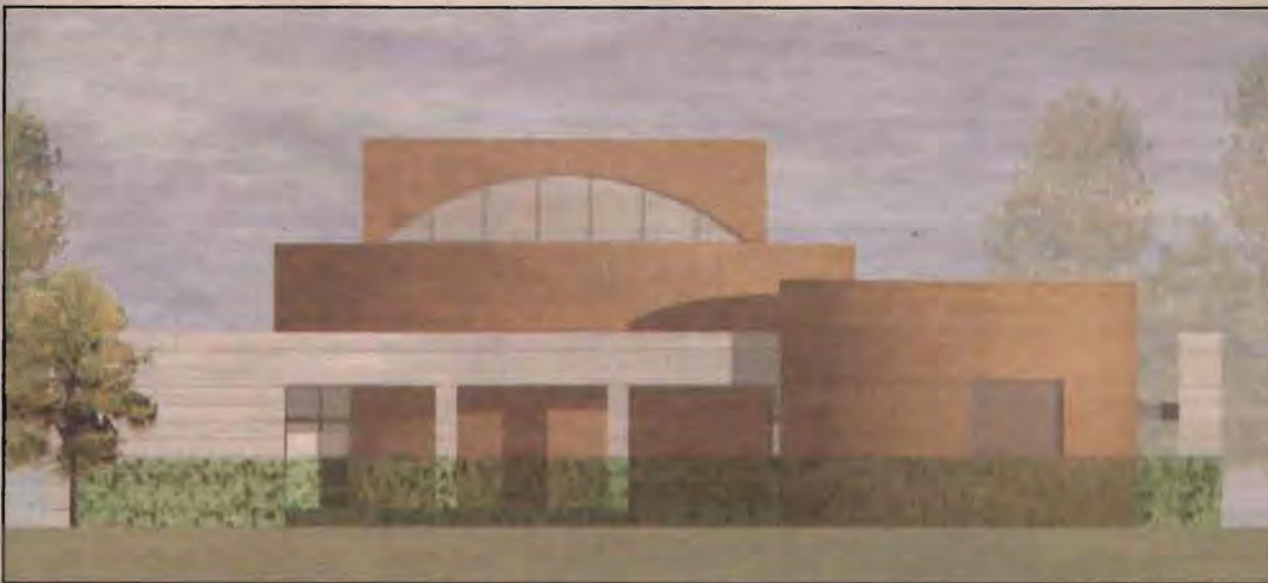
Each floor has a study and social lounge and access to an elevator, three stairwells, and trash chute. The suites have larger bedrooms with furniture similar to that in the renovated suites; the room size allows the possibility of turning them into triples in the future. The bathrooms include two showers, two toilets, and two sinks.

The rest of the suite village, Halls 10-13, will be renovated over the summer as well with furniture and lighting similar to the other renovated suites. These halls will also be upgraded with an extensive sprinkler system.

Within the village, the basketball and volleyball courts will be rebuilt. The basketball court will sit outside of Hall 11 between the paths leading from Halls 14 and 15. The volleyball court will sit in between the residence halls, but closest to Halls 3 and 4. Both courts will have a shield of shrubs to decrease noise and no lights so as to not disrupt residents living in the area.

The anticipated Salmanson addition will start immediately following commencement ceremonies in May and is expected to be completed by the end of October. It will go on the west side of the Unistruc-

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Courtesy of Brian Britton

Pictured above is a possible design for the chapel project currently set to break ground by summer 2008.

Campus construction update

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ture (parallel to the salad bar area) to double the serving area and add 150 seats. The number of seats was based on the expected enrollment through 2015.

This addition, designed by CBT Architects out of Boston, will have vertical walls, compared to the angled style of the Unistructure, and a fixed ceiling half the height of Salmanson.

Along with the expansion, the dishroom will be redesigned by September to reduce the current bottleneck during busy dining periods.

Once school begins, the addition will be closed off to the public to continue construction and ensure that until its completion, Salmanson will have the same amount of space.

Currently, the project is estimated to cost under \$5 million. If further expansions are necessary, they are possible along the south wall that faces Koffler.

Also in the Unistructure, the glass wall along Faculty Suites B and C will be replaced. Each glass wall costs \$450,000 and will fix the leaking gasket seams. These suites will be renovated as well to be examples of further faculty suite renovations. The renovation will include more meeting and conference rooms and allows professors to personalize their offices further.

A plan for part of the old library space has also been decided on. This summer, 16 faculty offices, two conference rooms, and office space for the Student Ambassadors will be built. This renovation leaves room for finishing the space with 12-14 study rooms.

Other renovations in the Unistructure include upgrading the science labs to increase space and renovating MRC Lecture Hall. The hall will hold 40-50 students and will still have tiered seating.

In order to continue upgrading the Unistructure, the university must bring the building up to current



Courtesy of Brian Britton

The Salmanson expansion, pictured above, will double the serving area and add 150 seats.

firecode regulations. This upgrade substantially increases the cost of the renovations in excess of \$10 million with additional costs of \$2 million to install water pumps and pipes. Because of the high cost, the school is petitioning the state to ask for ten years to comply to the fire codes by upgrading 30,000 square feet per year.

The final project in the works is the controversial chapel. Currently, the design and cost has not been finalized, nor has a timeline for its completion been established, but it is planned to begin by summer 2008. The chapel is expected to replace part of the

BLC and Admissions parking lots and will fit in alongside the Bryant Center without blocking the initial view of campus. The chapel will include ample seating and rooms for various spiritual traditions.

All of the construction projects in the works are part of a \$100 million expansion through fundraised capital, loans received at low interest rates on the bond market, and retained earnings through depreciation being reinvested into the projects.

Relay for Life

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coming atmosphere for the event. The weather also added to a great evening for walking and running on the track, as well as transforming the field into a variety of sports games and activities.

The event started off with the Survivor Lap where our four honorary survivors held the Relay flag and completed one full lap, with the rest of the supporters and volunteers in tow. At 9pm, there was a lap in silence after an inspirational presentation of Luminaries. President Machtley, Katie Machtley and Dr. and Mrs. Eakin came out to give their support to the crowd and to participate in the ceremonies. Keri Sawyer, a member of the class of 2008, gave a tribute to her brother Chris Sawyer, who passed away from cancer this past fall. His inspirational story gave spirit to the crowd as they proceeded in a lap of silence.

The Relay committee provided food, a BBQ dinner, midnight pizza and Dunkin Donuts! While there was food provided, many of the teams brought their own grills and had their own cookouts throughout the evening.

There were several live bands to keep everyone entertained all night long. The bands and performers were Bryant students and included: Mandie Dunn & Band, Jay Hurtubise, Neil Parrott, and Sam James. Bryant's very own acappella group, The Bottom Line, also paid a visit to

sing a few songs for all the participants. WJMF supplied a variety of music throughout the evening for all the participants to listen to as they walked along the track.

There were a number of outside activities throughout the night to provide entertainment and morale. The Bingo at 2:00 am with numerous prizes and plenty of coffee helped keep participants awake and readied them for more walking. Another crowd favorite was the limbo contest hosted by WJMF. This event sparked a lot of attention and got the crowd involved.

The Relay committee also held an activity tent to motivate people and give an entertaining break in between shifts of walking. Activities ranged from making cards for people currently suffering from cancer, to a machine that showed damaged areas of skin on your face. Participants were utilizing the activity tent to create sand art structures, play board games, or even participate in a round of guitar hero. The tent was also heated and a great way to escape from the chilly night for a few minutes while still showing your support.

Overall, this year's Relay for Life was a huge success and collectively, the Bryant community managed to achieve all of the monetary and attendance goals the committee had set. The Bryant University Relay web page will remain open until August 31, 2007 so anyone still interested in donating can contribute until that date.

Farewell to a memorable professor

By Brigit Clancy
Assistant Variety Editor

Professor Nancy Biersteker, a lecturer of Economics, has announced her impending departure from Bryant University. After three years of teaching here at Bryant, Professor Biersteker will be leaving at the end of this semester. She plans to travel to Geneva, Switzerland where her husband has been offered a chaired Professorship. Professor Biersteker said, "Two-thirds of the United Nations, and many affiliated non-governmental organizations (NGOs), are located there, so I look forward to continuing work in the international realm."

After graduate school (Princeton), Professor Biersteker taught for four years at Cornell University. She then returned to corporate training about eight years ago, and later taught MBA classes starting in 2001. Professor Biersteker joined the Bryant community in the Summer Session of 2004, teaching the MBA program.

During her teaching career here at Bryant, Professor Biersteker recollects two memorable moments, both of which involve her students. "At the end of one year," said Professor Biersteker, "I was looking down at my notes when a student spontaneously said 'thank you for a good semester,' followed by another student who said 'thank you for a good year.' I was very touched, pleased that the experience we had in class was positive for these students." Recalling the second memory, Professor Biersteker said, "I also will remember the energetic, problem-solving creativity that students in the last several years have used in two 'real world' policy simulations, especially one that creates several global economic crises at once. This simulation calls for the students in their role as advisors to the White House, Congress or the opposition party, as well as the Fed, WTO, USITA, IMF, the Chinese government, corporate CEOs and lobbyists, to respond to massive problems. They incorporate their cumulative learning in Microeconomics and Macroeconomics to formulate cogent policy responses."

Professor Biersteker said that she will miss teaching at Bryant, as well as its com-

munity atmosphere, very much after her departure. Professor Biersteker commented, "Bryant is an unusually caring, inclusive and democratic organization. From waving hello to Facilities Management staff during our morning coffee breaks, to the commitment and accessibility of Senior Academic Administrators, to the on-going intellectual stimulation and support from everyone at the Chafee Center for International Business, to the great encouragement from the Economics Department chair, Professor Sam Mirmirani, and many others, especially students, I have a strong sense and memory of proceeding through the day, week and semester surrounded by friendly colleagues, or collegial friends."

Professor Biersteker plans to continue teaching after her departure from Bryant. "I would very much like to continue teaching, since it has been so important for me for years. I would use my vacation days to work in my son's classroom, years ago," said Professor Biersteker. "A number of universities, especially an increasing number that are looking for classes taught in English, are located in Geneva and nearby France. I do plan to improve my French, so perhaps I could teach a bit in French as well."

Students have voiced their fond and respectful farewells to Professor Biersteker. Heather Vogel, a student of Professor Biersteker and a member of the freshmen class, said, "I think she's an amazing teacher. She is always available to help her students." Kelly Donahue, also a student of Professor Biersteker and a member of the sophomore class, said, "I will definitely miss Professor Biersteker when she leaves at the end of the semester, I don't know how I would have gotten through my economics classes without her as my professor. I wish her well, and know that she will be greatly missed here at Bryant."

Professor Biersteker we thank you for your commitment to your students, and wish you success and happiness in your world travels.

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Hillel honors the past

By Greg Hirshorn
Variety Editor

This past Wednesday April 18th the Holocaust Memorial Day ceremony took place in papito. The ceremony touched people in attendance for the special event. Speaker David Brandt told his highly emotional story about how he got through the holocaust.

Before the event began there was a moving presentation on display which showed pictures of death camps from the holocaust. This presentation put the enormity of the event in perspective due to all of the moving and sometimes even gruesome images displayed.

The event began with speakers from the Hillel e-board giving short speeches to introduce the event about to take place. A short video clip was shown with video footage of survivors telling their stories and some of the traumatic experiences that they had to endure during the holocaust.

Rev Dev came up to the podium and had some very beautiful and touching words to say that everyone appreciated. The presentation he gave included slides from his trip to the death camps in Europe and the memories that he has from there. Rabbi Goodman then came to speak and he added his perspective on the holocaust and introduced the speaker by giving him some

of his background information.

The story that Mr. Brandt told was one of tragedy and powerful images involved in the holocaust. Brandt left Germany just before the Nazi party went into their full fledged evacuation of the Jewish people. Brandt had a strong German identity and felt that the Nazis would not bother him based on his allegiance to the German nation. On his train ride out of Germany towards China Brandt witnessed cattle cars full of Jews among others on their way to the death camps that lay ahead.

From China Brandt eventually obtained a passport to the United States. His journey was one of courage that required him to flee his country before tragedy struck. The story he told was a reminder of how terrible an event this actually was. His speech ended when he took several questions from people in attendance and he displayed several artifacts that added further authenticity to what he was saying.

Holocaust Memorial Day ended with school officials lighting eleven memorial candles, representing the eleven million lives lost in the holocaust. An extra twelfth candle was light for the victims of the tragedy that took place at Virginia Tech. As a whole the fourth annual Holocaust Memorial Day was a touching one and a tradition which will be continued into the future.

What can you do to end the silence?

By Kim Cole
Staff Writer

"Please understand my reasons for not speaking today. I support lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender rights. People who are silent today believe that laws and attitudes should be inclusive of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. GLSEN's Day of Silence is to draw attention to those who have been silenced by hatred, oppression, and prejudice. Think about the voices you are not hearing. *What can you do to end the silence?*"

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This is the pledge that several Bryant students took this past Wednesday. The annual Day of Silence event was sponsored by Bryant Pride, an organization that encourages tolerance and acceptance of diversity. The day included sale of t-shirts for those taking the vow of silence, informational pamphlets regarding GLBTQ (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning) issues, and speakers at the top of each hour.

The national event was founded in 1996 at the University of Virginia, and according to the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network's website, it has become the largest single student-led action towards creating "safer schools for all, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression." The event has spread since its initiation to over 2,000 middle schools, high schools, colleges and universities across the country.

Bryant's participation in the Day of Silence is indicative of the progressive and tolerant nature of its student body. Some schools however have experienced anti-homosexual protests against the program and this year New Castle Chrysler High School in Indiana was even forced to shut down as a result of

a bomb threat triggered by the school's participation.

Bryant's event concluded successfully at 3pm with a "Breaking the Silence" ceremony. About 30 Bryant students, faculty, staff, and special guests from outside our school community joined together to celebrate the end of the silence. Two guest speakers included a representative from Youth Pride, Inc. and an active political advocate for gay marriage rights in the state of Rhode Island. Professor Judy McDonnell gave a brief history of the Bryant Pride club, detailing its beginnings as a secret club that could not publicize its meeting times for fear of violent reaction and simply referred to itself as "The Group."

Sam Schultz, President of Bryant Pride for the '07-'08 school year, gave a compelling speech about the purpose of the Day of Silence. He reminded the audience that "sexual identity and sexual behavior are independent of each other. Let it be known that homosexuality is not about two consenting adults 'getting it on'; it is about love... we aren't just fighting to fight; we're fighting for respect and for our basic human right to love." By Bryant Pride, an organization that encourages tolerance and acceptance of diversity. The day included sale of t-shirts for those taking the vow of silence, informational pamphlets regarding GLBTQ (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning) issues, and speakers each hour.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

EMT CALL EMT Call / Medical Services Rendered
APR 14 2007-Saturday at 00:50
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A report of a person bleeding. EMS was activated.

VANDALISM Vandalism
APR 14 2007-Saturday at 02:12
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: A report of a broken window.

EMT CALL EMT Call / Medical Services Rendered
APR 14 2007-Saturday at 00:45
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A reported intoxicated male. EMS was activated.

VANDALISM (SCHOOL) Vandalism (School Building)
APR 14 2007-Saturday at 22:30
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A reported broken window.

VANDALISM (SCHOOL) Vandalism (School Building)
APR 15 2007-Sunday at 23:55
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A reported broken window.

DRUG ACTIVITY Drug Activity
APR 14 2007-Saturday at 22:55
Location: ENTRY CONTROL STATION
Summary: A vehicle was stopped at the ECS for possible drug violations. Two students arrested by Smithfield Police and the vehicle towed.

VANDALISM (SCHOOL) Vandalism (School Building)
APR 15 2007-Sunday at 23:55
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A reported broken window.

ACCIDENT (MVA) Motor Vehicle Accident
APR 15 2007-Sunday at 03:30
Location: TOWNHOUSE ROADWAY
Summary: A vehicle struck the granite stop sign at the intersection of Townhouse Road

and Jacobs Drive
LARCENY-THEFT From Buildings
APR 15 2007-Sunday at 14:39
07-04-15-06002
Location: RESIDENCE HALL 8 70210
Summary: X-Box 360 stolen from a common area.

MOTOR VEHICLE (DWI) Driving While Intoxicated
APR 15 2007-Sunday at 21:53
Location: ENTRY CONTROL STATION
Summary: A vehicle was seen driving erratically. The vehicle was stopped at the ECS and the driver arrested for DWI and drug possession.

BIAS INCIDENTS None reported

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Organization Spotlight: Bryant Pride

Full name: Bryant Pride

Eboard:
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Vice President - Anthony Sorbera
Treasurer - Jenna Coates
Secretary - Lynn Bartomeo

Meeting times: Tuesdays at 6pm, 3rd floor Bryant Center
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Main purpose: to educate the Bryant community on issues facing the Gay Lesbian Bisexual and Transgender individuals

Events: We typically have two main events - National Coming Out Day in

the fall, and day of silence in the spring, but we have really great meetings where we have informal discussions on relevant topics

Members: We have about 6 or 7 active members, about 20 or so members on our mailing list, but lots of support from faculty and staff.

Upcoming events: We just had our annual day of silence, and we are also going to attend the gay marriage rally in Providence soon.

Contact: pride@bryant.edu, or our advisor jmcdonnell@bryant.edu, or myself sschultz@bryant.edu for more info

E.C.O. cleans-up on Earth Day

This past Saturday, the Bryant Outdoor Adventure Club (BOAC) and the Environmental Conservation Organization (ECO) helped celebrate Earth Day. Five members traveled to Neutasconkanut Park, located in Providence, Rhode Island.

From ten o'clock in the morning until about three o'clock in the afternoon, the group worked with other area volunteers to maintain the park's sustainability. About fifteen log steps and four water bars were placed on the trail. The steps and the water bars serve to prevent erosion of the hiking trails and keep them accessible for all to enjoy.

The group also helped to put up a

fence blocking off certain areas of the trail. After a lot of hard work in the morning and a quick tour of the park, the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) treated the volunteers to a barbecue lunch. After a short break, the volunteers were back at work, finishing up many of the projects that were begun in the morning. The event was a great success; thank you so much to all who participated! If you would like to become involved in future events with either club, please contact BOAC at BryantBoac@gmail.com or ECO at BryantECO@gmail.com.

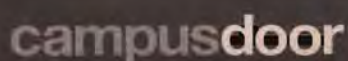
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Intern Spotlight: Chad Valenti

Concentration: Management
Minor: Communication
Internship Site: Rochester Red Wings, Rochester, NY
Location: Summer 2006

What did you find most rewarding about your internship?
The friends that I made and the connections that I made. I met so many great people - both my age and the full-time staff. They're completely willing to help me get a job and do anything for me when I graduate. Gaining the experience to put on my resume especially with the Red Wings who are so professional.



What did you learn about the profession?
That it's very people related - you're constantly around people, whether selling tickets or talking to fans and businesses. You need to have good people skills, patience and an open mind because you're dealing with such a broad range of people. If you think something is what you want to do get the experience with an internship - it helps your resume and gives you an idea of whether it's something you want to do. Now I know what the lifestyle is like and I can decide if I want to do that.

What did you learn about yourself?

During sales calls I became close to giving up because I'd get so frustrated. I learned to handle things professionally though, to do what I needed to do. I learned I can be personable. Selling is always something you can work on.

What were your major responsibilities?
Average Day: Group sales, cold calls to companies to sell group packages to fill suites or picnic areas for the summer games. Emphasis was Sell, Sell, Sell! I would be making 50-70 calls a day introducing the Red Wings and selling. At Game time: took care of on field promotions, keeping sponsors happy, address any problems the fans had. Occasionally helped at some concerts, and meeting and bringing players to hotels.

Did you receive compensation for your Academic internship?
No but received credit. We were able to make a little money on commission but competition among interns was very high for this.

Who was your faculty supervisor and what were your academic requirements?
Dr. Barry Bayon, Management
Write a final paper on the experience, receive graded evaluations from my Red Wings supervisor and regular emails about how my summer was going.

What did you find most challenging about your internship?
Adjusting to the hours you have to work to be successful in the industry. We'd work 9am - midnight or 1am during home games (14 out of 16 days) with no days off. Game day on Sunday we'd work usually 8 - 4pm. Not getting aggravated with being shut down (rejected) during cold calls; not letting the rejection discourage you.

Now is an excellent time to research summer internships and jobs. The Amica Center for Career Education welcomes you to use the Career Library and/or meet with a career counselor to discuss your interests. Stop in to make an appointment or call at 401-232-6090.

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Study Abroad Spotlight: London, England

Name: Jenna Heslin
Class of: '08
University: University of Westminster
Location: London, England
Partner: Arcadia
Semester Abroad: Fall '06
Duration: September 10 – December 9

Reason for going:
 I've always wanted to travel, especially to London, and I couldn't pass up an opportunity to spend a whole semester abroad.

Best experience/memory:
 I can't label any memory as being "the best" because the whole experience overall was one of the best I've ever had. Being able to travel to seven different countries and engaging the lifestyle of the English was always an adventure. I also enjoyed being able to visit Ireland where my best friend was studying abroad.

Funny cultural experience:
 My friend and I were in Paris, France, and neither of us knew how to speak any French. We were at the Arc de Triompe and the fog was so heavy that we couldn't even see the Eiffel Tower. We decided to ask a police officer what direction the Eiffel Tower was in. After getting a response in broken English, we thanked the man by saying, "Si, Gracias!"

How was the school different from Bryant University?
 Living in London was the most dramatic change from being away from Bryant. Having only

four classes a week (one per day), was very different and allowed us to have a lot of free time to travel and to explore the city. Having to commute almost an hour to get to our classes was something none of us were used to. In addition, taking a bus and the tube during high traffic hours was sometimes challenging.

How did this experience change you?
 The experience of studying and living abroad definitely changed me for the best. It allowed me to be more open to different cultures. I also met some friends that will be my friends forever, and I learned a lot about the English culture and history. Having to be independent and being away from the comfort of home was a tough transition, but it that forced me to experience as much as I could in the short four months I had to live in England.

Would you study abroad again given the opportunity?
 If I had the chance to study abroad again I would leave in a moments notice! I am definitely going to go back and at least visit the countries that I didn't have time to travel to. If the opportunity allows me to, I eventually want to live in London for a few years. If anyone is hesitating to go abroad, just do it! You'll never regret it and I know because I had the time of my life.

Name: Molly Burt
Class of: '08
University: University of Westminster
Location: London, England
Partner: Arcadia
Semester Abroad: Fall '06
Duration: September 10 – December 9

Reason for going:
 It was my dream to travel to Europe since High School. After I went on a class trip to Italy my senior year, I knew I had to get back. Studying abroad was the perfect opportunity for me to experience a different culture, live in an amazing city, and travel throughout Europe.

Best experience/memory:
 There are so many that it's challenging to just pick one! I would have to say that traveling to six different countries while I was there was the best experience. One weekend I was at the Eiffel tower and the next I was touching the Mediterranean Sea. I traveled to France, Belgium, Ireland, Holland, Spain, and Switzerland within a three month span. It was amazing to actually see first hand the things I use to only see pictures of in history books.

Funny cultural experience:
 Attending the Inauguration of the Lord Chancellor of the University of Westminster would have to be one of the most interesting cultural experiences I had while abroad. Although it wasn't necessarily funny, it was memorable all the same. Meeting the various Lords', Ladys', and head public figures in London at this event

was something not many people get

to do. The person that introduced me to these prominent people was my Art and Society Professor, Alan Morrison. He was the most interesting and knowledgeable person I met abroad.

How was the school different from Bryant University?
 The University of Westminster is different from Bryant in many ways, but the more obvious was its location, in a city, and the mix of students that attend the school. The population was extremely diverse with people from so many different countries and cultures. The class set up was also different from Bryant, where one class had about 300 students in it and another class had only 15. Another major difference is the grading system. They score students out of 70 points instead of 100, based on the belief that no one person knows 100% of a subject (or they should be teaching the class instead of taking it)! I remember it came as a big surprise when I got a grade of 65 and thought I had failed the assignment!

How did this experience change you?
 After living in a different country by myself, without the comfort of familiar things, I have become a much more independent and confident person.

Would you study abroad again given the opportunity?
 Yes, I would study abroad again in a second! Perhaps next time I will go somewhere with less rain and more sun!



Women's tennis wins fourth straight Northeast-10 title

By Stephen Demers
Sports Editor

The Bryant women's tennis team battled all season long and it paid off. Last weekend they won their fourth straight NE-10 Conference tournament championship.

Finishing the regular season with an 11-1 conference record, the Bulldogs entered the tournament as the No. 3 seed. In the quarterfinals they faced sixth seeded Saint Anselm. In their final home match, seniors Sacha Solomon and Annette Jervasi won their doubles match 8-4. Solomon also dominated her singles match, winning 6-4, 6-1. Michelle Burke won her singles match to close out the contest and give the Bulldogs a 5-0 win.

The semifinals featured Bryant taking on the No. 2 seed Bentley. Jervasi posted the deciding point in the match for Bryant. She posted a three-set win at number two singles. Fellow senior Solomon added a straight set win at number one singles and teamed up with Jervasi for an 8-1 triumph at number one doubles for Bryant. The Bulldogs also received a straight-set win at number five singles from senior Lauren Mullen, as well as an 8-6 victory at the number three doubles spot from sophomore Shea Crosby and freshman Kristen Swanson.

Knocking off the No. 2 seed Bentley set up a title

match against No. 1 seed Saint Michael's. During the fall season the Bulldogs knocked off the Purple Knights 6-3, but nothing can be taken for granted in the playoffs. The Bulldogs had to rally from a 2-1 deficit after doubles play opened the match. Solomon cruised to a 6-0, 6-2 win over Cara Bednar at No. 1 singles while Burke and Swanson each came up big with wins at No. 3 and No. 4 singles, respectively. Just like last year, however, the champion match came down to No. 5 singles.

Mullen came through, bouncing back from a 6-3 first set loss to defeat Megan Conway 6-2 and 6-1 to clinch the title for the Bulldogs.

The victory gave the Bulldogs their fourth straight NE-10 Conference tournament championship and capped off successful careers for seniors Heather Fedesco, Annette Jervasi, Lauren Mullen, and Sacha Solomon.

Solomon feels grateful to have been part of such an exciting experience. "Being able to come to Bryant and excel at tennis has been a great experience, and to win the Conference Title four years in a row has really been exciting and fulfilling. It was definitely a hard fought match this past week to clinch the title, and everyone on the team put in 110% effort, and the results of that effort showed on the court this past Sunday. Every single person on our team played exceptionally well, and our coaches did such an amazing job leading our team," she said.

Head coach Barbara Cilli was recognized by her peers as the 2007 Women's Tennis Coach of the year.

The Bulldogs will begin play in the NCAA Tournament next week.

Material from press releases was used in this report.



Courtesy of the Athletic Department

The 2006-07 women's team after claiming their fourth straight NE-10 title.

Rugby team competes at 'Beast of the East'

By David Nelligan
Staff Writer

The Bryant men's rugby club played in the largest collegiate rugby tournament in the nation this past weekend, the Beast of the East, down in Portsmouth, R.I. The team played three games against Western Connecticut, Southern Vermont, and Castleton and came out with a 1-2 record. The record, however, did not reflect the effort and good play Bryant put forth in the tournament.

In the first game the Bulldogs faced Western Connecticut in a hard fought battle. Bryant's forwards showed a lot of power, pushing around Western Connecticut's front pack, but the power running of Western Connecticut's backs put in a try for blue. Bryant would eventually fight back, scoring two tries by Captain RJ Miles and fly-half Zack Glynn.

That would end the scoring for black and allow Western Connecticut to continue their lead and eventually capture the win.

The Bulldogs had a much better showing later in the day against Southern Vermont. Black put up 21 points in shutting out SV for their only win of the tournament. With tries by President Tom Barks, Mike Masciana, and another by Zach Glynn, and great plays by both the forwards and backs, Bryant was able to dominate play throughout the game.

Bryant's third and final game came against Castle-

ton. The Bulldogs started off strong, but could not come out with the win. Zach Glynn started off the scoring once again for Bryant and put black ahead for most of the half. AJ Messina would add to Bryant's lead in the second half, but with a few unfortunate bounces and some misplays on defense, Castleton took the lead and never looked back.

"We had high expectations for ourselves coming into the Beast, but overall I thought we played pretty well and I am proud of everyone on the team," President Tom Barks said

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-Tom Barks

after the tournament ended. Senior Steve Libby was very pleased with the Southern Vermont game. "It was the last game of the season, and of our Bryant Rugby careers [for the seniors], and I was very happy with the win. The team played

hard for the seniors on this team and helped us go out with a win." James Gallant was also happy with his last game and the whole season. "I thought the team did really well this spring season, and performed well in the Beast, even though we didn't win." The team will graduate four seniors this year, Tom Barks, RJ Miles, James Gallant, and Steve Libby.

Mark your calendars

Men's Lacrosse: Fri, April 27 at Southern New Hampshire* 4:00 PM; Sun, April 29 at Limestone (at John's Hopkins University) 12:00 PM; Tues, May 1 NE-10 Quarterfinals TBA

Women's Lacrosse: Sat, April 28 vs. Adelphi 1:00 PM; Wed, May 2 at NE-10 Quarterfinals TBA

Baseball: Fri, April 27 vs. Dominican* 1:00 PM (DH); Sat, April 28 vs. Dominican 12:00 PM (DH); Tues, May 1 at Southern New Hampshire* 3:30 PM; Thurs, May 3 at Southern Connecticut* 3:30 PM

Softball: Sun, April 29 at Saint Michael's* 1:00 PM (DH); Tues, May 1 vs. Bentley* 3:00 PM (DH)

Track & Field: Sun, April 29 at Brown Invitational

* -Denotes Conference Game
DH - Doubleheader

Bryant track & field reaches new heights

By Stephen Demers
Sports Editor

Hard working, this is how first year head coach Trish Hillery describes her track and field student-athletes.

"I am very impressed that these kids are willing to do whatever you ask them. They don't question the training. They just get out there and do it," she said.

This type of attitude is a large part of the success that the track and field program has achieved during this year's indoor and outdoor seasons. The Bulldogs have broken numerous school records and even have an All-American for the first time in the program's history.

Hafiz Greigre has consistently turned heads during his Bryant career while running the 100 and 200 meter dash. He placed fourth in the finals of the 200 meter dash at the NCAA Division II Indoor Championships this past March. During the outdoor season he has continued his record-breaking pace. This past weekend at the MIT Invitational, he finished the 100 meters in 10.63 seconds and the 200 meters in 21.07.

Greigre is looking forward to the NE-10 Championships in a week and believes his teammates have trained harder this year than all the past years combined.

"We're all ready to do exactly what we've been training to do," Greigre said. "I'm not going to say we'll walk in and take a first, second, or even third place victory, because track's not that kind of sport. On any given day people can have the race of their life, while the competition has the worst race of their life.

Everyone is in good enough shape to get on the track and have an effect on our competition; now it's just a matter of doing so."

Besides Greigre, the men's team features Alex Engel and Joe Brennan, who both run the 400 meter. The three of them team with Lorenzo Perry to form a dominant 4 x 100 meter team that won the relay at the Northeastern Invitational in a time of 42.43 seconds.

Brennan has been impressed with the recent success of his teammates. "I believe everyone on the team is making a constant improvement. Coach Trish has completely turned this program around and the new path is one full of potential. I just wish I had another year to be a part of it," he said.

The men's roster also features some exciting freshman and sophomore runners. The 4 x 800 meter relay team of freshmen Peter Jaques, Nate Green, Matt Carrai, and sophomore Justin Getts broke the school record at the New England Indoor Championships by over 20 seconds. They also took first at the Northeastern Invitational a few weeks back.

The women's roster is led by a powerful 4 x 100 sprint relay team, which includes Justine Douvandjian, Amanda Early, Stephanie Montagno, and Natasha Stevenson. They finished first in the Northeastern Invitational relay with a time of 52.59. All of the women were also strong in their individual events. Montagno broke a school record in the 400-meters last week, winning the race in 59.24 seconds.

Nicole Radzik also had a record breaking weekend. She broke a 23 year-old school record by 32 seconds, finishing the 5000-meters in 18:21.97. In the field events, Jessica Cegarra and Amber Torey have both been strong in the discus throw.

It has been a challenge for Coach Hillery to manage such a large roster. Other than football, the track and field roster of 66 student-athletes is the largest on campus for men and women. As the season progressed, however, she has been able to give more individual attention to each student-athlete.

"As time has gone by, I feel I have gotten to know every kid's strengths and weaknesses



Courtesy of the Athletic Department

The Bryant men's and women's track programs have broken numerous school records this season. Rob Schneider (above) and the Bulldogs look to continue their record setting pace at the NE-10 Championships next weekend.

and we have good laughs together. The meets are very long, but that is when you get to know the kids and you can sit and chat with them on the bus," she said.

Coach Hillery also praises assistant coach Rick Brown, who has helped guide her and has also done an excellent job coaching the sprinters and hurdlers. "The energy and enthusiasm that he brings to the team is great. He is so knowledgeable of how to get these kids to run quickly," she said. Brown is joined by first year assistant coach Stephanie Reilly, who helps the distance runners and throwers.

The program faces the heart of their schedule over the course of the next few weeks. They will participate in the Brown Invitational this Sunday and then next weekend they travel to UMass-Lowell for the NE-10 Championships. The majority of the team has qualified for the NE-10's and Coach Hillery has already set her expectations for the meet. "I am looking to be on par with Stonehill. I think we have the ability to beat Stonehill and bring back school records and hopefully get more people to qualify for the New England's as well," she said.

Under the guidance of a strong coaching staff, the standard for Bryant's track and field program will only continue to improve into the future.

Bulldog Bites

Men's tennis ends run in NE-10 semifinals

The Bryant men's tennis team advanced to the NE-10 semifinals with a 5-1 victory over fifth ranked Saint Michael's. The Bulldogs were the fourth ranked team in the tournament. Dylan Whiting won both of his matches, winning singles in straight sets 6-4, 6-4, and teaming with Zach Goodman to win their doubles match 8-4. Kevin Gardner and Craig Drushella won their doubles match 8-1 and won a singles match to close out the victory. The Bulldogs fell to top-ranked Assumption in the semifinals 5-1. Assumption went on to win its ninth straight NE-10 Conference Championship.

Baseball drops three game series to Franklin Pierce

The Bryant baseball team was swept in a three game series by #9 Franklin Pierce. In the first game, Eric Loh blanked the Ravens for eight innings but lost the shutout bid in the ninth when the Ravens scored the game's only run. The Bulldogs left ten runners on base, including six in the first three innings. In game two, the Bulldogs stormed back to tie the game with two runs in the seventh. Nick Campbell doubled home Dave Muscatello and Pat McKenna. The Bulldogs, however, lost the lead when reliever Eric Polvani surrendered an unearned run after an error. The bright spot in the 4-3 loss came from Mike Rocco, who singled with two outs in the first inning to become the fifth Bulldog with 200 career hits. In game three, the Ravens offense came alive and scored seven runs. Bryant was only able to get on the board once. The Ravens' starter Alex Szymanski threw a complete game six hitter with eight strikeouts.

Women's lacrosse falls to Southern NH in overtime

The Bryant women's lacrosse team dropped a heartbreaking triple overtime game to Southern NH last weekend. Senior Shaun Leddy and junior Caitlin Hansen both totaled four goals and two assists for Bryant. Sophomore Delia Glover added a team high five goals. It was not enough, as Southern NH's Julie Kraus recorded a big goal with 49 seconds left in the third overtime to give the Penmen a 15-14 win.

Fourth ranked men's lacrosse earns another win

The fourth ranked men's lacrosse team beat Saint Anselm 11-5 last weekend. Sophomore Bryan Kaufmann scored four goals and Kevin Hoagland added two goals. Michael Kennedy finished with ten saves in goal. Bryant out-shot the Hawks 46 to 26 for the game.

Men's Lacrosse D-II Coaches Poll (As of 4/23)

- 1 Mercyhurst (8) 9-1
- 2 NYIT (1) 9-0
- 3 Le Moyne (1) 10-2
- 4 Bryant 8-2**
- 5 C.W. Post 8-3
- 6 Dowling 5-4
- 7 Limestone 13-1
- 8 Molloy 7-3
- 9 Pace 7-4
- 10 St. Michael's 8-5

Kaufmann named Northeast 10 Player of the Week

Bryant University men's lacrosse sophomore Bryan Kaufmann was named the Northeast-10 Conference Player of the Week after scoring nine goals and adding two assists in a pair of wins last week for the Bulldogs. Kaufmann had five goals and two assists in a win over Assumption on Tuesday and added four more tallies in a win over Saint Anselm Saturday. Kaufmann leads the Bulldogs with 40 points this season and is currently second on the team with 26 goals.

Le Moyne sweeps Senior Day doubleheader

Le Moyne took two games last weekend from the Bryant softball team by identical 5-2 scores. In game one, Janine Eros took a no-hitter into the fifth inning before the Dolphins broke the game open. In game two, the Dolphins jumped on Bryant starter Nikki Ingalls with four runs in the top of the third. The Bulldogs got one run back on a Lindsay Connor RBI single in the bottom of the inning, but the Dolphins answered in the fourth. Head coach Lisa-Ann Wallace honored the 2007 senior class in-between games. The senior class holds seven major offensive school records and is the most successful in program history.

Waters Way: Bryant Bulldogs, pounding the competition



By Alan Waters
Staff Columnist

When you take a look at the Bryant Athletics website, which for those of you who do not know is www.bryantbulldogs.com, you will notice the absolute dominance of Bryant's men's and women's teams. Last year was a tough year for the Bulldogs, who unfortunately finished a very close second in the President's Cup race, which is awarded to the best overall athletic program in the Northeast 10 conference. I might add that the NE-10 is one of the top Division II conferences in the country. Before last year, Bryant had won the award twice in a row and was burned by the fact we had lost our reign.

One of the goals this year, from the Athletic Director Bill Smith down to the individual athletes, was to reclaim the President's Cup. So with vengeance, Bryant Athletics came out swinging in the fall and showed everyone we were here to play and were serious about getting our trophy back. The fall teams all put in great efforts and proved they were ready to start us off on the right foot. We sent our first cross country runner in three years, Nicole Radzik, to nationals and both the men's and women's cross country teams saw many personal bests throughout the year.

Field hockey had a turn around year and saw great performances by all the girls on the team. They played well enough to make it to the Quarterfinals of the NE-10 tournament, something many doubters could not see happening, but the Bryant faithful believed they could.

Football hands down had the best year in its existence here at Bryant. They shared the NE-10 Conference title, posting a 7-2 record in the conference and once again made it to the NCAA tournament, where they lost a heart breaker in the first round. The whole season was full of great success, including unbelievable performances from individuals on both sides of the ball.

As always, golf played extremely well and ended the season finishing 3rd at the ECAC Division II Championships, which once again proved the successful tradition of Bryant golf. Men's soccer finished with an 8-5-3 record and worked hard all year to prove they will be a force in the next few years. Women's soccer finished an impressive 4th in the always competitive NE-10 with a record of 9-4-1 in conference play. Along with men's soccer, they showed promise for the future in great underclassmen.

Bryant volleyball finished the year with a 12-2 NE-10 Conference record, which again placed them among the top of the elite competition in the NE-10 in

third place. With many new faces contributing, Bryant was still able to prove they were a force to reckon with. Men's and women's tennis both played their fall seasons extremely well and made everyone excited for what they could do come springtime.

Moving to the winter sports, Bryant was looking extremely confident in their ability to make it known we wanted our cup back. Men's basketball finished a strong 4th place in the NE-10 with a 21-11 overall record, including a 14-8 conference record. They were even able to give Bentley, who had an undefeated regular season record, a run for their money and showed everyone men's basketball is another force to recognize.

Women's basketball had an amazing year, proving to everyone that they were a team to compete with, and anyone who took them lightly usually ended up leaving with a loss. Bryant finished with an 18-10 overall record, 14-8 in-conference, good enough for 7th overall. Swimming, though still a new face on the campus, showed they too are a serious competitor with the men finishing in 5th place and the women finishing in 4th.

This led right into the spring sports where, as of right now, Bryant is pulling away from its competition, showing everyone who Bryant is and that we are not messing around. Baseball has a conference record of 16-7 right now and seem like serious contenders. Softball posts a 16-6 record right now and do not look like they are missing a beat and are truly starting to heat up.

Men's and women's track & field have seen another phenomenal year, with numerous records being broken and look to compete with some of the best in the conference. Women's tennis has already won another NE-10 Title, concluding another superb year for them, and men's tennis looks to be a factor in their playoffs, which begin Tuesday.

Women's lacrosse has been playing solid this year and along with all other spring sports will be dangerous down the stretch. Men's lacrosse has posted a perfect NE-10 record as of right now and are ranked 4th in the entire nation. They appear to be serious contenders for the National Title.

So taking a step back, Bryant is looking pretty good as far as their position. Each season has proven to only get better, bringing us closer to what is rightfully ours, the President's Cup. If things continue as they are and we work this hard for the rest of the season, we will bring that cup back, so make sure you get out and support Bryant Athletics. Go Bulldogs!!



Courtesy of the Athletic Department

Top Dogs



Courtesy of the Athletic Dept.

Mike Rocco

Year: Senior

Sport: Baseball

Why this dog was picked: Rocco became the fifth Bulldog in school history to reach 200 career hits with his first inning single Saturday at Franklin Pierce. One of the team's two seniors, Rocco has guided the Bulldogs to third place in the conference with a 16-7 NE-10 record.



Courtesy of the Athletic Dept.

Sacha Solomon

Year: Senior

Sport: Tennis

Why this dog was picked: Solomon capped off her career by leading her team to their fourth straight Northeast-10 Conference Championship, after defeating Saint Michael's 5-3 Sunday. Solomon went 6-0 in the NE-10 Tournament, winning her singles and doubles match in each round.

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We hope to see you there!

Does 'PhD' truly equate to 'academically qualified?'

By Kimberly Cole
Staff Writer

Most incoming students to Bryant read the pledge on the Bryant University website; "98 percent of Bryant's full-time faculty hold PhDs or the highest degree in their field of expertise." Many of you may also have heard about the University's recent pressure on faculty members to obtain the highest degree possible in their field (if they do not already have it) accompanied by the push to hire new faculty members who already have this qualification.

It may be easy to dismiss these demands by the administration, assuming that only two percent of faculty could be affected, since the rest already have the highest degree possible in their field. However, remember the statement claims that 98 percent of full-time faculty have the highest degree possible. Consider that this drive to obtain a doctorate would affect a great number of Bryant professors who are actually adjunct or part-time, removing them from this classification.

Why does Bryant use so many part-time or adjunct faculty members? Think of adjuncts as the bargain-priced version of educators. Whereas tenure-track, full-time, PhD-holding professors with no experience teaching in the classroom can come in earning six figures their first year, adjunct faculty members who have very open relationships with the school can make half as much, even after multiple years of teaching for the University.

If professors with PhDs are so much more expensive to

the University than those without their doctorate, what is the reason Bryant is seeking to have so many professors with PhDs? The name of the game is accreditation.

Among many other accreditations, Bryant is accredited by AACSB International, a prestigious business title. According to their website, AACSB International is an accreditation that "assures quality and promotes excellence and continuous improvement in undergraduate and graduate education for business administration and accounting." One way that this is achieved is by requiring more than fifty percent of faculty resources to be academically qualified.

Academic qualification is defined by the AACSB in six possible ways. The first four all include the faculty members having a doctoral degree along with various other credentials. There are only two ways that a faculty member is considered academically qualified by AACSB standards without a PhD; first, a faculty member can obtain a "specialized graduate degree in taxation" (or two graduate degrees, one in law and one in accounting). Second, a faculty member can be considered academically qualified if he or she has done "specialized work" in the field in which the individual teaches and has completed some doctoral work or is currently pursuing a doctorate.

Although it is possible to be considered academically qualified without a doctorate, this is a second-class citizenry of AACSB qualified faculty; less than 10 percent of the overall academically qualified faculty

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The Daley Soap Box: There is never an excuse for racism



By Ryan P. Daley
Opinion Editor

In the wake of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, Arabs, Muslims, *Indians*, and anyone else with a brown complexion became the victims of racial stereotyping and even physical attack. Racial profiling is certainly nothing new and stereotyping is as old as civilized humanity itself. With all of the progress we have made as a society, it sickens me to see and hear about the fallout from Cho Seung Hui's rampage at Virginia Tech.

Fifteen years to the month, when the Korean community of Los Angeles became a scapegoat and experienced a violent backlash from the black community in response to the Rodney King beatings, Koreans (or simply Asians in general) have again become scapegoats.

The right-wing blogosphere lit up within days of the tragedy alleging "Korean males are excessively prone to violent jealous rages" and generalizing Koreans as "the most hotheaded and macho of East Asians." A commentator on Sepia Mutiny asserted, "They are also sick and tired of losing their Korean girlfriends to white men with an Asian fetish."

Debbie Schluskel, a neocon blogger wrote, before the

media revealed Cho's identity, that the perpetrator must have been a "Paki" and commented "Even if it does not turn out that the shooter is Muslim, this is a demonstration to Muslim jihadists all over that it is extremely easy to shoot and kill multiple American college students." Ignorant students created Facebook groups like "The Bring Cho Seung-Hui Back To Life To Torture Him Club" and another advocating for "chopping him into rice and sending him back to his family." How these morons got into college, I can't even begin to postulate.

The xenophobic cretins at the Vanguard News Network even went as far as to produce a video for YouTube which is a picture slideshow of the victims and Cho parading weapons, with racist text like "U.S. Constitution secures the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our POSTERITY. POSTERITY = WHITE," "America Fucked By Chain Immigration Thanks To JEW Emanuel Celler 1965 Immigration & Nationality Act," "Koreans belong in Korea," and "America is for Aryans."

Our country is full of hypocrites! The racists who disseminate this garbage are so blind that they don't realize they are the primary reason for the ethnic tension in our country which breeds this violence. Their intolerance and provocation are the foremost cause of backlashes similar to what Virginia Tech experienced. What don't these bigots understand? You don't fight fire with gasoline.

What else is sad is how many people look at and ignore what is going on in the

rest of the world. More than 650,000 Iraqis have been murdered since the U.S.-led occupation began there four years ago. More than 200,000 are dead in the ongoing genocide in Darfur. Nearly the same number of brave American soldiers as those killed at Virginia Tech were killed in Iraq that same week alone. Most of these atrocities do not quite hit as close to home as the loss at Virginia Tech, however these are still people and this is their reality every day. It's time we question ourselves - what are we coming to as a society?

I'm not justifying what happened in any way or form; I'm condemning those in our society clouded by the ignorance of racism who horrifyingly stereotype based on the actions of one man. Yes, what happened at Virginia Tech was a terrible but there's no need for racial prejudice toward Asians simply because the perpetrator was Korean.

Where were these bigots and their far-right folly when Timothy McVeigh, or Ted Kaczynski murdered scores of Americans in the 1990s? It's irrational to generalize or stereotype anyone based on another person's actions. Society insists on labeling that which needs no labels. The public draws conclusions from evidence that doesn't exist. People make correlations from particulars which have no association. It's time we make a change in the way we treat each other, and crush racism at its intolerant core. There is never an excuse for racism. Never.

Kennedy Uncensored: Bordering on insanity



By Brian S. Kennedy
Assistant Opinion Editor

It was extremely difficult to write on immigration this week because Harry Reid and Nancy Pelosi are gallivanting around stupidly even more than usual. Those clowns will call the war lost, go on trips to meet third-world despots, and attend anti-Bush rallies, but they patently refuse to meet with General Petraeus and George W. Bush because they have "scheduling conflicts." What, does Reid have a visit to Bashir Assad planned too? Has Pelosi promised to capitulate to another dictator in her "busy schedule?" Perhaps she has another pork-laden bill to get votes for? Is it too hard for her to lift her 757 to Washington to meet the man Reid and his Democratic cohort appointed

to be the leader of ground forces in Iraq?

Or perhaps the central issue of today isn't important enough for the Democrats who claim to "support the troops." Harry Reid said that "no-one wants us to succeed in Iraq more than the Democrats." Of course! That is why you traitorous swine put timetables in pork-laden bills (Pelosi), met with third-world despots outside your constitutional authority (Pelosi), spoke for a foreign nation (Israel) when dealing with said despots (Pelosi), are quoted as saying "the war is lost" (Reid), and refuse to meet with the guy you appointed to take care of Iraq (Both). Unless Harry Reid is referring to "us" as in, "The Democratic Party, Al-Queda, Mid-East dictators, and despots everywhere," it's pretty hard to see where he supports our, as in America's, success.

Vent over. The war in Iraq is only one front where the Defeatocrats are doing everything in their power to bow to America's enemies. Another front that goes unprotected, this time by both sides of the aisle, is America's borders. A

few weeks ago there was a raid in New Bedford. Law enforcement did its job for once, and guess who was at the forefront condemning it? Why, my two favorite Senators, Kerry and Kennedy. They do not care that we have a bunch of people, who have sneaked into this country illegally, being exploited in the name of cheap labor. They, like our old friend Pelosi, like to have Pablo cleaning their pool and Consuela doing their laundry and dishes while being paid under the minimum wage, which these Democratic representatives argued was so vital for the bottom rung of society. Consequences be damned, these rich aristocrats would rather pay Maria \$10 to wipe their behinds for them where Mary would charge \$50 and a tip. The border situation is sad not only because of the social services that get robbed from taxpayers, but because the workers coming over get exploited by their dubious employers.

This leads me to a criticism of the Third World, which is

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KU: Bordering on insanity

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primarily a collection of corrupt, backwards governments that are perfectly content with the fact their primary export is their own citizens and political exiles. So you think I'm insensitive? If these hovels are so beautiful, "peaceful" and simple, live there instead. Don't be like these airhead celebrities on MTV that fly around in jets talking about the beauty of local cultures and how eco-friendly they are before packing up and heading back to their lavish mansions, heated pools, and pimped rides. I am sure the locals don't like the condescension either; reaching fifteen isn't a big feat anywhere. America is an awesome place to live - why do you think we have people rushing over by the millions and beating down our door?

Just to clarify, when I say "Third World," I mean Third World by choice, not income level. Some countries, like Poland and the Baltic States, are westernized and developing their economy more thoroughly. Others, like Venezuela, are dictator-run police states living off their oil stocks. I'll reserve judgment on good old Vlad in Russia for now, but he's not winning any popularity contests - something about an iron fist on a supply valve.

Illegal immigrants aren't stupid, they simply speak another language. It is foolish to believe a 17-40 year old that has raised 3 children and brought them over the border is mentally deficient. They may not be highly educated, they may not speak English.

Stupid they ain't. That is the primary problem I see with Bush's Amnesty Plan - Yes, it is still an amnesty plan even if Bush denies it. Who gets shafted by the plan where all you have to do is specify how long you've been here? People who came here to work and lead honest lives. Drug dealers and smugglers, however, are chronic liars, frauds, and extortionists so they have no problem lying through their teeth. I have no problem expanding immigration to include the people who want to lead decent, moral lives, but Mexico, Asia, and Latin American can keep their drug-running, contraband-carrying, sex-trafficking thugs.

Fear not, I have a solution I think could work. First: Enforce the Law. Employers skirting immigration laws? Shut them down. Marijuana dealers smuggling thousands of kilos over the border? Capture them, arrest them, and send them back from whence they came at their home country's expense. Drug smugglers from foreign nations have no constitutional protections; they are violating America's sovereignty, and engaging in illegal activity far beyond crossing the border itself.

Second: A national ID card. The government already has our social security number and the majority of people over 16 have a government issued ID already. Why not simply have a wallet-sized ID with various anti-fraud features, including fingerprints, watermarks, and whatever else we can throw on there to deter counterfeiters. Link it

with social security and driver status and provide a few methods for replacing lost or stolen cards, and voila, half the problem is solved. Not only would we grant these cards to citizens, but we could also give an alternate version to immigrants and students here on visas that could have "full features" activated when they become citizens at the click of a (highly secured) button. It then becomes a simple matter of producing the card when asked. Would Latino people possibly be singled out more than others? Probably, but not any less than what occurs today, and because driver status is covered on the ID, the only reason anyone would ask your legal status is if they were a prick to begin with. You can't ban all individual prickery, so you might as well settle for what you can get.

The border is only a complicated issue because the politicians are more interested in getting the illegal vote than protecting America. We should not be giving benefits to illegals that our own citizens and legal immigrants don't even benefit from. There is no reason to penalize the people who went through the expensive process of coming here and then say they should have just found a coyote if they wanted more benefits. It isn't compassionate to let people be extorted and exploited to get cheap menial labor, nor is it right to continue to expect American citizens to foot the bill for unknown, unidentified persons of unknown origin.

Ambiguity breeds confidence in A.G. Gonzales



By Peter G. Connors
Assistant Opinion Editor

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales' recent testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee has left a series of questions for all of us to consider. Following the hearing, Senator Arlen Specter, the ranking Republican on the committee, called Gonzales' testimony "very, very damaging to his own credibility" and said his continued employment as A.G. would be a detriment to the Department of Justice. This critical opinion was only the beginning of a series of unfavorable opinions coming from Democratic and Republican Senators. Gonzales' only favorable support came from President Bush, who described the testimony as increasing his "confidence in his ability to do the job." So, there's my first question, one also asked in the Editorial Section of Tuesday's *Washington Post*; did the President see, or even hear about, the same testimony which was heard by Specter and other SJC members?

Contrary to Mr. Bush's encouraging remarks, found to be based upon briefings and

news snippets he received while traveling, most reports about the testimony have been less than encouraging. Most reports describe the testimony as a stream of ambiguous responses from Gonzales. He conveniently forgot the details of meetings in which he discussed the recent democratic attorney firings, sometimes not even remembering if a meeting even occurred at all. I find it hard to believe that such important discussions could just slip one's mind. Additionally, reports speak of Gonzales carefully side-stepping most probing questions through use of the time tested phrase "I don't recall..." Certainly the President's support for Mr. Gonzales' testimonial performance is blind support at best and does little to evoke confidence in the A.G., or even the president for that matter.

Specter described Gonzales' continued tenure as being bad for the DOJ and leading to a vast drop in morale within the department. Clearly, the DOJ would benefit from his removal, considering the widespread, bipartisan calls for his resignation (take a look at "Alberto Gonzales" in Wikipedia for a list of those senators calling for his resignation). Considering Gonzales' lackluster memory in regards to the recent firings, or even his recent meetings, and the bipartisan support for his removal, it appears pertinent that his tenure be ended as soon as possible.

Simon Says: What About Same Sex Marriage: Another view



By Toby Simon
Staff Columnist

Recently a columnist in *The Archway* wrote a heavy handed piece on same sex marriage in which he vehemently criticized such unions. Rather than respond directly to his column I thought I would use this opportunity to interview one of our esteemed faculty at Bryant, Professor Judy McDonnell. And she just happens to have some experience with it.

TS: I'm wondering if I might ask you for your reaction to a recent *Archway* column which was incredibly negative on the subject of same sex marriages.

JM: First, I just want to go on record as saying that although I often disagree vehemently on a regular basis with one or two of the *Archway* columnists, I have always and will continue to believe that a college level newspaper should offer a variety of perspectives and responses and allow for dissent. My belief is based in part on freedom of speech (in appropriate contexts) and freedom of press, but it is more based on the idea that an educational institution should provide a variety of opportunities for critical thinking and the development of world views. School newspapers can be one of those opportunities. That

said, I am disheartened by the mean-spirited tone of some of the columns and it pains me to think that some students, for example, members of Bryant Pride and the cast of the *Vagina Monologues*, are hurt personally by some of the columns. On the other hand, the rebuttals to some of the "heavy handed pieces" is exactly what makes the *Archway* so interesting and important.

TS: Can you tell us why you think it's important for couples of the same sex to be allowed to get married?

JM: It is important for all loving couples to have the option of civil marriage because it is through the institution of marriage that society confers the legitimacy of love, relationships and commitment. Marriage operates as a civil right; therefore, as a matter of social justice, all adults should have that right. My ten year old nephew upon hearing that Wendy and I were going to get married, said "I thought they already were married." My brother then had to explain to him why, although we seem married, we were not. Now that we are married and he attended the wedding and celebration, and had a ball by the way, my nephew's world has righted itself again. Wendy and I are a couple just like his parents. In addition, the fact of the matter is that marriage is one of those institutions and traditions that many of us grow up dreaming to be a part of. I want all adults to have the opportunity to participate in such a wonderful tradition.

TS: Why do you think there is so much opposition to these unions?

First, let's recognize that the opposition is weakening. I have a really long answer about patriarchy, mysogyny, power and sex, but the shorter answer is that the same sex civil marriage movement galvanized around the same time that a certain set of religious zealots pushed a very specific and literal interpretation of some religious teachings on to the public agenda. Therefore, I think it is a religious based opposition, which, as we all know, can be strong and hypocritical.

TS: You recently got married to your partner of almost fourteen years, Wendy Baker. What prompted you both to do this?

JM: Fourteen years of being in love, being supported by amazing families and friends, and because finally we could so we did it for us and for everyone we love and who loves us. So really what prompted us was the same thing that prompts most couples to get married. Love and commitment.

TS: Now that you're a married woman, has anything changed for you? Has your relationship with Wendy changed at all?

JM: Yes in a couple of ways. I feel it is important that I speak out about being married. We want to be good role models for all couples in relationships. I knew we would be happy, ecstatic, but I didn't realize that I would find myself wanting to tell everyone and to be so public about it. I had not expected to become so political about something that is on one hand about community and on the other hand is so personal. To a certain extent, getting mar-

ried has emboldened me to effect change so that young people, for example, our students, have this option without the same degree of opposition that our generation is experiencing. Enough is enough. I have changed in another less tangible way. It is hard to describe. I just feel different. So does Wendy. It is nice. It is beautiful.

TS: How do you personally handle all the nay-sayers?

JM: It depends on what "nay" is being said and in what context. For example, I believe that in a recent *Archway* column, the word deviant was used to describe lgbt people (and their allies by implication). That one no longer hurts; in fact, it makes me laugh. To the charge of deviance, I say you could not find someone as normative as I am. To the charge that same-sex marriage ruins the sanctity of heterosexual marriage, I point out all the straight couples that are our friends and point out the ways Wendy and I enrich their lives and their relationships. To the charges of my love for Wendy is a sin, I point out that the God that my Catholic parents taught me about would in no way find us or our relationship sinful. My specific responses come in the form of political action at the Statehouse or letters to the *Providence Journal*.

TS: How would you characterize the climate on this campus for people who identify as gay, lesbian, questioning, transgendered or bisexual?

JM: The climate gets better all the time. Just as an example, as you know, there were

many Bryant community people at our wedding and the congratulations continue to come in. Also, students and colleagues are generally quite supportive of Bryant Pride. However, we still have much work to do. All of us still hear much too often the word "gay" as an insult yelled in the hallways. Despite the wonderful responses in the *Archway*, columns that criticize and attempt to humiliate the gblt student population work against the idea of an inclusive community. But social justice issues require a lifetime of commitment and improving the campus climate for lgbt students and their allies requires our on-going efforts.

TS: I'm wondering if you could share with our readers, a little something about the coming out process in general as well as your own coming out process.

JM: You already described it. It is a process. One is never out completely, right? But an important aspect is that each person has to decide her or his own timing. Personally, I have had a relatively easy time because I have an incredible family, as does Wendy, and we have great friends and colleagues. But still even for me, coming out, so to speak, has occurred over decades (but I won't say how many).

TS: Thank you so much for all you do for the students on this campus who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, questioning, in and out of the closet.

JM: You're welcome. And thank you too for all your years of hard work.

Observations

Compiled by Lauren Cimino and Ryan P. Daley

Did you get my e-mail? No! My inbox was full. So it's nice to see graduating seniors are getting new alumni addresses with TWO GIGABYTES of space while we're stuck with close to 25 megabytes. Thanks, Bryant IT. We sincerely appreciate your generosity.

Hurry up already, we're hungry! Please, next time you're spreading the cream cheese on your bagel in Salmo, at least show some respect if there are people behind you and take one of the knives which are conveniently available RIGHT NEXT TO THE DAMN CREAM CHEESE. Thank you in advance for taking our patience into consideration.

"Bunch of savages in this town" How disrespectful. You bask in the sun, tossing your football, sliding down your slip and slide, grilling your burgers and drinking your beers, and you can't even do us all the favor of picking up your garbage? It's disrespectful to those of us who share the space, our community in general, and the ground crew folks left to pick up your mess. Wait until your privileges of using the Bryant Center commons are stripped for your juvenile irresponsibility and then we'll see how you feel about cleaning up your mess.

Thanks for the heads up It's nice that we're getting all these new buildings and facilities on campus, but please give us word next time you're going to erect a fence right in the middle of our living area. We appreciate the new basketball court going in outside of Hall 11 but don't like to wake up one morning to our pathway having disappeared overnight!

FiRE & iCE, Bryant style Check out the new Salmo floor plan in this week's edition of *The Archway*. How sweet would it be to have a FiRE & iCE style grill in our own lunchroom? You know it would be.

Do you like reading "Observations?" Think you've got some good observations of your own? E-mail suggestions to archwayobservations@gmail.com. We'll be compiling an end of year collection worth skipping your finals for.

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PhDs

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can be considered qualified in this manner. Additionally, both titles specifically call for "specialized research" and one that the individual is actively seeking to become a part of the club.

Take a minute to really think hard about it; how many of your professors this semester have PhDs? I, for one, could not tell you with the slightest certainty which of my professors have their doctorate, aside from those who insist on being called "Doctor" instead of "Professor." My curiosity prompted me to check into which of my past professors held their doctorate degree.

Upon this examination, I found that there was no link between the professors that I found to be excellent educators and possession of a PhD. I find it terribly inaccurate of the AACSB to equate having a doctoral degree with academically qualified faculty. Obtaining a PhD does not necessarily make a professor more qualified to teach his or her subject; it may make them better researchers and published authors, but it certainly does not assure that they are better educators. Some of the best professors are the most effective professors because of their real-world experience, not their research capabilities.

One of the most common complaints that I hear about professors is that they can teach concept after concept, but they are unable to apply the subject matter to how students will have to relate the knowledge to their career in the field. It makes sense that professors with real work experience in the world of business would be able to bridge this gap for students.

This is not meant to discredit doctorate degrees. After all, although some of my best professors have not had their PhD, some of my other professors whom I respect very much do have their doctorates. What I am arguing is that having a PhD should not hold so much merit with accrediting institutions that it should be equated with quality of instruction.

I think a bigger problem than lack of PhD-holding faculty is the issue of tenure. As a

wise man once said, "Tenured faculty members are like herpes; once you have them, you never get rid of them." This holds true; once a faculty member has been tenured, their dismissal can only be ordered if they break the law in some way. Does this really foster a learning environment?

With no fear of ever being asked to leave the world of academia, is there any reason for professors to continue to work hard and innovate new ideas to assure quality and promote excellence through continuous improvement, as mandated by the AACSB's creed? More important than commanding a high percentage of "academically qualified" faculty members, I think that instead the AACSB should focus on enacting a restriction on how many tenured faculty a school can have, or at least restrictions requiring tenured faculty to remain active and innovative in their classrooms.

I can say with sincere certainty that some of the best professors I can think of on this campus are those who do not have the highest degree possible in their fields. Instead, they are men and women who have spent their lives working in the real world, gaining experience, and learning people skills that allow them to effectively communicate their ideas to their students.

I understand the need for accreditations; it is necessary to have an undergraduate degree from an accredited institution in order to be accepted into graduate school. The push to have faculty with PhDs is not university-driven, but rather accreditation institution-driven. I think the institutions who qualify for accreditations in search of recognition and esteem have lost the true focus of university: education. I believe that we should instead be in search of faculty members who can challenge their students to be free-thinking, innovative, intelligent individuals. Getting rid of some of our best professors in order to satisfy accreditation requirements because they don't have a few letters tacked onto the end of their name certainly forces the school in the wrong direction.

O.A.R. should be one of the best performances on Bryant's campus



By Brian Ford
Staff Columnist

Over and over again, the Student Programming Board has delighted us with entertainment. Last year, we saw Method Man and Dashboard Confessional put on a show of great proportion. Top named comedians have come through our campus, and we have even seen X-rated hypnotists delight audiences. However, SPB, in my mind, has outdone itself for this Spring Weekend's main event, when they bring O.A.R. center stage.

In my opinion, this is a great band for a Spring Weekend concert. Especially with the horrible weather that has dominated spring so far, O.A.R.'s music will bring a much uplifting feel to Bryant's

campus. Accompanied with the great weather that has finally shown up, the sound of O.A.R. will bring a great sense of relaxation and fun to the campus.

Paul Bi, the president of SPB, said that they are extremely excited about the upcoming event. "We are very excited about O.A.R. coming because of the energy they bring to each performance. We believe that the student body will enjoy the band even if they don't like their music. The atmosphere they create is remarkable and fits perfectly for a Spring Weekend concert. We encourage everyone to come in with an open mind and you will walk away pleasantly surprised."

Much work goes into booking such a big band like O.A.R. Jay Christman and Evan Collyer, the Bands and Concerts co-chairs, were the ones in charge of bringing O.A.R. to Bryant. After talking to their own agent to see what bands were available, a survey was sent out to Bryant's campus to see which bands students were most interested in. Once a favorite is decided

upon, Evan and Jay once again worked with their agent and O.A.R.'s agent to reach a verbal agreement. They then worked for several weeks to go through contract negotiations until both parties were satisfied.

Evan and Jay predict that the turnout of the concert will be big. "We believe that a large portion of the student body plans to attend and enjoy the concert, and why not, it's free!" With approximately 1600 students filling out the survey, almost half of the campus, there is no reason for Evan and Jay not to be proud of their hard work. Paul also added, "This year's Spring Weekend concert is going to be the biggest one we've ever done."

The Student Programming Board has worked extremely hard on Spring Weekend 2007, and with O.A.R. coming, this weekend should be one that we all remember. This band will bring a great show that should bring this campus to its feet. I personally cannot wait for Saturday night to come, and I hope to see all of you there.

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Bulldog Reviews: *Hot Fuzz*

By Michael Pickowicz
Staff Columnist

Parodies are quite common in today's society. Whenever you look on a movie or television screen, someone is reenacting something done before. It seems that, while they are still really funny, it's a rare occurrence that parody does justice to the original material. One of those rare films was created by Edgar Wright when he made "Shaun of the Dead." Now, Wright has done it again with "Hot Fuzz."

"Hot Fuzz" can be best described as a British parody of an American action-cop movie. The plot involves super cop Nick Angel. After showing up everyone on his police force, he gets transferred from London to a small village called Sandford. Here, the village is so peaceful that the only suspicious character is the local Swan who likes to escape from the castle. When "accidents" begin to occur in the village, Angel and his new partner, Butterman, begin to investigate, leading them through unexpected turns even the best cop in the country couldn't predict.

In the way "Shaun of the Dead" made fun of zombie movies, "Hot Fuzz" does the same thing with cop movies. In fact, the same actors from "Shaun", Frost and Pegg, are used in "Hot Fuzz." The actors do a great job again, even though I found Frost's Sergeant Butterman similar to his role in "Shaun." This, however, is in no way bad, and he is as funny as ever in this movie.

What makes "Hot Fuzz" so different from other parodies is that it handles the material in such a creative way. At one point the characters are discussing cop movie stereotypes, and the next they are living them. Seeing this happen is half the fun of this movie.

Cop movie parodies run rampant throughout "Hot Fuzz." Almost all shots in the film are done in the stereotypical action shots, even where the action is uneventful. Odd cuts and random action sound affects are found everywhere, adding to the humor. Dur-

ing the last 40 minutes, no cop movie stereotype is left untouched, where a fantastic mix of action and comedy come together for some of the most outrageous scenes I've ever seen. Best of all, the British humor gives the movie a wacky appeal.

The movie only lags in one aspect - the beginning could have been tightened up to shorten the movie a tiny bit. Random scenes involving Angel's introductions and conversations with minor characters seemed to slow down the movie, as there is really no point in hearing all 20 of the main villagers' names.

"Hot Fuzz" really does have everything that makes a good comedy/parody: an interesting story, excellent sense of humor, original main characters, and tons of references. If you loved "Shaun of the Dead," you'll love "Hot Fuzz," as I found both to be equally enjoyable. Be warned, however, the British humor is very thick in the movie. People who don't like those types of jokes

probably won't like the movie as much. As for everyone else, this is easily one of the funniest, most well made movies this year. "Hot Fuzz" earns 4 1/2 Bulldogs out of 5.



Courtesy of verycd.com

This Movie earned
4.5 out of 5 Bulldogs



Alan & SPB: The Joint Adventure

Res Hall Brawl gets competitive

By Alan Waters
Staff Columnist

Last week was the Res Hall Brawl that saw five very strong teams compete for their spot among the ranks of dominating residence hall groups. Each team had their strengths and weaknesses and for me it was hard to sit back and watch, since as most people know I am a bit competitive, okay that is an understatement. I am now confident that this will be the last time Alan sits back during SPB competitions. I was able to take the backseat and laugh at the great competitions put together by the combined efforts of the late night chairs Bryan Collins and Shannon Wheeler, along with the program chairs Jaime Stavola and Allison DiMaggio. Working together with other members of SPB, the group was able to

come up with seven great categories in which the teams competed for the ultimate glory and more importantly, 1st place of 300 dollars, 2nd place of 200 dollars, and 3rd place of 100 dollars.

Breaking down each event, teams were able to show what they were best at and at any point in the competition the field was wide open. If you scored low in one category there were plenty more chances to catch up and make your mark.

Each team had to complete all seven competitions in order to qualify for prizes and each group took part in every challenge, which by the way was impressive, considering what they had to do, which makes you think college students truly would do anything for a price. Yeah, even me too. Points ranged from 7 points for 5th place, to 15 for 1st. Tug of

Horoscopes

Scorpio



10/23 -

You'll get your best information today from your silent partners. Also check for the latest news coming across the grapevine.

Sagittarius



11/22 -

You're always asking questions and sometimes you get interesting answers. You don't have to tell everything you know.

Capricorn



12/22 -

It's the support you get from the people who love you that makes you great. You contribute too, of course.

Aquarius



1/20 - 2/18

You're almost having too much fun to go back to work quite yet. Think you can get a "wellness day" off? It's worth a try.

Pisces



2/19 - 3/20

Even if you don't have very much put away for the future yet, you can end up with a luxurious lifestyle. Did you know Pisces is the sign of the billionaire?

Aries



3/21 - 4/19

Do a lot more listening than talking for a while. Specifically, do not discuss how much money is coming in.

Taurus



4/20 - 5/20

Approach your work with a fresh perspective. Look for ways to create even more security for yourself and your loved ones.

Gemini



5/20 - 6/21

You may not be quite ready yet to get back into the old routine. You may need to take another sick day, in order to get well.

Cancer



6/22 - 7/22

A family member can help your workday go a lot easier. You might even be able to talk him or her into doing the entire job. Give it a try.

Leo



7/23 - 8/22

As you study, you'll discover unsuspected options. Consider the fun factor, too. Design a lifestyle you'll love living.

Virgo



8/23 - 9/22

You should be doing creative work, perhaps involving technology. Does that sound like fun? Good.

Libra



9/23 -

You're very persuasive now, and becoming even more so. Get your facts down straight and down pat.

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Buon Alimento: Beef Barn

By Phil Weiss
and
Michael Oliveri
Staff Writers

This week we received a special assignment from the Editor and Advisor of *The Archway*. They sent us to The Beef Barn in North Smithfield. You may wonder how two food snobs such as ourselves would enjoy a barn of beef, but we are happy to report that we rose to the challenge and have some good news to report. Even though we did not know where exactly the Beef Barn was located, it immediately became apparent when we saw an awkwardly placed red barn on one of North Smithfield's main roads- Greenville Road.

Atmosphere - The Beef Barn is the epitome of casual dining with a family atmosphere. We became a spectacle of the regular Rhode Island crowd when we stood at the door waiting to be seated, when in fact it's seat yourself at the Beef Barn. The crowd is full of local residents of mixed ages - we went at 5:00 pm on Sunday, making the elderly population a bit more prevalent. We also felt like the only patrons looking at a menu, as our dining peers knew what they wanted before they even sat down; the crowd is mostly regulars who know each other and the wait staff. Per recommendation of a seasoned Beef Barner, we sat in the silo of the barn. It was decorated with antiques and country décor. This theme is consistent with the rest of the 85 seat restaurant, where seating options range from intimate booths to bar stools next to the grill. As the Phantom Gourmet's review put it, the Beef Barn is "authentic agrarian." At the Beef Barn don't feel like you have to dress up, as Mike was the most dressed up person with just a Polo shirt on.

Food- In doing some research on the Beef Barn we found out it is the place for roast beef in Rhode Island, similar to Kelly's in Massachusetts. The portions are small so we recommend ordering two sandwiches if you are going for dinner like we did. Mike had the chicken salad and the fish sandwiches. The chicken salad was served on a small grilled torpedo roll, with what Mike believed to be willow tree chicken salad. The portion was appropriate to the size of the roll but Mike was looking for something a little more substantial. It should be noted though that it was still very good and Mike would recommend it. The fish sandwich was served on a grilled bun while the fish was prepared with a not so health-conscious egg batter. The fish was light and flakey and overall quite enjoyable. Considering we were at the barn of beef, Phil went straight for the meat. Phil had the signature roast beef sandwich, served on a grilled bun. The roast beef was tender and perfectly cooked. Phil strongly recommends getting two sandwiches, as he was asking, "Where's the beef?" after just one. For round two Phil got the pastrami sandwich, also served on a grilled bun. This was another great choice, as the pastrami was neither stringy nor hard to chew. Phil would even say it is the best pastrami he has had since he was last at a New York deli. For sides we both ordered french fries and salad. Something that the regulars only know is that you can order your fries extra crispy if you want. The french fries went well with our dishes, going with the theme of our meal. For beverages, Phil stuck with a classic fountain drink, and Mike had a Rhode Island classic, the coffee milk shake. The shake had perfect consistency and was actually one of the best milk shakes he has ever had. It

should be pointed out that our food was served on paper plates, making us feel like we were at a Sunday picnic. While this caught us off guard at first, we soon realized that it couldn't be any other way at the Beef Barn.

Price- When we have gone to other restaurants with prices not listed on the menu, it is usually an indicator of extremely high prices. However, at the Beef Barn this is not the case. Considering we both ordered two sandwiches, french fries, and a milk shake, we were expecting the bill to be much higher than the actual 21 dollar one we received. We still can't figure out how the prices are so low, as we would be willing to pay higher prices for the food. If you're looking for a good place with low prices and you're sick of J's Deli, the Beef Barn is a great alternative.

Service- The service at the Beef Barn is appropriate for what you are paying for. Our waitress was prompt in approaching us for our order as soon as we sat down, and it couldn't have been longer than five minutes to get our food. From our observations, the wait staff had a good rapport with the regular customers. However, we were treated as the "out-of-towners" that we are.

We certainly did not know what to expect going to the Beef Barn; however, after our trip we would strongly recommend visiting. It is close to campus, has good food and extremely low prices - we believe that there is no reason for a Bryant student not to visit the Beef Barn. We plan on becoming regulars at the Beef Barn now that we are familiar with their customs. The restaurant is also attached to Coffee & Crème, which is open at midnight for the late night crowd.

Res Hall Brawl

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War and the Human Knot saw competitions range from extremely competitive, the best part of which was watching how quickly students untangled themselves from their entwined hands. Teams then competed in Mind Games that included suduko puzzles and other sorts of mentally challenging puzzles.

Relay games included, in my opinion, some hilarious events including passing the orange from neck to neck of teammates, which got pretty interesting at some points. For me the passing of bananas through each other's knees was a riot; people got dead serious and let me tell you the bananas took the punishment.

One of the best parts for some individuals, including new SPB president Dave Georgantas, was the Game Show Trivia portion, that included dead serious buzzers that teammates would have to push to answer the question; I mean they were from 1988 but they still rocked. Another challenge for teams was called keeping the world up, which consisted of keeping a large bouncing ball up in the air as long as possible while counting the taps your team collected, some numbers got up pretty high, while others didn't.

The sixth competition that the teams competed in was the Chubby Bunny Contest, where

teammates had to fit as many marshmallows in their mouth in one minute and each teammate got a chance to try it. Let me tell you, it is a lot harder than it looks.

The final competition, and my favorite, had the biggest audience and the greatest competition and excitement. It was the Blender of Death, it was unreal. If you can think of something disgusting then it was in it. From mustard to yogurt it was unreal and truly laughable. Teams were hardcore and took it to the limit. The Hall 9 girls said "it was chunky but the taste wasn't bad." This event really proved to be the game-winner

and that was when freshman standout Colin Hill for the BAMF Riders, which included Jeff Steacie, Dan Nadeau, Colin Hill, Thomas Wilson, Chris Aauger and Bryan Sprague, took down 20 cups of death alone. This catapulted his team's victory over heavy favorites BUB which included Joe Knight, Andrew McLarty, Lorenzo Perry and Dan Hammond.

The games were great and I encourage all people to come out for the Bulldog Games. So remember be good and if you can't be good be damn good at it.



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On of the many challenges of the night, BAMF Rider team members, winners of the 2nd Anual Res Hall Brawl stomach a liquid creation made by SPB.

Absolut's Poetry Corner: My Life Story

By: Neil Parrott
Staff Columnist

A son was born on a beautiful day in May,
the sun was up high without a single cloud in its way
Born into this world with intentions to pass,
succeeded in the world without the presence of dad.

My life story...

Blessed with the strengths from his single mother,
to become a role model for his sister and brother.
Especially because he didn't like what he saw,
every time he looked out from his window or door.

My life story...

He chose to be different from most boys in the hood.

In school always the one to be misunderstood,
because he was never at the bottom - but at the top of his class.

Why is this so? Himself he did ask.

My life story...

Introduced to soul and rap music since the day of his birth,

so at twelve he began to write songs just to see what it's worth.

Now he wants to become a star, no, more like a legend.

Doesn't want to wait for the future, he's hungry for more in the present.

My life story...

That child has now become the man that you read from this page,

still managed to keep clean at twenty years of age.
Now my rap dreams are much bigger, in better words, their enormous.

This was just a jest of my life, now rate this performance.

Spring Weekend at Bryant Beach

By Neil Parrott
Staff Columnist

Welcome everyone to the time of the year where the students embrace the sunshine with cheers.

The seasonal depressants now brighten their face.

The colder the water, the better the taste.

As the outsiders arrives, they are greeted by the lifeguards wearing black and blue with two-ways on their arm.

The exchange for money and wristband turns out good, but the parking remains to leave people out near the woods.

When they stroll down the walk of presidency, they decide to relax and let the evidence be.

Towels, shade, and bathing suit tops are along side the pigskinners at the waterfront spot.

To the outdoors the radio speaks, "Welcome everyone to Bryant Beach!"

Be sure to enjoy the events of Spring Weekend, for there's the Springstock and Big Band once again!"

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Students Speak Out

How did you spend your time during the first days of summer weather?



"The kids next door found a couch on the side of the road so we sat on it in front of our townhouse all weekend."
-Katie Dionne '07



"I spent all day in the sun doing homework then enjoyed a kickboxing class."
-Sarah Russe '10



"I played football outside then had a turtle tug and jumped into green jello."
-Jenna Lamy '10



"I didn't get to enjoy the weather because I was busy at work."
-Girish Massand '08



"Loving it, loving life."
-Kyle Parker '08



"I stayed inside doing my math homework."
-Boa Tran '08



"I have been looking out the window because it motivates me to get my work done so I can go out."
-Daniel Willis '07



"I have spent my time enjoying the music outside Hall 5."
-Emily Baez '08