

Is the bread of education worth the dough your putting into it?

By Makena Sage
Staff Writer

The average college senior graduated with \$24,000 in debt in 2009, according to a report from the Project of Student Debt. But is the price tag really worth it? On the afternoon of Wednesday, April 6th, four Bryant students will be teaming up with a group of students from the Cambridge Union to try and settle that question, once and for all.

The Cambridge Debaters is an annual event during which two teams – each made up of two Bryant students and two Cambridge Union students – debate a topic that is relevant to the lives of Bryant students. This year's topic is: "Is the cost of higher education worth it for the benefits earned?" The four Bryant debaters are Coburn Childs, Makena Sage, Leticia Santana, and Joelle Sopariwala. Two moderators, Mike Cronin and Jessica Komoroski, will be hosting the event.

For those of you who may be wondering, the Cambridge Union Society is one of the oldest debating institutions in the world. It was founded in 1815 and has developed a worldwide reputation as a noted symbol of free speech and open debate. The debaters tour colleges around the U.S. each spring, and we are fortunate enough to have them visiting the Bryant campus April 2nd to participate in this year's Cambridge Debates.

The annual event is sponsored by Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK), Bryant's National Leadership Honors Society, to raise awareness about the organization, as well as to encourage a global perspective at Bryant. It does this by bringing a world-renowned

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Snooki to deliver Bryant's 2011 Commencement Address

By Jessica Komoroski
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She's been seen fist-pumping in Seaside Heights, New Jersey and Miami, Florida. Last year, she advocated on behalf of spray tans after President Obama increased the tax on tanning booths. Now, on May 21, 2011, Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi will be joining the Bryant Community for the 2011 Commencement Activities.

Snooki will serve as the Commencement speaker for the 148th Commencement at Bryant University. She follows such speakers as President George H.W. Bush in 2008, Red Sox President and CEO Lawrence Lucchino in 2009, and U.S. Senator Jack Reed in 2010.

Snooki has taken a front seat to stardom thanks to MTV's hit reality show, Jersey Shore. On the show, she is often seen molding her hair

into a giant "pouf" and wearing bedazzled sunglasses with tiny, leopard print dresses. According to her website, Snooki is "a native of Poughkeepsie, N.Y... who comes from a close-knit Italian family. Fun, outgoing, spontaneous, loving, and loud" are just a few words that describe her. Before Jersey Shore, she was a veterinary tech major.

Since fist-pumping her way into the spotlight, Snooki has appeared on multiple major talk shows and award shows. She is also a regular staple of hit gossip blogs such as Perez Hilton and TMZ.

However, the glamour of reality television fame is not what drove Bryant University to welcoming her as the Commencement speaker. Rather, it is her savvy business sense and ability to market herself to a diverse range of viewers. Snooki is the author of the bestselling book, It's a Shore



Snooki posing on the red carpet at this year's Academy Awards. (MCT Campus)

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Professor Michael Lynch The man, the myth, the legend



Professor Michael Lynch at left, pictured with Bryant graduate student Nicholas Denice. (University Relations)

By Jacquelyn Anmirato
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If you are a Bryant student, I'm sure you have heard stories about Corporate Taxation, aka ACG 351. The class has the reputation of being one of the most difficult at Bryant. Though the tests are open book and open notes, students still find themselves having to work extremely hard. Surprisingly, the majority of the stu-

dents who finish the class say it was one of their most fulfilling experiences at Bryant and even recommend it to their friends.

The man behind the infamous course is Professor Michael Lynch. Professor Lynch first came to Bryant in 1976 when he agreed to teach for one semester, which later turned into one year. Thirty-five years later, he is still here. But Profes-

sor Lynch is much more than a sixty-year-old man standing in front of a classroom full of students giving the same lectures year after year.

First of all, he was recently named to the United States Triathlon All-American Team and finished in the Top 10 in the United States for men age 60 and over. That's right, not only is he one of the most well liked and respected professors at the

University, he is also one of the most, if not the most, in-shape person on campus.

Professor Lynch first began swimming in 1956, running in 1965, and competed in his first triathlon in 1982. He made the decision early on in life that he wanted to be the best at everything he did. Professor Lynch says he finds that the better he trains, the better he teaches, and the better life he leads. This year it is clear that his training paid off.

He started off the competitive season with the goal of making the All-American Team. Competing in thirteen triathlons, he went undefeated on the year, winning his age group in every race. In two of those races, in which ninety percent of the competitors are between the ages of 18 and 26, Professor Lynch was able to finish in the top 3 overall.

One race in particular stuck out for Professor Lynch this season. The race was in Pittsburgh with the swim in the Allegheny River and the race finishing right outside Three River Stadium. There were three different races going on with over one thousand participants. In Professor

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Professor Lynch

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Lynch's race there were about 475 competitors.

Before the race started, it was determined that the water temperature was at the point at which competitors are banned from wearing wetsuits. Being a superb swimmer, Professor Lynch was thrilled at this news as he knew he now had an edge on his competition. As he predicted, he swam great and came out of the water in eighth place.

For this race, Professor Lynch had decided to forgo the hassle of traveling with his expensive race bike so he had rented a bike the day before the race for forty dollars. After the swim, he hopped on his rented bike and felt really good as he biked along the interstate highway.

Though he was feeling good, Professor Lynch was worried about the run, because in his words, "I'm getting old." However, as he ran the course he saw himself passing people who looked much younger than he is. When he finished the race and had cooled down, he headed over to the charts to see his results. However, he couldn't find his name anywhere and worried he had been disqualified. An hour later, he went back and checked again and found his name. He had finished 20th overall.

Did I mention he has also been part of a very successful law practice in Providence for

many years? Professor Lynch says he began work with the law practice to earn income and to make mistakes in order to learn from them. He said he would always take clients whose problems he didn't think he could solve so he could beat the challenge.

After many years, Professor Lynch says he has accomplished everything he wanted to in the law practice, so he does not have much motivation to do it anymore. He does say, however, that if a client comes in with an easy problem and a checkbook, he's in.

Today, Professor Lynch spends the time he previously dedicated to his law work working with his son who is a Ph.D. and does a lot of high level research.

Professor Lynch is also the director of Bryant Graduate School's Masters in Taxation. He is proud of the part he has played in the tremendous growth of the program in the last couple of years. He was even recently able to hire a former student to teach an estate and gift tax class for the program.

So how does he manage to do it all? Though he admits it is difficult to balance, he says he sticks to a strict plan as part of an overall strategy. In his athletic training, Professor Lynch says he takes more rest and easy days than most people. "People have so many hard days with few easy days that they end up not going hard enough on the hard days." He also cites the right

diet and stretching as two key components of his success.

Too many people, Professor Lynch says, expect instantaneous results and gratification. He advises students to "pick something you think that you will enjoy and will benefit the people around you but know that nothing becomes enjoyable until you become good at it."

Professor Lynch thinks his experiences as an elite tri-athlete help him to better relate to students. His experiences, he says, prevent him from "being just some old man up there telling the same stories and giving the same lectures year after year." He tries to keep his information current by incorporating updates to the tax law and sometimes having students read articles he has published.

Professor Lynch says Bryant students are of very high quality, and he thinks they realize they are getting their money's worth in his class. The students are part of the reason Lynch says he has "the best job in the world."

When he taught his first collegiate class at the University of Rhode Island, Professor Lynch was younger than all of his students. That doesn't happen much anymore, and with his goal to be at Bryant for fifty years, it's not likely to happen again.

So for now, Professor Lynch is living by the saying, "In the first third of your life you learn, in the next third you earn, and in the last third you return." "I'm in the return part now and I'm having a lot of fun."

Dough

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and award-winning team from an international debating society to campus to enlighten the Bryant community about a topic that affects each and every one of us.

Tickets will be available for free in the Center for Student Involvement. The Debates will be held on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 6th, at 4:30pm in Janikies. For more information about the Cambridge Union Society, feel free to visit their website at: <http://www.cus.org>. If you have any questions about the event, please contact us at omicrondeltakappa@organizations.bryant.edu.



The Cambridge debaters pictured from left to right: Joelle Sopariwala, Leticia Santana, and Makena Sage (not pictured is Coburn Childs). Moderator Mike Cronin is on the far right. (Not pictured is Moderator Jessica Komorowski). (Kelsey Nowak)

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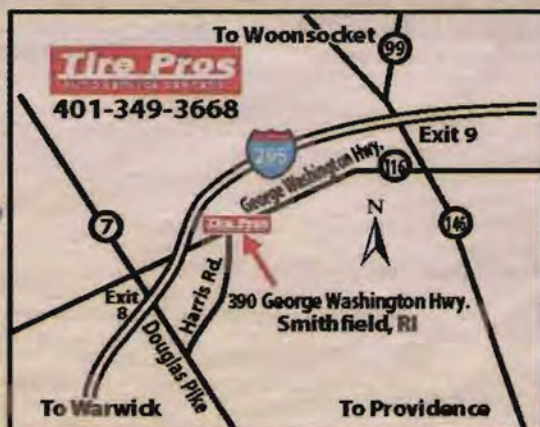
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Leveraging your beveraging

By Debbie Turner
Dietician

Functional Beverages: They're not water, they're not juice and they're not milk. So what are they? And, at almost \$3 per bottle, are they worth the cost?

The US functional beverage market consists of energy drinks, sports beverages, and nutrient-enhanced drinks including vitamin-, mineral-, and herbal-enhanced fruit drinks, teas, dairy drinks, and waters. Despite little evidence that these beverages live up to their claims, sales of energy drinks and shots are soaring. Sadly, along with the soaring sales, some very negative health consequences accompany these drinks.

Sports Drinks: First off energy drinks (Redbull, Rockstar, Soda) should not be confused with sports drinks (Gatorade, Powerade). Sports drinks were designed to rehydrate the athlete who is engaged in strenuous activity for more than an hour. These drinks contain salt and sugars in proportions that help the body absorb fluids and salts lost in sweat during endurance exercise. Most people assume that since sports drinks include the word "sport" in them, then it must be necessary to drink them when participating in any kind of workout or athletic activity, right? Guess again. If you are the casual exerciser who walks on the treadmill or does aerobics, you do not need to rehydrate with a sports drink. You will not lose the fluids in sweat that these drinks are made for. In fact, you could cause more harm than good. The additives in these drinks often will cause GI distress for the average exerciser. Save your money; drink water!

Energy Drinks: Energy drinks on the other hand often make big promises with little science to back them up. Some say they'll increase energy and alertness, others offer extra nutrition and some even claim to boost your athletic and/or academic performance. But once you cut through the hype and look past the flashy packaging, chances are what you're mostly getting is a stiff dose of sugar and caffeine.

Energy drinks are formulated to deliver caffeine and other stimulants, such as guarana, to give the drinker a rush of energy. They are not designed to replace lost fluids during exercise. So what's the problem? Makers of so-called "energy" drinks generally market them as dietary supplements. Dietary supplements are regulated differently than food, and the FDA does not approve or review the products before they are marketed. Although the FDA limits the caffeine contents of cola-type soft drinks, no such limit is required on energy drinks.

Caution is warranted for those who choose to consume energy beverages. Although consumption of a single energy beverage should not lead to excessive caffeine intake, consumption of two or more beverages in a single day can. These products are far more potent than coffee or soda due to the added stimulants.

Guarana is a powerful substance very similar in chemical makeup to caffeine. Manufacturers use guarana in many cases to hide the fact that their products have caffeine in them. Taurine and ginseng are added to enhance the caffeine effects. When combined into one product, the caffeine and sugar effects end up doing harm to your organs. Blood pressure elevates and your heart and kidneys go into overtime, working harder to maintain a normal blood pressure. Dehydration becomes a problem, increasing the likelihood of an energy "crash-and-burn" effect. Ultimately you have just spent money on a product that does harm to your body and your performance ability.

Fitness Waters (Propel, VitaminWater): These must be good for you right? These

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Survivor Series

Contributed by Colleges Against Cancer

I am a survivor of breast cancer. I was 37 when I was diagnosed -- a single mom with two children ages 8 and 6, and I was a full-time faculty member in the math department at Bryant University at the time. Two years previous to the diagnosis, I found the lump myself, but my doctor said it was nothing to worry about, so we left it. It not only grew in those 2 years, but it also traveled into my lymph nodes, which of course complicated the issue.

I was diagnosed in May, had surgery that summer, and then began chemotherapy in the fall. I needed to keep working for income, so during that fall semester I taught while doing chemotherapy at Mass General Hospital. The chemo made me so sick that I had to be hospitalized for 3 days for the treatments. The first day was just to hydrate me, because I was going to become so sick. On the second day while they gave me the chemo, they also gave me a drug to cause amnesia, so that I would not remember how sick I actually became. The last day was just to recuperate.

Teaching that semester was actually a Godsend. I had lost all my hair and quite a bit of weight, so I wasn't looking so great or feeling too well. Each day that I could go into class and teach and take my mind off my illness for a few hours was like having a mini vacation. I was also coaching the women's golf team at that time. My players and all my students were so terrific. They made me feel normal and even welcome in the classroom and out on the course.

The hardest part for me was watching my children worry about me and worry about losing me. To this day my now 30-year-old daughter will start to cry a bit if someone brings up this subject. My daughter, then 8, had to completely run the house herself: get the meals, make lunches for the next day, make sure everyone's homework and piano practicing was done, and organize rides to any after-school activity, etc. I never felt that this could possibly be the end. I was always confident that I would beat this cancer, but I did wonder why I got breast cancer. It was a hard time, but the three of us became very close...and we still are.

I finished chemo in December of 1990. In January of 1991, I was about to begin radiation treatments. On January 1, 1991, we had a banking crisis in Rhode Island, and I lost every penny I owned. I literally had \$20.00 in my pocketbook. Making matters

worse, I had just received and deposited into the bank all the Blue Cross insurance checks to pay all the doctors' bills in Mass General. That money was lost. I also lost my paycheck and my child support payment, since they were both direct deposited. Life was not easy.

I place all my trust in God, and I have learned to take life one day at a time. As I went through this whole ordeal, people were so good to me. I would receive the most thoughtful notes from people. Sometimes I would receive a note or a small gift from someone, who I didn't even think liked me very much. You realize that most people are genuinely good, and we do help each other through this life.

I have received the gift of good health again. I am very active, and I especially love to play the elusive game of golf. I lost my mom to breast cancer this past September, and I lost one of my best friends and golfing buddies to breast cancer this past January. She was 53, wife and mother of 2 boys. I consider myself so blessed.



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Study Abroad Spotlight

Name: Cristine Cox
Class of 2011
University: Queen Mary, University of London
Location: London, UK
Partner: Arcadia
Semester Abroad: Spring 2010
Duration: January 4th - June 12th



Reason for going:

Why not go?! I've always wanted to go to Europe and after the SIE Italy trip I made a promise to myself to go back. London was a central location that would allow me to experience different cultures, travel, but still be comfortable in a city environment.

Best experience/memory:

I got to go to a concert and see one of my favorite independent artists perform and became a fan of two independent artists from London at a small venue in a nearby neighborhood. It was probably the best concert I'd ever been to. From there I learned about several other concerts and spoken word events - I ended up going to about one a week for the rest of the semester!

Funny cultural experience:

In London "pants" refers to what we know as "underwear/panties/boxers" here. A friend and I were talking to her flatmate about laundry and she said "I usually wear my pants one or two times before I wash them." Her flatmate was mortified!

How was the school different from Bryant University?

QMUL was a large commuter school, so even though their population was in the thousands, only a small portion of that (first years and study abroad students) lived on campus. I also found it interesting that their equivalent to SPB, the Student Union (QMSU), had hardly anyone involved in it, and very few students went to their events.

How did this experience change you?

I became a lot more self-sufficient while I was in London. I also learned how to depend on myself, navigate a new city, and learn another language. Even though they speak English in London, it is

not the same English we speak in the US. By the end of my trip, my vocabulary had drastically changed. I also learned to appreciate my surroundings. I live in a major city, and I don't always take the time to explore it because I assume I will always have the chance to. Discovering as much as I could about London encouraged me to do the same about my hometown.

Would you study abroad again given the opportunity?

Absolutely! I'd want to go to India or South America.

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Beverage leverage

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products were designed as an alternative to soda yet often they contain the same ingredients: sugar and calories but with an extra dose of "vitamins".

These vitamin-enhanced waters are branded with names like "defense," "focus," "enlighten," and "restore," and claim they contain nutritional recipes for alertness, energy, calmness or an immune system boost. Again, very little evidence is present to support these claims. In fact, there is growing concern for the potential of vitamin toxicity when continuously consuming these products.

One consumer group, the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI), filed suit against Coca-Cola Co., accusing the soft drink giant of attempting to deceive the public with marketing claims about the beverage VitaminWater. In a statement released when the lawsuit was filed, CSPI said "Coke markets VitaminWater as a healthful alternative to soda, but the 33 grams of sugar in each bottle do more to promote health problems than the vitamins in the drinks do to perform the benefits listed on the bottles."

The FDA allows drink manufacturers to list nutrition information in either a "per serving" or "per bottle" format. Many makers of these beverages list the calories per 8 ounce serving, but list the vitamin content per bottle, usually 20 ounces. Basically it's a marketing ploy to minimize the negative calories while maximizing the positive vitamins.

Bottom line, your body will only use the vitamins it is lacking. If you are eating the way you are supposed to, most of the stuff in these waters is extra. At almost three dollars a bottle, these products seem to be a big waste of money; you are literally flushing it all down the toilet. For the same amount of money, a fruit and yogurt parfait will provide more nutrition and better performance.

Basically the only people benefiting from these functional beverages are the beverage companies. As a society, we are making them a lot of money while we become less healthy.

Just to re-cap some of the effects on the body from these beverages:

- Increased heart rate and blood pressure if the beverage contains stimulants.
- Increased dehydration due to excessive caffeine and sugar.
- Increased risk for dental problems due to the sugar and/or acids.
- Possible potential for toxicity of vitamins/minerals.
- Displacement of nutrients due to substitution for milk, water, fruits and vegetables.

No matter what the label may say, no drink can make you perform better. There is no substitute for hard work, plenty of rest, and a healthy diet, including hydration. Don't let marketing hype trick you into thinking you always need something "extra" to perform your best.



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Snooki at Bryant

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Thing, a story about a girl named Gia who spends the summer at the Jersey Shore with her cousin, Bella. Additionally, she is the spokeswoman for the Snooki Love Pendant, a heart-shaped cubic circonia pendant, which is one of the bestselling items from the Snooki Jewelry line.

After Snooki was arrested for disorderly conduct and drunken intoxication on the beaches of Seaside during the summer of 2010, the "Free Snooki" t-shirt became the latest tagline tee from the show.

Undoubtedly, the biggest question Bryant students will be asking is, "How will Snooki fit the graduation cap over her pouf?" However, there is much more that the Class of 2011 can expect from Snooki's speech. For example, how did she balance a summer of broadcasted hard partying with real-world responsibilities? What has she learned from living with strangers? Is the business of fame as easy as it seems?

It's sure to be pouf-tastic! And this event, much like this article, is filled with "GTJ" - Gym, Tanning, and Jokes! **HAPPY APRIL FOOLS' DAY!**

Department of Public Safety Log

THEFT
MAR 22 2011-Tuesday at 13:00
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: DPS received a report from a student that their IPOD had been taken from a Townhouse common area. DPS is investigating.

ACCIDENT (MVA)
Motor Vehicle Accident
MAR 23 2011-Wednesday at 01:07
Location: JACOB'S DRIVE
Summary: DPS received a report of a motor vehicle accident on Jacobs Drive. DPS responded and a report was taken.

TOWED VEHICLE
MAR 23 2011-Wednesday at 07:12
Location: CHAFEE BUILDING
Summary: A vehicle was towed from the Chaffee parking lot for illegal parking and outstanding citations.

VANDALISM (AUTO)
MAR 23 2011-Wednesday at 12:45
Location: HALL 16 LOT
Summary: DPS received a report of vandalism to a vehicle. The rear window was broken out. DPS is investigating.

EMT CALL
(Medical Services Rendered)
MAR 23 2011-Wednesday at 22:41
Location: CHASE ATHLETIC CENTER / GYM / MAC
Summary: DPS received re-

port of a student who had injured their finger. EMS was activated. Student was transported by a friend to Fatima Hospital for additional treatment.

EMT CALL
(Medical Services Rendered)
MAR 25 2011-Friday at 02:07
Location: ENTRY CONTROL STATION
Summary: The Smithfield Police returned two males to campus, one with a possible broken nose. EMS was activated. Subject was transported by Smithfield Rescue to Fatima Hospital for additional treatment.

DRUG
(Possession of Drug Paraphernalia) MAR 26 2011-Saturday at 00:46
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: DPS received a report that a couple of people were possibly smoking marijuana. DPS investigated and paraphernalia was found and confiscated. Charges have been filed

FIRE ALARM (Building)
MAR 26 2011-Saturday at 03:30
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: DPS received a report of a malicious alarm due to an activated pull station. DPS is investigating.

VANDALISM (School Building)
MAR 26 2011-Saturday at 07:51
Location: RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: A report of vandalism to a men's bathroom in a Residence Hall. This incident is under investigation.

ACCIDENT
(Leaving the Scene / Unattended Vehicle)
MAR 26 2011-Saturday at 08:44
Location: SENIOR APARTMENT LOT
Summary: DPS received a report of a vehicle being taken without permission and being involved in an accident with a parked vehicle. The incident is under investigation.

VANDALISM (AUTO)
MAR 26 2011-Saturday at 18:10
Location: SMITH HOUSE LOT
Summary: DPS received a report that the air was being let out of the tires on a student's car. The incident is under investigation.

VANDALISM (AUTO)
MAR 26 2011-Saturday at 19:20
Location: NEW SENIOR APARTMENT LOT
Summary: DPS received a report of a vandalized vehicle. DPS is investigating.

ASSAULT (Assault and/Or Battery) MAR 27 2011-Sunday at 01:08
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A DPS officer was assaulted by a student while officers were dispersing a crowd. Smithfield Police

were notified and took the student into custody. Charges have been filed by Smithfield Police as well as DPS.

THEFT (From Building)
MAR 27 2011-Sunday at 16:27
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: DPS received a report from a student that their laptop computer had been stolen. DPS is investigating.

FIRE ALARM (Building)
MAR 28 2011-Monday at 15:33
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: DPS received an accidental alarm caused by cooking on the stove. Smithfield Fire responded.

VANDALISM
MAR 28 2011-Monday at 16:30
Location: BRYANT CENTER
Summary: DPS received a report from a student that her I-Phone was damaged by her ex-boyfriend. Charges have been filed.

DRUGS (Possession of Marijuana) MAR 28 2011-Monday at 22:09
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: DPS officers responded to a report of a smell of marijuana. Upon investigation a student was arrested by Smithfield Police for possession of marijuana. Charges have also been filed on campus.

THE GREEK CORNER

By Justin Brown
Contributing Writer

This past month Bryant University Greek Life has been extremely busy. Whether that is participating in various philanthropic activities to preparing for Greek Week, Greek Life has been active throughout campus.

The sororities were very actively involved in philanthropies. The sisters of Delta Zeta held their Rock-a-Thon with Delta Chi to help raise money for the Jimmy Fund. Delta Zeta is currently fundraising for Relay for Life and planning their next event, the Turtle Tug. The Turtle Tug is a tug-o-war competition in which the proceeds go towards the Painted Turtle Camp for children with serious medical issues.

Sigma Sigma Sigma is working on bringing back the sexual consent campaign that was present two years ago. They also held a drive to collect dresses for underprivileged children to wear at proms'. Sigma Sigma Sigma's upcoming event, Rock for Robbie will be taking place March 31st, and they will raise money for their national philanthropy, The Robbie Page Memorial Fund.

The fraternities have also been very busy with philanthropies. Delta Chi fraternity sent four brothers to their Regional Leadership Conference in early March. While there, they attended workshops that promoted sound financial management of chapter funds and learned new recruitment techniques. The brothers were also awarded with the "Best Fundraising" award for the region.

The brothers of Delta Kappa Epsilon will be planning their spring formal. They will also be looking forward to defending their Greek Week title.

Phi Kappa Tau, over the past weekend sent brothers to a nearby food pantry to help paint, move, and stock the food storage room. Phi Kappa Tau will also be involved in intramural softball.

There is plenty for Bryant University to look forward to from Sigma Chi for the remainder of the semester. The main event to look forward to is Sigma Chi's first annual Derby Days. Derby Days is a weeklong competition, in which all proceeds will be donated to their national philanthropy, the Huntsman Cancer Institute.

Greek Life will also be signing up several teams for Relay for Life. Greek Life is looking forward to another great month and extremely anxious for the upcoming Greek Week competitions.

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Start thinking about retirement now

By Justin McCann
Staff Writer

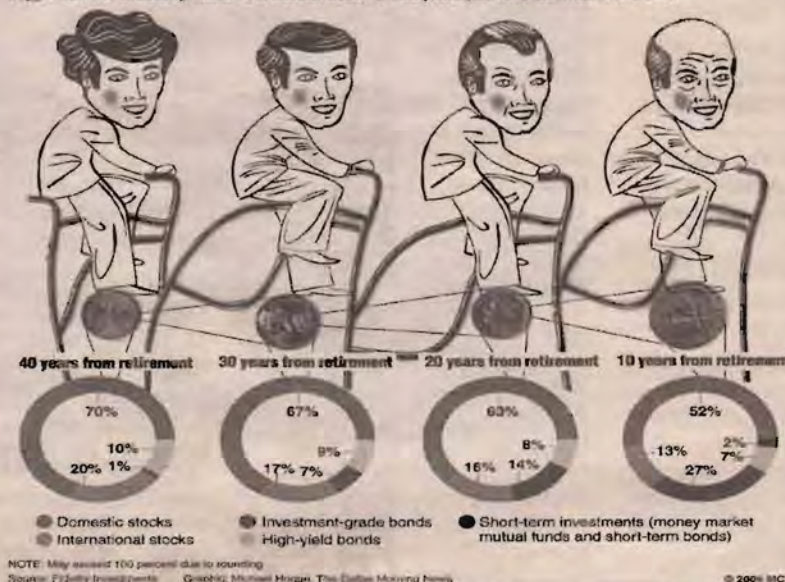
You may read the title of this article and say, "This article does not apply to me at all" but this article is specifically for college students. Retirement is something no one wants to think about because it is so far off. However, if you want the money to satisfy your needs and then some for your retirement it is best that you start saving now.

If you have taken a finance class you know that there is time value of money on invested funds and the earlier you start investing the greater the interest you will gain on those invested funds. This is why investing now in either an IRA or some other type of savings account will be beneficial to you.

You would not have to put in a lot

Divvying up your investments

Most financial advisors say be aggressive when young, conservative as you age. Here are Fidelity Investments' suggestions for allocating investment dollars, based on the years you have until retirement at 65:



of money now to see significant returns on that money later on in life. But it is even better if you can invest the maximum amount that you can into a retirement account as you will have not only more financial flexibility before retirement but you will have a lot of money in your retirement account when you do decide to retire. An IRA or savings account is better to invest in then relying on a 401(k) or Social Security because you will most likely have higher returns on your account and you can control what you put into it as well as what investments you choose to put it in such as stocks, bonds, CDs, or other types of assets.

If you think your time at college is flying by just wait until we enter the working world. Retirement will be here soon, so start saving now so you have a safe, secure, and happy retirement.

Businesses fall prey to cyberthieves' cunning

By Steve Johnson
MCT Campus

Among the growing ranks of consumers, business owners and others being lured by the convenience of online banking are legions of cybercrooks who have found the technology a convenient way to steal from unsuspecting victims.

More than 72 million households now manage their money online — up from about 12 million a decade ago, according to the financial services firm Fiserv. It's unclear how many of them have been targeted by crooks, but the FBI and a consortium of other government agencies reported in October that "thousands of businesses, small and large, have reportedly fallen victims to this type of fraud" with municipalities and non-profit organizations increasingly coming under attack. And unlike individuals, they lack legal protections for their losses. Ann Talbot learned of the danger four years ago when nearly \$21,000 was taken from the bank account of her general contracting firm, Golden Gate Bridge. Then in May last year, cybercrooks struck her Martinez, Calif., company again, making off with about \$100,000 from another account.

By then, Golden Gate had taken out an online-theft insurance policy, which limited its liability to about \$10,000, according to Talbot, the company's chief financial officer. Even so, she is wary of the

outlaws preying increasingly on those who bank via the Web.

"It's a huge problem," she said, adding that many people "have no idea of the threat out there."

It's just not lay people, either. FBI Director Robert Mueller told the Commonwealth Club of California in 2009 that he stopped online banking after getting an email that appeared to be from his bank, but that he realized was bogus after answering a couple of its questions.

After that, Mueller said, his wife told him, "no more Internet banking for you." The cyberthieves aren't fussy about whom they target.

In September last year, federal prosecutors in New York announced criminal charges against 37 people in a global online scheme that allegedly netted the crooks more than \$3 million, including \$130,000 from an unidentified hospital's California bank ac-

count.

In October 2009, lawbreakers tried to abscond with \$87,000 from a Danville, Calif., church, according to the Washington Post. Luckily, the

prison for plotting with hackers in the U.S. and Russia to loot individual Charles Schwab brokerage accounts.

Sarah Bulgatz, a spokeswoman for Charles Schwab, said the accounts were accessed through the victims' computers and not those of her company, adding that Schwab reimburses individuals for such losses. Under the federal Electronic Fund Transfers law, the liability of consumers who report an online bank loss within two days of discovering it is limited to \$50 and only after 60 days are they liable for the entire amount.

But the law doesn't protect commercial, governmental or nonprofit enterprises. And the size-

able sums those entities often maintain in their financial accounts make them attractive quarry for criminals. Of 504 small and medium-size businesses recently surveyed by Guardian Analytics, which helps banks and credit unions prevent

theft, 32 percent said they had experienced an online-banking scam during the previous year. While some banks have taken steps to prevent such larceny, many others have left themselves easy prey to hackers, who are becoming highly organized and using increasingly sophisticated tactics, said Guardian CEO Terry Austin. With more and more people banking online, he added, "the banking industry in general needs to step up to provide a higher level of security."

Some people — including Talbot of Golden Gate Bridge — also are urging lawmakers to give commercial ventures the same reimbursements afforded individuals. They have formed an online organization — Cyber Looting Awareness & Security Project — to lobby for the change. That worries the American Bankers Association. It fears that if a company was shielded from liability the way a consumer is, "the business would be less inclined to take the protection measures necessary to protect their online accounts," which might prompt banks to stop offering online services, said the group's spokesman Doug Johnson.

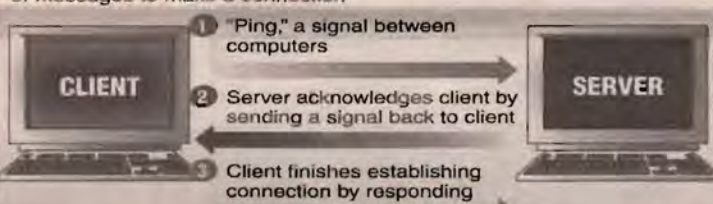
He added that banks are working with law enforcement authorities to try to limit such crimes but that the problem is increasing because more people are banking online.

Internet terrorism

How hackers perform "denial-of-service attacks," which are designed to do anything from disrupting Internet service to crashing servers:

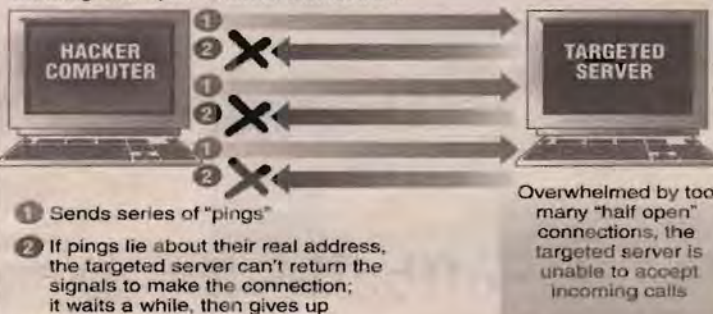
Normal internet connection

Client and server exchange a set sequence of messages to make a connection



One-to-one denial-of-service attack

Creating "half open" Internet connections



Distributed attacks

Tens of thousands of pings sent from "zombie" computers taken over by single hacker or hackers from a remote location



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transfers were blocked by the church's bank. Last August, the Catholic Diocese in Des Moines, Iowa lost several hundred thousand dollars in an online banking breach.

In April last year, Aleksey Volynskiy was sentenced to 37 months in

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It's game time, are you ready?

By: Katharine Hurley
Staff Writer

There are still signs of snow and winter in the Northeast, yet baseball season is here. Fans have been itching for months while watching the pre-season games in Florida and Arizona, and now it's time for the real thing.

This baseball season introduces many new changes, and we expect nothing less than an exciting and captivating year of baseball. The first regular season game is scheduled earlier this year to avoid the World Series from being played in November. This 2011 opener marks the first time that traditional Opening Day has not been held on a Sunday or Monday in over five years.

Five games were played on Opening Day, Thursday, March 31 and the rest will follow on April 1st and 2nd. On Opening Day the games will begin at 1:05 pm with the Tigers versus the Yankees. This game is causing a big commotion as the pitching lineup for the New York team is questionable for this season.

Fans have faith in CC Sabathia's pitching abilities,

but will the other guys be able to live up to lofty Pinstripe Expectations? Regardless, these New Yorkers always put on a good show.

The Giants are going to come in with high confidence after winning the World Series last year. Their team continues to look solid for the upcoming season as not many changes have been made

will hold in store. In fact, fans all over the country have ranked this game as the number one tilt to watch over every other opening day showcase. The Rangers are de-

"This baseball season introduces many new changes, and we expect nothing less than an exciting and captivating year of baseball."

other than a new short stop.

However, the Dodgers are ready for a comeback after falling apart during the second half of last season. They have a new team and manager, both of which look strong. Will it be enough to defeat the champs? Dodgers, Clayton Kershaw, says he is ready claiming to MLB.com, "I'm prepared. Now it's time for the real thing. Ready or not."

All other teams will begin on Friday and present the first busy weekend in the baseball season of 2011. New Englanders are anxious to see what the Sox versus Rangers game

will hold in store. In fact, fans all over the country have ranked this game as the number one tilt to watch over every other opening day showcase. The Rangers are de-

termined to make a comeback this season after almost winning the World Series last year. Cliff Lee no longer remains with the team, but not many other big changes have been made to their roster. Therefore, the Rangers continue to look solid and intact.

The Sox, of course, are coming off of a disappointing year filled with injuries. Not making it to the playoffs in 2010 has revved up players and fans for the Boston team.



David "Big Papi" Ortiz looks to have a renaissance season with several new hitters in the lineup as well as coming off of a solid season of his own. (MCT Campus)

Expectations are high for new members, Adrian Gonzalez and Carl Crawford, who were added in the off-season. Ace pitcher for the Sox rotation Jon Lester is ready to go as he gets anxious with an adrenaline rush after last Sunday's game in Fort Myers. "I'll just go out there and just try to do what I know how to do.... Just

go out and pitch and have fun. If I do that, if I focus on that, then like I've said in years past, everything else will fall into place," quotes Lester on RedSox.com.

So bundle up folks because it's going to be a chilly start, but these players are ready to put on a show. And on that note, play ball!

Bryant University Intramural Athlete of the Week:

Ricky McLaughlin

Sport: Softball

Looking to the start of the spring season of Bryant Intramurals with a bang, we here at Archway Sports wanted to select a competitor that was as much theatrical as athletic. A figure that can stand out as much for his antics as his plate discipline and raw power. That athlete, of course, is Ricky McLaughlin. Ricky brings every bit of personality he has while on the air at WJMF over to the softball fields whenever his team has a game (who have quite the interesting name if you get the chance to ask him what it is).

But it isn't all fun and games for McLaughlin, who has the combination of speed and power that can turn the routine extra base hit into an instant scoring opportunity. Don't let the grin and frequent funnies fool you; this man is a competitor through and through.

Know an athlete that you want to nominate for the B.U.I.A.O.T.W.? Send all nominations and comments to archway@bryant.edu



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Meetings @ 4:30 in Room 2A/B in the Bryant Center

Lacrosse's Anthony Iannello a Lowe's Senior Class finalist

Courtesy of Bryant Bulldogs

Bryant University senior captain Anthony Iannello (Lake Ronkonkoma, N.Y.) has been selected as one of 10 finalists for the 2011 Lowe's Senior CLASS Award for men's lacrosse.

Iannello is joined on the list by seniors from nine other Division I programs: Stefan Bauer (Lafayette), Grant Catalino (Maryland), Kevin Crowley (Stony Brook), Johnathan Falcone (Yale), Ryan Flanagan (North Carolina), John Galloway (Syracuse), Brian Karalunas (Villanova), Tom Montelli (Duke) and Jonathan Stumpf (Lehigh).

A two-time captain and Northeast Conference First Team selection, Iannello is the first Bryant men's lacrosse player to be named a Lowe's Senior CLASS Award finalist. He collected a number of 2011 preseason accolades, including an Inside Lacrosse preseason All-Northeast Conference selection and an NEILA Pre-season Team pick. The senior longstick midfielder also earned an All-New England nod in 2010 following a junior campaign that saw him cause 16 turnovers and pick up 46

ground balls while helping to anchor the nation's top defense, allowing just 6.59 goals per game.

This season, Iannello is again living up to his leadership expectations and skills, and has led the Bulldogs on the field against a number of nationally ranked opponents. A mainstay in the Bryant defensive midfield, Iannello is fourth on the team in ground balls and has eight caused turnovers, including four on the road against a Drexel team receiving national recognition.

Iannello is currently ranked in the program's career top-10 in caused turnovers and ground balls per game, as well as caused turnovers in a game and caused turnovers in a single season. But his attitude and leadership speak even louder than his stats, and the Long Island native has also played a major role in guiding the Bulldogs through the transition to Division I and has been key to Bryant's success in its first two-plus seasons at the DI level. Bryant has gone 25-15 since playing

its first Division I game in 2009.

Off the field, Iannello was a 2010 Northeast Conference Academic Honor Roll selection who has earned Dean's List honors four semesters as

funds and organizing efforts to purchase and deliver gifts for children with cancer.

Within the campus community, Iannello is a member of the Bryant Senior Advisory Council, a group of students

sen from the list of 20 candidates announced in February as student-athletes who excel both on and off the field. An acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School, the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award focuses on the total student-athlete and encourages students to use their platform in athletics to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities. To be eligible for the award, a student-athlete must be classified as an NCAA Division I senior and have notable achievements in four areas of excellence – community, classroom, character, and competition.

Nationwide fan voting begins immediately and will be combined with media and coaches votes to determine the winner. Bulldog fans are encouraged to vote for Iannello now through the May 10 deadline and may vote once each day.

Lowe's, an official Corporate Partner of the NCAA, will announce the winner May 28 at the NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse semifinals in Baltimore.



Be sure to vote for Anthony Iannello in his quest for the Lowe's Senior Class Award and let him represent Bryant with pride (BryantBulldogs)

a communications major at Bryant. While devoted to his studies, he is also extremely active both in and around the Bryant community. A Special Olympics volunteer, Iannello headed his team's work with The Tomorrow Fund's Adopt-a-Family program, collecting

from across the university which meets with the University President and top administrators on current issues and proposals. He also served as a volunteer blogger for NCAA.com throughout the 2009 season.

The 10 finalists were cho-



This season in Bryant Figure Skating...



By: Hillary Cartwright
Contributing Writer

The Figure Skating Team clinched a record of four medals this year for their 2010-2011 season. They are now ranked third on the East Coast in their division, beating out other top-notch schools such as Northeastern and Princeton. The team is comprised of sixteen girls and

skates out of the Warwick Figure Skating club led by Coach Kristine Wilkinson and Advisor Barbara Gregory. If you would like to see the team perform they will be at the Thayer Arena in Warwick, RI this Saturday, April 2nd at 1pm and 7pm. The team is also hosting their annual Skate-A-Thon to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society on April 10th from 2-5 at

the Smithfield Ice Rink. To donate to the cause please mail a check made out to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to campus box 2020. For more information please email cjohns14@bryant.edu.

Congratulations to the Women's Lacrosse team on their big win over conference rival Monmouth!

Bryant On Tap

Baseball
Saturday, April 2- Doubleheader vs. Maine @ 1 & 4 PM
Sunday, April 3- @ Maine- 1:00 PM
Tuesday, April 5- Home vs. Harvard @ 3:30 PM
Wednesday, April 6- @ Boston College- 3:00 PM

Men's Lacrosse
Friday, April 1- Home vs. Quinnipiac @ 7 PM
Tuesday, April 5- Home vs. Brown @ 7 PM

Women's Lacrosse
Friday, April 1- @ St. Francis- 4:00 PM
Sunday, April 3- @ Robert Morris- 12:00 PM

Softball
Sunday, April 3- Doubleheader @ Farleigh Dickinson2&4 PM
Tuesday, April 5- Doubleheader @ Holy Cross- 3 & 5 PM

Archway readers can now find a trivia question somewhere in the sports section! The Archway fan who calls in the correct answer to the 'Archway on Air' radio show, Thursdays at 6 pm, on WMJF 88.7, will win a gift card!

TRIVIA QUESTION:
Who won The Masters Tournament last year?

Lefty earns NEC Pitcher of the Week

Courtesy of BryantBulldogs.com

For the second time this season, Bryant University senior Mark Andrews (Hillsborough, N.J.) has been named Akadema Northeast Conference Pitcher of the Week for his performance in the past five games.

Andrews has looked like nothing but a lock-down lefty closer thus far this season. Bryant's (9-12, 3-5 NEC) veteran reliever made three appearances last week, recording a pair of wins and a save. He totaled 5.0 shutout innings of relief, surrendering one hit and one walk while striking out five batters.

Andrews threw 3.1 hitless innings in the Bulldogs' weekend series against NEC rival Monmouth. Factoring into both halves of Bryant's doubleheader sweep on Saturday, Andrews retired nine of the 10 batters he faced.

He came into a tight spot in the first game of the twinbill and took the ball of a

scoreless game with one out and runners on second and third. Andrews did his best to limit the damage, inducing a fielder's choice groundout and a strike out the lockdown



Andrews totaled 5.0 innings of relief last week, while only allowing 1 hit and striking out 5 (Bryant Athletics)

lefty let only one of the inherited runners to score on an error. He would go on and twirl the last 2.2 frames of the eventual 3-1 seven-inning victory, recording three of the game's final six outs via strikeout.

In the second half of the

double dip, Andrews was needed to preserve a 4-2 lead in the ninth. Entering with a runner on second and one out, Andrews walked the first man he faced before forcing the Hawks' No. 3 hitter to ground into a game-ending double play.

In the team's home-opener against Fairfield on Wednesday, Andrews worked 1.2 innings of one-hit ball in relief to keep the Stags at bay, allowing the Bulldogs to claim the walk-off win as the southpaw picked up the win. The lefty recorded a strikeout and forced double-play to end the Stags last at bat.

The Bulldogs return to action Saturday at home with a double header against Maine. First pitch is slated for 1:00 p.m. and fans can follow live stats at www.bryantbulldogs.com.

Bulldogs Defeat Marist 3-1

Courtesy of BryantBulldogs.com

Jordan English (Windsor Locks, Conn.) lined a two-run single into left in the fifth inning helping lead the Bryant University baseball team to a 3-1 non-conference win over visiting Marist at the chilly Baseball Complex Tuesday afternoon.

English would collect two hits on the day, including a double to left field in the first inning, his eighth double of the season. But Marist would get out of the inning unscathed as starter Chris Bielak would retire the next two Bryant batters.

Marist (16-5) would take a 1-0 lead in the top of the fourth as Eric Helmrich lined a double into left-center off Bulldog starter Brian O'Neil (North Reading, Mass.). But O'Neil, who pitched well while battling the cold wind, would get out of the inning without further damage as the junior righty fanned Pat Welsh and Nick McQuail to retire the side.

An inning later, with the Bulldogs still down 1-0, Tim Norton (Barnstable, Mass.) drilled a hard single into left

to start the bottom of the fifth. He would move up to second on a bloop hit into right field by freshman Edward Rooney (Merion Station, Pa.). Both runners would move into scoring position following a perfectly executed sacrifice bunt by Dan Muscatello (Hopkinton, Mass.).

Following a walk issued to Connor Carignan (Norwich, Conn.) to load the bases, Bielak would get Kevin Brown (Northborough, Mass.) to line out to second for the second out, but English would come through, lining a hard single to score both Norton and Rooney. Rooney had a solid day at the plate, going 2-for-4 with a run scored.

The Bulldogs (10-12) would add an insurance run in the eighth which proved more than enough for closer Mark Andrews (Hillsborough, N.J.), this week's NEC Pitcher of the Week honoree, who came on to pitch the final two innings to earn his fifth save of the season.

Touch 'em all! Burdo lifts Bryant to sweep over UAlbany

Courtesy of Bryantbulldogs.com

Senior third baseman Regina Burdo (Wayne, Pa.) hit her first career home run and added a second long ball in the late game, as the Bryant University softball kept rolling with a sweep over the University at Albany in the Tuesday afternoon doubleheader.

The Bulldogs (12-11, 4-0) took the first head-to-head, 8-0, in five innings of play before pulling out a 5-2 victory over the Great Danes (5-13) in the second of the twinbill, as the Black and Gold recorded a season-best seventh win in a row.

Burdo, Aubrey Mable (Aurora, Colo.), Lauren McCart (Voorhees, N.J.) and Talia Zizza (Reading, Mass.) each recorded a homer in the two-

take care of the Great Danes' lineup, holding the visiting side to a mere three hits and two walks over 5.0 innings of work. The right-handed pitcher dealt seven strikeouts and picked up her fourth win in as many starts.

McCart opened the bottom of the second with her first homer of the season, and added her second RBI of the contest in the bottom of the fourth with a frozen rope to left field. Christina Eringis (Tewksbury, Mass.) would chip in with a sacrifice fly to left field, giving Bryant the 3-0 edge after three.

The Bulldogs lineup opened up the lead by two more in the bottom of the fourth, as Burdo recorded her first home run in a Bryant softball uniform. The third baseman's two-run shot gave



The Bulldogs have been playing up to their lofty Division I standards and beyond, winning their last 7 in a row and 11 of their last 12 (Bryant Athletics)

an early 2-0 lead on two hits and two errors by the Bryant defensive lineup. The Great Danes' lead would be short-

the Great Danes for the remainder of the game. The righty would finish her sixth win with three strikeouts and zero earned runs.

Zizza's solo home run to right field in the bottom of the fourth, her third of the season, would push the lead up to two. Burdo would add an insurance run and her fourth RBI of the game in the bottom of the sixth with a single down the left field line, lifting the Bulldogs to a 5-2 lead.

Hart (6-4) would retire the side in the bottom of the seventh, as the Black and Gold swept their fourth-straight doubleheader in the past 10 days.

With the win, Bryant softball has moved above .500 for the first time since opening day and has set a new pro-

gram record for wins on the Division I level (12).

The Bulldogs return to action Sunday, April 3 with a trip to Northeast Conference foe Fairleigh Dickinson. First pitch of the doubleheader is slated for 12 p.m. and fans can check results at www.bryantbulldogs.com.

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game set, with Burdo hitting one in each outing.

Mable ignited the offense in game one with a solo home run in the bottom of the first, her second this season, to give the home side a 1-0 lead.

That one run is all starting pitcher Samantha Houseal (Mount Joy, Pa.) needed to

the home side a 7-0 cushion allowing Houseal (6-5) to close the door in the top of the fifth.

Eringis' RBI double to right field in the top of the fifth would give Bryant the necessary eight runs to take the five-inning victory.

In the late game UAlbany would be the ones who took

lived as Burdo responded with the long ball in the bottom half of the second, knocking a three-run home run over the fence to give the hosts a 3-2 lead.

After allowing two hits in the second inning, starting pitcher Brittany Hart (North Andover, Mass.) would start to hit the corners, shutting out

STUDENTS. SPEAK. OUT.

"What is the best April Fools' Day prank you have ever seen?"

"One time my friends and I drew on a car with maple syrup and then covered it with bird seed, making a granola bar car!"
-Joe Castrogiovanni '14

"I tied a rope to my brother's foot and tied the other end to his bed post then set the fire alarm off so he face planted on the floor."
-David Fillingim '14

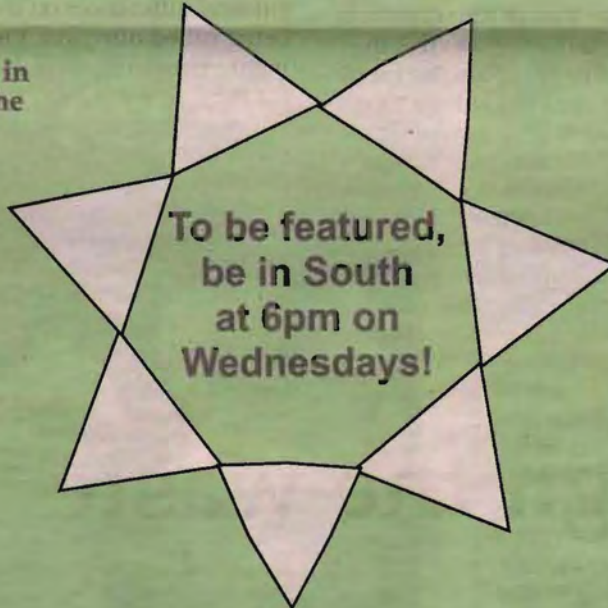


"In high school we bought and released 3 chickens in the hallways and numbered them 1, 2, and 4 so that the police were looking for number 3."
-Angela Chrobak '13



"Everyone showed up for class 20 minutes late."
-Kaitlynn Campbell '14

"We put over 1,000 balloons in the swim coach's office so she couldn't even move."
-Casey Ostrander '13



"Some girls put saran wrap on the toilets in middle school."
-Kyle Adams '14



"In fifth grade, my friend took a package of Oreos and scraped the frosting out then re-filled them with toothpaste. She then gave them to me and I thought they were mint Oreos."
-Kelly McFarlin '14



"In high school, two classes switched rooms before the teacher came in and they were so confused because we switched with a senior class and we were sophomores."
-Taylor McCarthy '14

Italian Festival impresses

By Kelsey DiCarlo
Staff Writer

The Italian American Association at Bryant hosted its annual Italian Festival this past Friday, March 25 in Papitto from 5 to 7 pm. As a Bryant student who is both of Italian descent and an Italian minor, I was very excited to participate in the ceremony. Not to mention getting extra credit, and a fantastic dinner was a part of the deal!

Papitto was all set up for the event, complete with red, green, and white balloons and an Italian radio station playing over the speakers. There was a podium and a drop down screen, as well as a laptop for students to pull up their presentations on.

The Italian festival was very organized. A 3-course meal was served: antipasto, dinner, and dolci, or desserts. As each course was served, a group of students such as myself lined up to present a particular aspect of Italian culture. For instance, my presentation was focused on Vespas, the infamous motorcycles that have been the dominant form of transportation in Europe since their debut 65 years ago. Other presentations included Formula 1, the famous racing team from Italy, soccer, and dolci, like gelato and cannoli.

Several students recapped their experiences abroad, such as hunting in a forest for truffles, which are mushrooms, or learning about Italy's second national language, which is the very descriptive way Italians use their hands while talking. Overall, the presentations were all very well done and were both educational and entertaining.

Many famous faces came to enjoy the food and appreciate the culture at the festival. These included Father Bob Marciano, who has spent many years in Italy on sabbatical, as well as President Ron and Kati Machtley.

The food at the festival was amazing, but would you expect anything less? There were stuffed shells, several pasta dishes, and my personal favorite, the desserts. There were heaps of cannoli and pizzelles. Sorry to disappoint,

See Italian, page 12.

Don't hate 'Outsourced'

MCT Campus

Last pilot season NBC made a crazy move. It green-lighted an unlikely new sitcom set in a Mumbai call center. "Outsourced" was the hippest thing to happen to South Asians in the United States since Madonna discovered henna. As a writer, I was thrilled to hear about the show, not only because I'm an American of Indian descent but because I recently lived in Mumbai, helping my husband run a call center. Let's face it, if my agent couldn't get me an interview on this one, I might as well move back to Mumbai.

As it was, I got a dream job. "Outsourced" debuted to solid reviews from the Los Angeles Times, the New York Times, Variety and the Hollywood Reporter. With no big-name stars to draw viewers, it still ranked as high as No. 2 among the network's scripted programs last fall. Even after a mid-season move to 10:30 p.m., "Outsourced" remains one of the most DVR'd prime-time shows.

In my time on the writing staff, I've been overwhelmed by the outpouring of support for the show, especially from members of the South Asian community. Positive comments on Twitter after the show airs heavily outnumber critical ones, and according to the New York Times, even an audience of call center workers in India loved the show.

What's odd, then, is the level of vitriol directed at us by some reviewers. They've called it "insulting and condescending," filled with "offensive stereotypes" and based on "obvious cultural ignorance" on the part of the writers. New fans of the show seem to feel the need to post and tweet apologies for liking it: "I'm sorry but I really love 'Outsourced'" or "I think 'Outsourced' is hilarious. Don't hate me."

Based on their bylines, most of the offended parties are not from the Indian community. Perhaps they don't realize that we have five South Asian writers on the show telling stories that often come straight from our personal experiences. Or perhaps they don't believe Indians should make fun of themselves.

An early episode featuring the "Indian head bobble" came from my non-Indian husband's confusion in communicating with his call center staff. A sequence about Todd, the American boss, and his difficulties boarding an Indian train was inspired by a story another Indian writer shared about his grandmother, who spent a lifetime struggling to push her way onto crowded Indian trains, then employed the same tactics on her first visit to America, elbowing whole families to se-

'Outsourced' is not a documentary about call centers. It's a comedy, which means we tweak and exaggerate to get a laugh. Yet we also have moments of truth that are deftly realized....'Outsourced' has the potential to celebrate our cultural quirks, to build bridges between communities and perhaps, most important, to prove that there is a viable alternative to the "one brown face in a white ensemble" model of "diversity.'

cure her spot on the monorail at Disneyland.

These stories made us laugh in the writers' room. Yet when we highlight cultural differences on the show, we risk being called offensive. One online comment vehemently accused us of racism for the following line: Todd: "I didn't know you guys celebrated Valentine's Day." But ignorance of a foreign culture isn't racist; it's just ignorance.

And as for stereotypes: Simple, recognizable characters are the building blocks of all comedies. The templates we build on are universal ones: the shy wallflower, the ruthless boss, the guy with no social skills. We don't use what I consider to be Indian stereotypes: doctors, engineers, Spelling Bee champs,

Kwik-E-Mart owners. (And for the record, I'm a huge fan of Apu on "The Simpsons.")

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When Todd encourages Madhuri, the call center's wallflower with a beautiful voice, to pursue fame and fortune as a singer, she informs him that she already has her dream job. It's a moment that rings true to a pragmatic Indian value system. When Todd encourages Rajiv, his Indian assistant manager, to pursue the woman of his dreams in spite of her father's disapproval, it also rings true. Americans aren't as hung up on parental approval, and Todd's encouragement proves to be a positive catalyst in Rajiv's life.

At the end of the day, the characters in "Outsourced" care about each other and learn from one another. Those who only cite offensive stereotypes are missing the spirit of the show (or perhaps they've never actually watched it). What I love most about "Outsourced" is that the humor ultimately comes from a place of affection.

It's pilot season again, which means TV execs are once more making decisions about which shows to green-light and which to cancel. My greatest concern is that "Outsourced" is being judged superficially — on the color of its skin, so to speak, instead of the content of its characters.

"Outsourced" has the potential to celebrate our cultural quirks, to build bridges between communities and perhaps, most important, to prove that there is a viable alternative to the "one brown face in a white ensemble" model of "diversity."

As the Hollywood Reporter put it, "It's still hard to believe that the network took a chance on it; the public should do the same."

Weigh the waste

By Jake Meehan
Staff Writer

This past Wednesday, March 23rd, Greek Life along with SIFE's Green Team held Weigh the Waste in Salmonson Dining Hall. Members of Greek Life and Green Team pitched in to clear all of the food and liquid waste that remained after students were done eating during Lunch.

Students seemed interested in the event which will hopefully translate into some much needed awareness about the amount of waste student's dispose of every day. Last year Greek Life col-

lected 570 pounds of waste during one meal; however, just last week students wasted just over 700 pounds alone during lunch.

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Given that the goal is to decrease waste in the dining hall on campus, these figures are not exactly promising. After this event the hope is that students will be more

conscious of the excess food that they are taking — a possible solution would be for students to voluntarily go "tray-less." This would de-

crease the portion sizes of food being taken by students and proportionately decrease the amount being thrown away as well. By not taking a tray, the amount of water

being utilized to wash the trays would also decrease.

The SIFE Green Team feels that it is important for students to pay more attention to the effects of their actions. There are plenty of opportunities to reduce, reuse and recycle all over Bryant's campus, including when students are eating in Salmonson, walking around the Unistructure and socializing around campus! Be sure to keep an eye out for the Green Team members wearing their green t-shirts if you ever have any questions about being green at Bryant or email us at gogreen@bryant.edu

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Universities must do more to improve student-athlete graduation rates

MCT Campus

U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan has been speaking up lately about low graduation rates for student-athletes at some colleges and universities. We applaud his effort to bring attention to the problem, but there are better solutions than his proposal to bar basketball teams with graduation rates below 50 percent from the NCAA tournament.

Mind you, no school should be proud of a rate like that. It's just that the system is more complex than most realize.

There are three ways to measure graduation rates

the federal rate, the graduation success rate and the academic progress rate — and they have varying results. Interpreting each is a challenge since the figure covers such a small number of student-athletes; teams sometimes bring in just two or three players a year.

Each method is flawed, because a numerical formula can't easily account for all the variables affecting a basketball team. (The formulas are more reliable for football teams, which are much larger, and for athletic departments as a whole.) Players transfer. Coaches leave and arrive, sweeping players

out with them. Kids leave for the NBA — should that choice be considered a failure for the school? And some teams with low rates actually do better than their schools as a whole; punishing them seems unfair.

Colleges and universities must do more to ensure academic success for student-athletes, tying coaches' compensation to student performance and adequately funding academic support. And the NCAA must demand accountability, particularly for the worst offenders, rather than imposing Duncan's one-size-fits-all solution.

Kaylee K. advice

I am a high school student, and I am all set to come to Bryant next year. I'm really excited! A lot of stuff makes me nervous though. The biggest worry, aside from living away from my parents for the first time, is that I will have a roommate for the first time. Is it hard to deal with a roommate all the time? What if I get a bad roommate?

Well, Bryant matches you with a roommate based on a form filled out by all incoming freshmen, so you can rest on the fact that they will have a few things about their living habits compatible with you. Also, your future roommate is just as nervous as you are, so you'll both be going into the dorms trying to make it work. It's not hard to have a roommate, just different. Also, you'll have to sit down and make a roommate contract with them, which will help. If you have impossible to repair differences (which is rare), you can always switch rooms.

Italian, from page 11

but the number of cannoli I ate will not be published in this article.

The Italian Festival was a huge success, and I look forward to participating in it again for the years to come. The IAA will be hosting a movie night next Wednesday, featuring Non Ho Paura, which means "I am not afraid". For more information on the IAA events or general meetings, be sure to email iaa@bryant.edu. Ciao!

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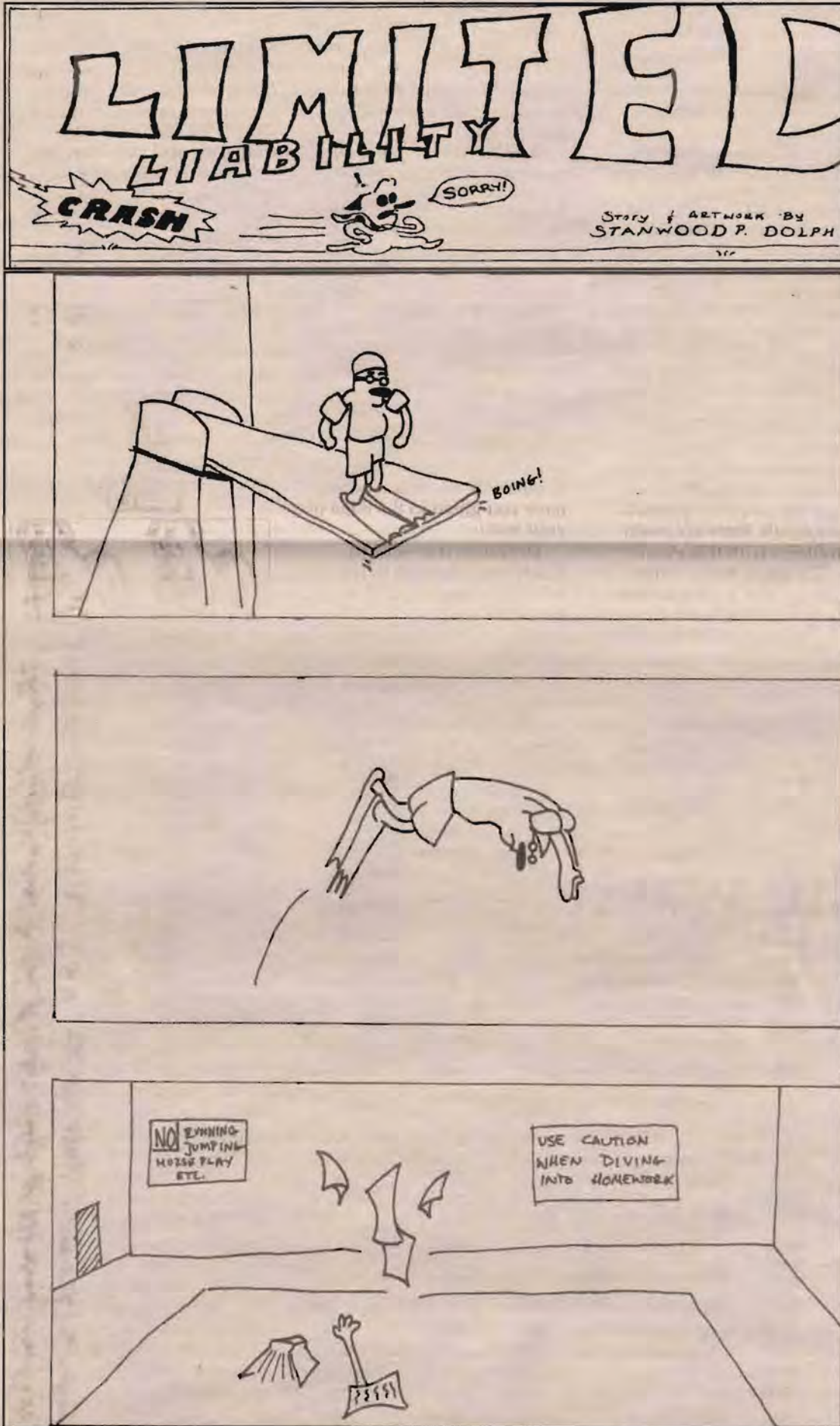
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Battle of Los Angeles



Aaron Eckhart (MCT Campus)

By Coburn Childs
Staff Writer

We've seen the premise a million times: mysterious events around the globe lead to an alien invasion. Chaos ensues. A typical Hollywood screenwriter could pen one of these movies in his sleep. Unfortunately, that may have been what was done for *Bat-*

tle: Los Angeles, the latest in a long line of alien-invasion movies to grace the big screen in the past few decades (and the first of at least 5 more this year alone).

While it is action-packed and suspenseful, this popcorn flick is still every bit as mind-numbing, dumb, and forgettable as they come. Hence, I'm torn in deciding whether or not I liked this semi-entertaining (and, at over 2 hours,

definitely over-long) film.

Let me start by saying that I am a huge fan of these sci-fi types of movies... I enjoy the explosions, the suspense, the cheesy dialogue, the heroic situations, and the inevitable empowering ending. But *Battle: LA* is not like any of those movies.

Well, in a way it is—*Independence Day*, *Signs*, and *War of the Worlds* all get paid homage with an incredible amount of explosive energy—but the film is still way too clunky and incoherent to actually carry any of the emotion that these other films hold to some degree.

Battle: LA follows a battalion of Marines as they are sent on a mission amidst the alien-overrun, panic-filled streets of Los Angeles. Besides having to rescue civilians and keep themselves safe, our heroes must also come to terms with the fact that our world is being overrun with bloodthirsty monsters. And that's about where the story ends.

Unfortunately, the filmmakers didn't put much thought beyond that and the fact that they wanted as many explosions and shots of a burning Los Angeles to occupy the screen as possible. As a result, there are many problems with this movie.

The major issue I have with the film is its storyline. There is virtually no character development, as each soldier

gets about a 30-second snippet introducing them before they are sent into the action. Hence, every single character is an unsympathetic cliché. Interestingly enough, the most recognizable actors in *Battle: LA* are Aaron Eckhart (a.k.a. Harvey "Two-Face" Dent) and Bridget Moynahan (a.k.a. the former Mrs. Tom Brady).

Now, it isn't necessarily a bad thing that there are no A-list stars in this movie, but the casting is pretty much completely uninspired and seems to demonstrate just how unnecessary the characters are in this movie—and that's never a good thing.

Additionally, there is almost no useful dialogue in the movie to propel the story forward; hence, it all amounts to a whole bunch of screaming and running around amidst extraterrestrial mayhem.

The cinematography is shaky, though the visual effects are certainly outstanding! A sequence where a bus full of our heroes meets up with the invaders on a precarious highway overpass is loaded with all-too-real explosions and destruction (not to mention, the suspense will have you glued to the edge of your seat).

However, it is unfortunately very difficult to tell what is going on half the time. Each time another member of the battalion is killed, I

struggled to even see who it was, considering all the guys were wearing the same outfit, and the film barely ever gives close-ups of the action. Also, because of this, it's very hard to care about any of the characters, for we, the audience, never get to connect with them.

Overall, *Battle: LA* succeeds in being semi-fun, wholly-mindless escapism. Were it not for the amazing audio and visual quality, this would be a throwaway summer blockbuster at best.

Yet, because of the fantastic effects and the gung-ho energy that exudes from the screen, the film becomes watchable and yes, even entertaining at times. Watch it for the thrills, but don't expect anything more from this tired formula—countless other movies have done it better.

This movie earned 2.5 out of 5 bulldogs



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Messed Movies: Mysterious Skin



Joseph Gordon-Levitt (*MCT Campus*)

By Jonathan De Costa
Staff Writer

Remember Uncle Bob? He got a D.U.I. for drunkenly riding his bicycle into the side of a mechanic's garage. You know, Uncle Bob, he's the one who ripped out his front tooth just because someone double dog dared him to do it. Yeah, Uncle Bob was really messed in the head.

What, you don't have an Uncle like that? Well...neither do I. I was just using this entirely and utterly fictional Uncle Bob as an example. You see, Uncle Bob is like the

movies I'm spotlighting. Like Uncle Bob, these movies are entirely messed in the head. Also, Uncle Bob is fictional, entirely and utterly fictional, just like these movies. I really don't have an Uncle Bob.

I think I somehow managed to find a topic that is even more horrific than the incest of last time: child molestation. Children are molested all the time in this country, yet we have a tendency to turn a blind-eye. We don't encourage children to talk about it. There's too much shame associated with being molested. That's why *Mysterious Skin* is an impor-

tant movie. *Mysterious Skin* poignantly handles child molestation; it serves as a vehicle by which viewers can have a mature conversation about the topic.

Mysterious Skin tells the tragic tale of two children, Neil and Brian, who were molested by their childhood baseball coach. Fast forward to teenage years, and they have predictably become quite messed up from their childhood experiences. Neil, already harboring gay feelings before he was molested, becomes a male hustler. He becomes obsessed with older men. Brian, on the other hand, completely blocks out all memory of his molestation and replaces it with an alien abduction.

The movie is a terrific character piece that shows how two people can come together and build up the ability to confront a terrible past. It's a Messed Movie not only because it is about child molestation, but also because it has several rape scenes. I've seen the movie several times, and I still cringe every time I see some of the scenes. In the end, it is worthwhile to watch, because its moments of beauty are even more significant against its terrible backdrop.

Have I outdone myself with *Oldboy*, and now *Mysterious Skin*? Is anything as messed up as the topics those movies cover? Is Uncle Bob real? Tune in soon to find out!

Unleashed atmosphere

By Matt Llewellyn
Contributing Writer

Blackie's Bulldog Tavern—"Unleashed Atmosphere" appears in bold letters below a large portrait of a cigar smoking, brute bulldog sporting a 1920's bowler hat—the portrait and catchphrase are embedded into the over-sized door mat of Smithfield's newest Restaurant.

As you enter the tavern, another motto "Eat or be Eaten" and several portraits of bulldogs can be viewed on the establishments floors and walls. Blackie's Bulldog tavern has invaded—and to be perfectly honest—taken over the building that was once Rocco Italian Osteria on George Washington Highway.

The owners and top management of Rocco, once a fine dining establishment that was meant to give Smithfield a taste of the Historic Federal Hill, thought it was time to give the town a new taste, or, more appropriately, a new treat.

Blackie's, still possessing the roman columns and marble bar of the owner's last restaurant venture, has implemented several changes to transform the place into a serious dog pound eatery. These changes can be immediately noticed in the décor—new furnishings that give the interior a real aggressive sports bar ambiance, as well as gracing the walls with over ten large flat screen televisions that supply prime viewing angles to the entire restaurant.

The menu was house broken as well. Delicious chopped salads and generous appetizers accompany a menu of bold and classic flavors: which include (but are not limited to) Tangy pulled pork, homemade sweet potato fries, and a dish that no one could shake a stick at—the Blackie Burger.

The tavern's menu of comfort food is paired with prices that compare to other local establishments, and is complimented and served by a courteous, well trained wait staff—several of whom made the switch from Rocco.

Also, the tavern's bar is manned by friendly and extremely talented mixologists who have serious command over Blackie's innovative cocktail list, which is made available to those over 21 years of age.

Jeanine Iannucci, Blackie's general manager, says the new place has been a hit, so much so that they are opening a cocktail lounge upstairs from the dining room to compliment to the new age tavern that can get pretty lively on the weekends.

Fetch 'em to Blackie's to catch any sports action from the NFL, MLB, NBA or NHY any day or just to relax and enjoy a bite—open at 4 pm on weekdays and 12 pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Visit their website, www.blackiesbulldogtavern.com, for more specifics and specials. Unleash yourself from the old routine, and check out this new option close to campus.

'Lil Wayne' and 'Lady Gaga' coming to Bryant!

By Angela Marchio
SASS Co-Chair

On April 2, 2011, Bryant University and the Student Arts and Speaker Series will welcome performance painter David Garibaldi to Smithfield, RI. Garibaldi will be performing at 9pm in the Main Gym, creating 6-foot portraits of pop icons like Lil Wayne and Lady Gaga to set music. This performance will be coupled with an inspirational talk about living your life with purpose and passion.

This event, will be the eleventh SASS event of the semester, and is co-coordinated by seniors Cory Beaudoin, Cristine Cox and Erica Dawson, Associate Director of the Center for Student Involvement Rich Hurley and Townhouse Area Director Betsy Knowles.

The performance is being done in conjunction with the Student Programming Board, and comes on the heels of CSI's Spring Programming Day. Speaking about working with SPB, Cox says, "There

are some students who see SPB and SASS as competing groups - this is absolutely not true. I think co-sponsoring with SPB is an opportunity for the SASS committee and SPB to show the campus that we have the same goal - to provide events, speakers, and programs that appeal to the student body's interest."

In terms of Garibaldi coming to campus, this is a very different type of program for SASS. It is the first time that the group is hosting an event later on a Saturday Night. The group felt this was necessary in order to reach out to as many students as possible. They felt that by limiting themselves only to week nights events, they would be excluding students who take night classes.

In addition to reaching out by using different time frames, SASS has tried to broaden their focus. This years committee has worked hard to incorporate the arts into their lineup. When asked why SASS wanted to bring a performance painter, Cox

says, "performance painting is an exciting way to watch paint dry - really! You can watch a six-foot canvas be transformed into the likeness of your favorite pop or historical icon in a lively, concert-like atmosphere! It's exciting, fun, and different and that's what SASS is all about." SASS is looking forward to Garibaldi's visit and bringing the arts to campus.

Tickets are available in CSI until 4:30pm on Friday. Tickets are also available all week at our Promotions Table in the ATM Foyer. Tickets will also be available Friday and Saturday night outside of Salmons as well as during Saturday's brunch outside of South Dining Hall!

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Bryant gets retro with The Dating Game



The participants of The Dating Game gather for a group picture. (Ashley Fullard)

By Ashley Fullard
Staff Writer

Last Friday, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. hosted Bryant's very first "Dating Game" here in South Dining Hall. The Dating Game was a popular game show in the 1960's that allowed total strangers a chance to find love. There was a dater that asked three contestants various questions to assess their "date-ability," and the contestant with the best responses was chosen to go on a romantic date with the dater.

In Bryant's version of the The Dating Game, the winning contestants had the opportunity to have a fun-filled night at Dave and Busters! The game was hosted by none other than Bryant's favorite couple, Norah Justin and Jor-

dan Brown. They entertained the audience with their playful banter toward one another and kept the crowd roaring with laughter the whole night.

There were three total rounds: two with female daters and male contestants and one with a male dater and female contestants. The questions posed to the daters were just as funny and risqué as the contestants themselves. With such questions like, "What is your favorite bedside condiment?" and, "What are your top three songs to get your lady in the mood?" the room was filled with smiling, blushing faces. As a contestant myself I got the chance to partake in the game, and although I didn't win, I enjoyed my round nonetheless.

This is just one of the many events the sisters of ZPB have hosted this month. Earlier this month, ZPB hosted Bryant Taste, an event in which students and faculty paid a small price and got the chance to try many different foods cooked by various students and faculty. Later this year, they will be hosting their annual health fair which raises awareness for many different ailments and diseases that affect the Bryant community.

Overall, Bryant's version of The Dating Game was very successful, attracting many different Bryant students. Hopefully the Zetas continue to host events such as this that allow the Bryant community a chance to kick back and enjoy themselves for awhile.

Photos of Gloucester, MA



Pictures Courtesy of Sara Elder

Word Vomit

The Birth of Communication

By Alex Scelzo

The mind churns
And an electric thought burns
To escape, to be known, to be heard
Even if it may seem absurd.

So the thought in mind beseeches
To join the concrete of reality's
reaches
For it would rather not be lost in
void
Or even worse, to be destroyed.

And thus the thought rushes to the
lips
Or to a writer's fingertips
To shape and morph forevermore
The world which can never ignore.

Because once the mind lets free the
thought
It is not easily forgot
By those who hear and those who
see
Who will now repeat this though in-
finitely.

However what is not assured
Is whether the initial meaning is se-
cured.
For once the thought leaps from the
mind
Its purity has forever been resigned.

But fear not! For this is good
For when a thought's not under-
stood
It gives birth to a million more
Differed thoughts which also yearn
to explore.

How do the things we say differ from how others interpret them? When do we decide that it is better to share a thought rather than to simply contemplate it? A German philosopher, Jurgen Habermas, has brought his own theory to how human beings act in society.

Habermas believes that the act of speech extends far beyond the simple process of speaking and listening. Rather, each incidence of speaking delves deeply into a realm of the social world, where all the listeners may develop a different interpretation on what was said. While some may understand the meaning of the speaker, others may completely misinterpret the speech. For instance, if one person says something simple to another such as, "Get some soda," the listener may ask himself: "Why?", "What kind?", "Where?" or "For him or us?". The separation between speech and interpretation leads to Habermas' main theory of communication based around the desire of mutual understanding between humans.

This poem was inspired by Habermas' social theory as discussed in Jennifer Horan's Philosophy Class.

In Memory of John Gardner

1989-2011

The Archway would like to dedicate this issue in memory of John Gardner. He will be missed by the entire Bryant Community.

"I didn't know John for a very long time, but that doesn't mean that he didn't have an impact on me! He was such a fun person to be around, his subtle humor always had everyone laughing at our rehearsals! His presence on stage was unlike any other; he worked so hard at everything he did."

-Maggie Keane

"Though I wasn't in the play with John, I met him several times during rehearsal. He didn't know me, and I was a complete stranger to him, but he was so nice to me anyway. He didn't care if I was new to, or not even a part of, the Players. He was hilarious and kind, and as I got to know him my first semester here, I could tell right away that he was a great guy. I wish I could have got to know him better. Rest in peace, John."

-Sara Elder

"John was an incredible individual who unlike many in the world today was reserved, polite, and kind. Truly his 'own man', he lived his life to the fullest touching everyone in a special way. We'll miss you buddy. RIP <3"

-Kyle Kober

"I remember when John was the announcer in Grease two years ago. He had to slap Jan's butt and John just would not slap hard enough. He was afraid that he would hurt Jess, who played Jan, and so we had him practice on stage over and over until he slapped it just hard enough to get an audience reaction."

-Stephanie Rochefort

"I got to know John during his first show. At the cast dinner John and his mom sat with me, and we had a fun evening. This is when I was first exposed to John's dry and witty sense of humor. Once you understood John's humor it was like being accepted into the John club where there was always fun."

-Colby Challenger

"John was the kind of kid with a very dry sense of humor who loved acting and made those around him laugh. He will never be forgotten and each performance will be in honor of his spirit and dedication."

-Mary Green



"John was a great friend and suite-mate. I will never forget sharing the stage with him through the Bryant Players."

-Kevin Javier

"John was such a great actor and a great father within the two shows that had fathers in them. I had the great pleasure to have him play my father in Cheaper by the Dozen, and it was such a pleasure acting with him. He will be missed by all."

-Dan Beaudoin

"I first met John when we both auditioned for our first play at Bryant freshmen year, 'The Perfect Idiot.' He was cast as my husband and in my role I literally beat him. That was the first of many shows we shared together on the Janikies stage, including when he scolded me as my father in 'Cheaper By the Dozen.'"

-Joelle Sopariwala

"I did really well on a final sophomore year, and I invited John to split a pizza with me. He tipped his hat and told me it would go straight to his hips. I ate pizza alone that day."

-James King

FISKDALE — John Caleb Gardner, 21, passed away on Saturday, March 19, 2011, in the presence of his loving family after a year long battle with cancer.

John is survived by his parents, Les Gardner and Nancy (Ainsworth) Gardner; an older brother, Benjamin Gardner of Groton, CT; two grandmothers, Doris Ainsworth of Washington, NC and Elizabeth Gardner of Bar Harbor, ME. He was predeceased by his two grandfathers, Henry Ainsworth of Westborough, MA and C. Holmes Gardner of Presque Isle, ME. John was also loved by many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

John was born on November 15, 1989 in Worcester, MA and lived his entire life in the Fiskdale section of Sturbridge, MA. From a young age John loved animals, science, nature and reading. John had a wonderful, dry sense of humor. As John got older, he became involved with painting, Pokemon leagues and Stageloft Theater camp. John graduated from Tantasqua Regional High School in 2008 where he was involved with Show Choir, Choraleers, Math Team, Gaming Club and the Drama Club. John had the opportunity to perform with the Choraleers at Basilicas in Italy and Austria. Most recently John attended Bryant University as a junior as an Actuarial Math major and he was involved with Bryant theater productions and Bryant Singers. John enjoyed vacationing each August in Owl's Head, ME with his family and the Quigley family. John will be missed on earth but we have the promise of a reunion with him in Heaven.

The Memorial Service, with Collation to follow, was held on Saturday, March 26, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. at the Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale, 8 Maple Street, Sturbridge, MA. In memory of John, donations may be made to Vista Care Hospice, 2 Willow Street, Suite 102, Southborough, MA 01745 or The Dream Foundation, 1528 Chapala Street, Suite 304, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

"John Gardner is described by his friends as endlessly caring, funny, and intelligent. Throughout his 21 years of life, John lived with passion and kindness. He was the first to befriend a new student or a lonely peer. John loved the arts and was an extremely talented artist, singer, and actor. He's one of the few men that I've ever seen win over an entire audience and get them laughing with three simple words "Nom Nom Nom". John delighted in participating in choral groups such as the Tantasqua Singers and our very own Bryant Singers. He had the privilege of singing at Basilicas in Italy and Austria.

The only thing bigger than John's love of Pokémon was the love and loyalty he showed his friends on a daily basis. I had the privilege of being able to call John my friend and feel truly blessed to have known him. "Because I knew you, I have been changed for good" and without doubt I say that his spirit will live on in all those who have the courage to be themselves, and love their friends and family with everything they have. Rest In Peace my friend; we'll see you again someday."

-Maggie Jones

"I originally joined the Bryant Players because of the sense of family and community the group fostered. John Gardner was a very big part of that family, and he will be missed, but his spirit will live on in our hearts. John was a kind, loving and passionate person with an extremely insightful mind and a great sense of humor. I feel the world would be a better place if more people were like John. I feel that the best way we can honor his life is by taking part of his kindness, passion, humor, and love and sharing it with others."

-John Botte