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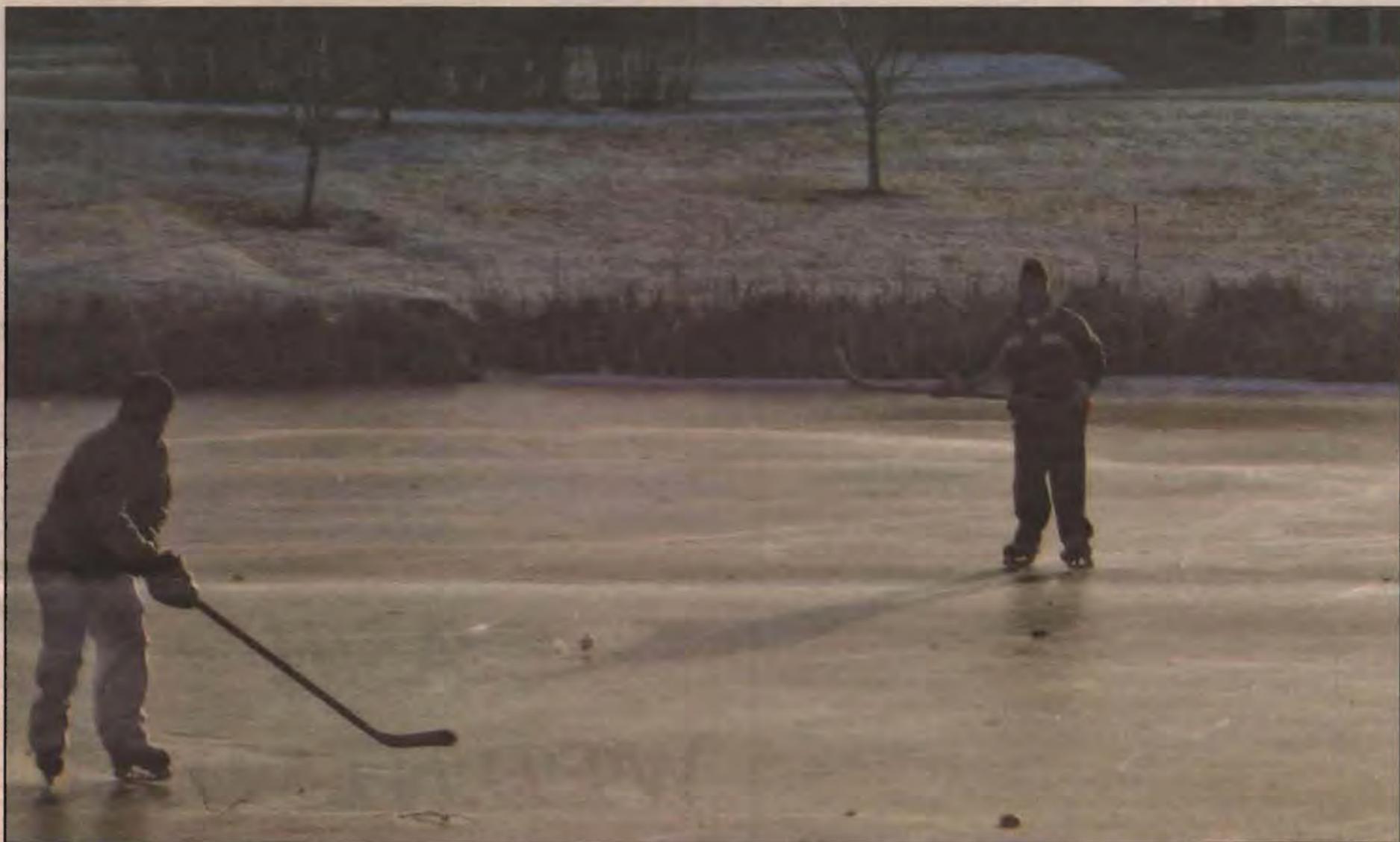
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Hockey - A timeless winter sport



Courtesy of Lauren Cimino

It may have been below freezing last Wednesday, February 7, but a group of students took the opportunity to play a quick hockey game on the pond. The four students on the ice drew a crowd as they skated around making passes and goals through cones. Maybe next week more students will join them for a pick up game.

So you wanna go into finance?

By **Jaritza Cortes**
Campus News Editor

Last Tuesday the Finance Association hosted a panel of five speakers from Fidelity Investments located across the street on Douglas Pike. The five Fidelity employees each represented a different department in Fidelity's company varying from customer services, to financial management and financial analysis.

The event was opened by Jim, who directed the discussions. He presented a PowerPoint show which displayed facts about Fidelity Investments. Fidelity is an intermediary company which sells over 90 products to investors who then sell to individuals. Fidelity is constantly changing and offers amazing benefits to their employees such as tuition reimbursement, auto and homeowner's insurance, concierge service, free home computers, and even free membership to a local gym.

Jim explained to the audience how Fidelity operates and introduced the panel of fellow Fidelity employees who each shared what their duties are on a typical day. One thing each speaker had to share was the fact that every day was different. Sherry Eastman, the Service Manager from Merrimack, NH shared that for most sales people, they typically come in at 8 in the morning, get on the phone with clients, and respond to consumers about questions

they may have about products. Sales people are often required to give conferences and presentations as well. They want to ensure that everyone is as up to date about the products as they can be.

As a Finance Director, a typical day includes completing weekly reports that must be done, but they also may have to spend a lot of time waiting for responses and feedback from all other departments. Finance directors tend to spend a lot of time in the office and are very involved with fellow co-workers.

The purpose of the panel speakers was to explain to the Finance Association members what a typical day in the life of a Fidelity worker is like. After the session, they opened up the floor for questions and closed the discussion by personally meeting the students and accepting any resumes for internships or even possible employment opportunities for seniors.



Photo courtesy of Joe Domaney

Join The Archway! Mondays 4:30 pm - Bryant Center Room 2B

Black History Month a big success

By Roxanne Cowperthwaite
and
Carlos Ramos
Assistant Campus News Editors

Throughout the month of February the Multicultural Student Union put on various events to celebrate Black History Month. Two events that had a remarkable turnout were the Read-In and the Poetry Slam. The Read-In took place February 5th and it featured readings from various students and faculty. Two performers from Providence came to kick off the event. Abdul Mateen began by playing the drums while Raffini practiced traditional story telling. Bryant faculty such as Professor Thom Bassett and Reverend Phillip Devons even performed a few readings in front of the crowd of students and staff who came to watch. The event was held in the Bryant Center Pit and it was filled with people, some even gathered on the second floor of the Bryant Center to sit in on the reading. Special guest Kati Machtley even presented a reading pertaining to the event. It was a great start to this month of remembrance.

On February 9th, MSU had yet another successful event. A soul food dinner and poetry slam took place in South. A member of the Flute Juice Production Company, Galen, performed before the dinner. Along with Galen a three piece band accompaniment joined him playing bass, guitar, and drums. Freshman Kayla Wheaton said "the music provided a soothing rhythm and the jazz created a serene atmosphere." The performers were very creative and interacted with people in the audience. They had students read poetry, spoken word and even sing with them. The event proved to be a great success and it appealed to all of the students who attended. Student Phil Cherok commented on the event by stating that it was "awesome! A great learning experience and tons of fun." Freshman Deidre Fraser said "there was a great atmosphere and it was very relaxing." There was a lot of positive feedback from both events and they both proved to be a great success. So be sure to go support one of their last events, Extravaganza, February 23rd at 8pm in the MAC.



Joe Domaney

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Black History Month events

As many of you know this month is Black History Month, and once again it is sponsored by the Intercultural Center and Multicultural Student Union. This year there are a variety of events, which all students are welcome to. These events include:
February 16: In the ICC there will be a Global Community Hour with this month's feature country being Jamaica. Freshman Deidre Fraser, who was featured on the student profile of the Bryant website, will give a presentation on her homeland of Jamaica. She will talk about the various features of her country, art, food, culture, and music. Discussion and food will follow. Food will be provided by Tina's Jamaican Caribbean Restaurant in Providence. This Friday for those who are interested MSU and ICC will also be sponsoring another movie night, playing *Love and Basketball*.
February 21: There will be a community service event taking place on campus on this date. This is both an International Student Union and Multicultural Student Union sponsored event that will include kids ages 7 to 13 years of age from the Providence Recre-

ational Center. The kids will come here and enjoy various activities. They will kick things off by swimming, then lunch, followed by fun activities in the ICC. On this date there is also a movie night being held in the ICC. They will playing the Academy Award nominated movie *Hotel Rwanda*.
February 23: Come see the biggest and best Extravaganza thus far. Extravaganza will take place on this date at 8pm in MAC. Tickets are now on sale in the Rotunda. Pick up your tickets immediately!!! Present of MSU, Wilbert Paul, said, "I am excited about Extravaganza because it is my last year, and I truly believe with all my heart that this year is the best one yet."
February 28: Come stop by South on Feb. 28th at 9pm for a Cultural Coffee House discussion on the FX television series *Black/White*. MSU organizers will be playing clips from the series followed by discussion of the controversial series. This is all leading up to March 1st when two cast members from the series will be on campus, so keep your eyes open for this event.

CORRECTION:
The valentines which appeared in the February 9 issue were the result of a joint fundraiser with SPB. The Archway thanks SPB for all their hard work organizing and delivering the valentines.

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WEDNESDAY
SERVICES
Wednesday February 21, 2007
Papitto, Bryant Center
Catholic Mass at
12:05 pm and 9:15 pm
Nondenominational
Prayer Service
4:30 pm

EXTRAVAGANZA
Money, Power, Respect
Crazy After Party in South 10-2 AM
WHEN: Friday, February 23rd @ 8:00 PM
WHERE: The MAC

Ticket Info:
On sale Feb 15&16th & 20-22nd in the ROTO
Prices:
Students \$3/ \$5 at the door
Off campus \$5/ \$7 at the door

FYI

* Organize a team for Relay for Life by emailing Steve Rosenblum-srosenbl@bryant.edu or Amanda Birdsell-abirdsel@bryant.edu and they will instruct you on how to get your team started.

* The Lunar New Year Celebration is an annual festive event hosted March 1st. The program opens with an authentic Asian dinner in the Stephan Grand Hall followed by traditional rituals of renewal including a dragon dance, regional dances and musical selections in Janikies. RSVP by February 23, 2007 by emailing intlctr@bryant.edu.

* Archway meets at 4:30pm on Mondays. Come be a writer, photographer, or ad representative.

* French Film Festival from February 20 through March 3 on the Bryant campus. All films will be shown in Janikies Theatre, and admission is free and open to the public.

* Global Community Hour featuring Jamaican culture has been moved to Friday February 16 at noon.

Female circumci- sion discussion

By Toby Simon
Staff Writer

On Tuesday February 20th at noon in the Heritage room, Director of the Women's Center, Toby Simon, and Women's Health Practitioner Donna Tawse will hold a discussion entitled "Female circumcision: Multiple Questions, Multiple Issues."

The talk is being held in conjunction with Bryant's French Film Festival which will show the film Moolaade on Tuesday evening, at 7 pm in Janikies. Moolaade is the story of four young girls in an African village who are about to face a ritual purification that involves genital cutting and their attempts to avoid the procedure.

Female circumcision is sometimes called female genital cutting. Cultures that practice this consider the alteration it causes to the female genitalia to be the natural way for women to look. It is considered a mark of beauty and a transition into womanhood and marriage. However it is also viewed

by many people as a violation of the human rights of girls and women and in many countries around the world, has been outlawed, carrying criminal penalties for those performing the procedure.

This forum will address the multiple issues involved in this practice and will hopefully answer questions students may have about it. Donna Tawse, nurse practitioner from Health Services will co-facilitate. She has lived in West Africa and is familiar with the practice of female circumcision.

"Although I am personally opposed to female genital cutting, I think it's important for people to approach any discussion of this practice with a great deal of cultural sensitivity as well as accurate knowledge about what it is, what it isn't, where it's practiced and why." - Toby Simon.

Questions? Call the Women's Center at x 6855

Women's Summit to be held at Bryant on March 16

Award-winning actress Alfre Woodard will give luncheon keynote address.

The tenth Women's Summit, "10 Years of Success: Celebrating Women & Business," will be held at Bryant University on Friday, March 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. More than 900 women and men are expected to attend this event. Kati Machtley is the conference director, and Fidelity Investments is the Platinum Sponsor.

Nationally recognized keynote speakers and notable workshop presenters will offer individual and panel presentations aimed at providing strategies for professional and personal success. Eighteen breakout sessions will explore topics such as organizational improvement, entrepreneurship, international business, diversity, and personal development and well being. Keynote speakers include:

- **Tory Johnson**, founder of Women For Hire, a national provider of career advancement services for women. She is the author of three books including "Take This Book to Work: How to Ask For (and Get) Money, Fulfillment and Advancement."

- **Alfre Woodard**, an award-winning actress known for her outstanding roles in the competitive world of television and film. A passionate civil and human rights activist, she was instrumental in starting the anti-poverty organization Artists for the New South Africa.

- **Liz Murray**, who transformed a dead-end existence growing up in the shadow of cocaine-addicted parents into a tale of hope and hard-won victory. Her story was dramatized in the Lifetime movie "From Homeless to Harvard," and she is the recipient of Oprah Winfrey's first-ever "Chutzpah Award."

"Over the past decade, thousands of women and men have come from all over the country to be educated, motivated, and inspired," said Kati Machtley, Women's Summit director. "The Summit affirms the value of women not only in their workplaces but also in their homes, communities, and beyond. It is a celebration of Bryant's commitment to women and business."

"Bryant University is a great partner in education, and Fidelity Investments is proud to sponsor the Women's Summit in its tenth year," says John Muggeridge, general manager of Fidelity Investments in Smithfield. "This event offers an excellent opportunity for women to gain skills and insights critical to professional achievement and personal success."

The Women's Summit is open to Bryant students, faculty, and staff, and any individual from the outside community who would like to attend. The conference fee is \$145 for the general public and includes attendance at three keynote addresses, two breakout sessions, conference materials, morning refreshments, a luncheon, and the afternoon networking reception; .5 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be given for attendance at the conference. The general public should register online at www.wsummit.org, or call (401) 232-6565 for information.

The discounted fee for Bryant University employees is \$100 for the entire day. In addition, a limited number of Bryant employees can attend the luncheon and the luncheon keynote address for \$30 if they are unable to attend the day long Women's Summit.

The fee for Bryant University undergraduate students is \$10 for the entire conference. The remainder of the fee will be covered by scholarship donations. Bryant Students should go to the President's Office to register or send their form and the \$10 fee to the post office box listed below. Students will need to write their ID number on the registration form. Sorry, no registrations will be accepted at the door.

As stated above, because of these special fees that apply to Bryant University employees, and Bryant University Undergraduate students, these individuals will NOT be able to register online. Your check and a paper registration form from either the brochure or from the Women's Summit web site must be completed and sent with a check to: P.O. Box 17, Bryant University, Smithfield, RI, 02917. Your registration and check can also be dropped off at the President's Office

The Women's Summit Platinum Sponsor is Fidelity Investments. Gold Sponsor is The Amica Companies. Silver Sponsors are Amgen; Underwriting provided by Citizens Bank Foundation; Credit Union Central Falls; EMC; Hinckley, Allen Snyder LLP; National Grid; PricewaterhouseCoopers; Sensata Technologies, and Textron. Bronze Sponsors are Bacou-Daloz USA; General Dynamics Electric Boat; GTECH; and Lefkowitz, Garfinkel, Champi & DeRienzo P.C. The Media Sponsor is Providence Business News.

For more information contact:
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

DISORDERLY (DIS-TURB) Disturbance
 FEB 5 2007-Monday at 14:00
 Location: RESIDENCE HALL
 Summary: An RA reported a student possibly needing assistance. DPS responded to assist.

PUTE) Dispute FEB 7 2007-Wednesday at 23:23
 Location: RESIDENCE HALL
 Summary: A student was moving off campus with her mother and it was reported that the mother was yelling at the roommate.

VANDALISM (PUB BUILD) Vandalism (Public Building) FEB 9 2007-Friday at 01:40
 Location: TOWN-HOUSE
 Summary: A student called and reported that someone threw trash at their window

VANDALISM (AUTO) Vandalism to Auto(S)
 FEB 9 2007-Friday at 17:30
 Location: TOWN-HOUSE
 Summary: A student reported vandalism to his car.

The male student then spit in the face of one of the females.

To report a bias incident or hate crime, go to www.bryant.edu/bias or call the Bias Incident Hotline at x6920

VANDALISM (RES) Vandalism (Residence)
 FEB 5 2007-Monday at 22:20
 Location: RESIDENCE HALL
 Summary: A student called to report a broken window in common area of a Residence Hall.

RECKLESS DRIVING (RECK DRIV) Reckless Driving FEB 8 2007-Thursday at 01:08
 Location: TOWN-HOUSE CIRCLE
 Summary: A DPS Officer witnessed a student driving recklessly. Vehicle was towed off campus.

TOWED VEHICLE Towed Vehicle FEB 9 2007-Friday at 03:23
 Location: SENIOR APARTMENT LOT
 Summary: A vehicle was towed from the Senior apt. lot due to being in the roadway.

EMT CALL EMT Call / Medical Services Rendered FEB 10 2007-Saturday at 00:17
 Location: RESIDENCE HALL
 Summary: A student requested an EMT for a possible overdose.

Bias related incident – a threatened, attempted, or completed action that is motivated by bigotry and bias regarding a person’s real or perceived race, religion, natural origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, or gender status. Examples of these incidents include name calling, offensive language/acts, and graffiti/behavior.

ACCIDENT (MVA) Motor Vehicle Accident
 FEB 7 2007-Wednesday at 09:50
 Location: DISPATCH CENTER
 Summary: A minor accident was reported with no injuries.

BURGLARY (RESIDENCE) Burglary / Res. (Day) FEB 8 2007-Thursday at 18:00
 Location: RESIDENCE HALL
 Summary: A student reports \$450.00 dollars was taken from a room.

VANDALISM (AUTO) Vandalism to Auto(S)
 FEB 9 2007-Friday at 11:29
 Location: SENIOR APARTMENT LOT
 Summary: A student stated her vehicle was vandalized.

BIAS INCIDENTS FEB 11 2007-Sunday at 02:18
 Location: RESIDENCE HALL
 Summary: DPS responded to a residence hall to quiet a situation involving a male student who allegedly verbally accosted three females and launched gender based epithets at them.

Bias is reported only if investigation reveals sufficient objective facts to lead a reasonable and prudent person to conclude that the offender’s actions were motivated, in whole or in part, by bias.

NOTICE: DATE CHANGE

Due to the expected snowstorm, the Interfaith Prayer Breakfast scheduled for Wednesday, February 14, 2007, has been rescheduled to Friday, February 23, 2007, at the same time, 7:30 a.m., in the Heidi and Walter Stepan Grand Hall in the George E. Bello Center. Bishop Tobin has agreed to be available on that date as the guest speaker.

LEARN ABOUT BECOMING A

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The Amica Center for Career Education is sponsoring a site visit to the Corporate Headquarters of TJX Companies in Framingham, MA for a tour and presentation on the career track for becoming a Buyer!

Friday, March 2
 10am-11:30am

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 A \$10 deposit holds your seat on the bus. Deposit will be returned to you when you board.

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Sunday, February 25th from 12:00-3:00 in Bryant University's South Cafe

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CONTACT: Symphone'e Willoughby (401) 719-7927 OR swilloug@bryant.edu



Bryant hosts French film festival

Bryant University will host a French Film Festival from February 20 through March 3 on the Bryant campus. All films will be shown in Janikies Theatre, and admission is free and open to the public.

This event is part of Tournees, a program of FACE (French American Cultural Exchange) designed to help bring contemporary French cinema to colleges and universities. The festival is made possible with the support of the Cultural Services of the French Embassy and the French Ministry of Culture. For more information, contact Professor Terri Hasseler at thassele@bryant.edu or (401) 232-6926 or Enoch Park at epark@bryant.edu or (401) 232-6740.

7 p.m., Tuesday, February 20
"Moolaade"

Director: Ousmane Sembene
Set in a small African village, four young girls face a ritual purification that involves genital mutilation. They flee to the house of Colle, a strong-willed woman who once managed to shield her teenage daughter from circumcision.

7 p.m., Wednesday, February 21
"The Intruder"

Director: Claire Denis
The Intruder is a mysterious and enthralling story about fresh starts and possibility of escape, a tale of both inner and outer travels. It explores the borders where natives and intruders intersect, searching for signs of home within and beyond the barriers.

7 p.m., Monday, February 26
"Little Jerusalem"

Director: Karin Albou
La Petite Jerusalem is the nickname of

Sarcelles, a low-income housing neighborhood near Paris. Among the high number of Jewish immigrants who lives there, a Tunisian family of eight shares a cramped apartment.

3 p.m., Saturday, March 3
"Wild Side"

Director: Sebastien Lifshitz
Stephanie (whose birth name is Pierre) is a transsexual prostitute. Stephanie tries to provide comfort to her dying mother, Liliane, who has difficulties accepting her son's unconventional sexuality.

6 p.m., Saturday, March 3
"The Beat that My Heart Skipped"

Director: Jacques Audiard
Thomas appears destined to follow in the footsteps of his slumlord father. An unexpected encounter with the agent of his late mother reignites a long-buried desire for life as a concert pianist.

All films are subtitled in English. For complete information on each film, including ratings, go to <http://www.facecouncil.org/tournees/featuredselection.html> and click on the appropriate film.

The Bryant French Film Festival is sponsored by the University's Department of English and Cultural Studies, Department of Communication, Faculty Development Center, and Women's Center.

Judge rules government supply of marijuana is inadequate

By Michael Doyle
(MCT Campus)

WASHINGTON _ Medical researchers need more marijuana sources because government supplies aren't meeting scientific demand, a federal judge has ruled.

In an emphatic but nonbinding opinion, the Drug Enforcement Administration's own judge is recommending that a University of Massachusetts professor be allowed to grow a legal pot crop. The real winners could be those suffering from painful and wasting diseases, proponents believe.

"The existing supply of marijuana is not adequate," Administrative Law Judge Mary Ellen Bittner ruled.

The federal government's 12-acre marijuana plot at the University of Mississippi provides neither the quantity nor quality scientists need, researchers contend. While Bittner didn't embrace those criticisms, she agreed that the system for producing and distributing research marijuana is flawed.

"Competition in the manufacture of marijuana for research purposes is inadequate," Bittner determined.

Bittner further concluded that there is "minimal risk of diversion" from a new marijuana source. Making additional supplies available, she stated, "would be in the public interest."

The DEA isn't required to follow Bittner's 88-page opinion, and the Bush administration's anti-drug stance may make it unlikely that the grass-growing rules will

loosen. Both sides can now file further information before DEA administrators make their ruling.

"We could still be months away from a final decision," DEA spokesman Garrison Courtney said Tuesday, adding that "obviously, we're going to take the judge's opinion into consideration."

Still, the ruling is resonating in labs and with civil libertarians.

"(The) ruling is an important step toward allowing medical marijuana patients to get their medicine from a pharmacy just like everyone else," said Allen Hopper, an attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union.

Based in the California seaside town of Santa Cruz, the ACLU's Drug Law Reform Project has been representing University of Massachusetts scientist Lyle Craker. Since 2001, Craker has been confronting numerous bureaucratic and legal obstacles in his request for permission to grow research-grade marijuana.

An agronomist with a doctorate from the University of Minnesota, Craker was asked to grow bulk marijuana by a small, five-member group called the Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies. The psychedelic studies group wants to research such areas as developing vaporizers that can efficiently deliver pot smoke.

"This ruling is a victory for science, medicine and the public good," Craker said. "I hope that the DEA abides by the decision and grants me the opportunity to do my job unimpeded by drug war politics."

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Campus Wide

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Monday Feb. 19th

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Want to be more involved with clubs & orgs?

Then apply for a seat on the Constitutional Review Board (CRB). The CRB is a Student Senate sub committee responsible for:

A.)The review of new organizations' proposed constitutions before they are brought before The Student Senate to be voted on.

B.)The review of all student organizations' constitutions and mandate resolutions which will be approved by the Student Senate.

Resolutions pertain but are not limited to:

* Updating and revising existing constitutions of student organizations.

* Restructuring of student organizations to best fit their mission, as well as student activities as a whole.

* Monitoring the stated purpose of a student organization and ensuring that this purpose is being upheld in compliance with the University policies.

Applications for the CRB are available at BryantSenate.org. These applications should be filled out electronically, and emailed to CTetreau@bryant.edu no later than Friday February 16th by 7pm.

If you have any questions regarding the committee, or requirements of members feel free to e-mail the Student Senate Vice President, Craig Tetreault, at Ctetreau@bryant.edu.

Daytona Beach students try class-action suit over book prices

By Pedro Ruz Gutierrez
(MCT Campus)

In a first-of-its-kind lawsuit that could affect thousands of college students who think they are overcharged for textbooks, two Daytona Beach Community College students have sued the nation's largest collegiate-bookstore chain and their school.

The class-action suit, filed in Orlando's federal court, alleges unfair and illegal pricing practices and seeks to recover at least \$5 million in damages. It accuses the Follett Higher Education Group and DBCC of overcharging students pennies on each used-book sale and underpaying them when buying books back.

Though that may amount to only a few bucks each semester, the students argue that, when multiplied by thousands of students at each of the company's more than 750 bookstores, it adds up to millions.

Co-plaintiffs Thomas Rebman and Danny Brandner also say the college is "complicit" in the textbook company's actions because through DBCC's contract with Follett, it receives up to 10.5 percent of all bookstore revenues annually. In a recent 12-month period, the college reported collecting at least \$400,000 in commissions from Follett's operations on the school's five campuses.

"This isn't about me or Mr. Brandner," Rebman said. "It's that still to this day, students are overcharged, and they (DBCC administrators) refuse to enforce the contract."

The suit, filed in late September, is unique, according to attorneys and industry experts, and may have implications for thousands of students nationwide if a judge allows it to go forward as a class action.

Textbook prices have rankled college students for years. Student-government coalitions and advocacy groups in 14 states launched a campaign in 2003 that included a push to persuade colleges to negotiate better prices with book publishers.

A Government Accountability Office report in 2005 found college-book prices have increased at twice the rate of inflation in the past two decades. A congressional advisory committee is undertaking a yearlong study to find ways to rein in prices.

National Association of College Stores figures

show used books accounted for \$1.9 billion in sales during the 2004-05 academic year. New books accounted for \$4.4 billion during that same time period.

"Mr. Rebman and our law firm are seeking to recover for every student who was overcharged . . . or was underpaid when they sold back their books," said Marc Wites, a South Florida attorney who specializes in class-action suits.

'WE ARE IN COMPLIANCE'

Pam Goodman, a Follett Corp. spokeswoman, would not address the lawsuit's allegations.

"Follett believes this suit is without legal basis," said Goodman, reading a company statement.

Goodman said she couldn't discuss specific store operations, but the company has "different pricing" at hundreds of stores nationwide. The Oak Brook, Ill., company does more than \$2 billion in annual sales through its five education-related divisions.

"Follett's pricing is governed by the agreements we have with the individual institutions we serve," Goodman said. "And we take great care to ensure we are in compliance with the terms."

DBCC officials would not comment, referring all questions to Goodman.

The five-count complaint alleges breach of the contract between Follett and the college, violations of the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act and a civil conspiracy.

Before the fall semester began in August, Rebman and Brandner say, their college bookstore illegally rounded up the prices of used books to the next 25-cent increment. Used books that should have cost \$88.69 and \$85.31 were sold to them for \$88.75 and \$85.50, respectively, they argue.

And when they sold books back to the store, they say the store paid them less than 50 percent of the new retail price as required by the contract. Examples cited in the suit include the return of a college-algebra book that cost \$118.25 new but was bought back by the store for \$56.25, or less than half its new price. In that transaction, the student should have received \$59.12, the suit says.

An online check of Follett's DBCC bookstores in late November showed that used books required for next semester's classes are still being marked up to the nearest quarter. Prices for used-book buybacks

were not available.

In 2006, DBCC and Follett, in response to student complaints, each conducted audits of the campus bookstore. College officials refused to discuss the results with the Sentinel. A joint statement released by Goodman, Follett and DBCC said "audits confirmed that Follett is abiding by the terms of its agreement."

A legal expert said the lawsuit may impact Follett's operations at its more than 750 college bookstores in the U.S. and Canada. In Florida, Follett has a presence on at least 60 campuses.

'A PRETTY GOOD HURDLE'

Stanley Talcott, a professor and former dean of Barry University's law school, said the challenge facing the students and their attorneys is to prove they can represent peers beyond their campus.

"They've got a pretty good hurdle getting this certified as a class-action suit," he said. "If they can expand it beyond the Daytona Beach Community College students, they'll certainly get Follett's attention."

Rebman, 45, briefly worked at a Follett bookstore in 2004 and will transfer to the University of Central Florida next semester to continue his pursuit of becoming an elementary-school teacher.

Brandner, an Edgewater resident who Rebman said is in his 20s, could not be reached for comment.

Albert Greco, a business professor at Fordham University who follows the college-textbook industry, said bookstores are "hardly price gouging" and instead provide high-quality books at low prices.

"We live in the age of litigation, so the lawsuit doesn't surprise me," Greco said. He said Follett is a reputable company and found the students' legal claims "interesting."

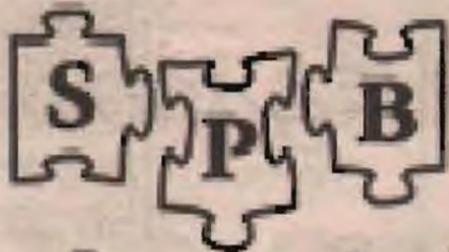
Holland & Knight LLP attorneys, who are representing Follett and the college, have filed a motion to dismiss the lawsuit, saying the students are not parties to the contract and are attempting to paint "themselves as third-party beneficiaries" of the contract.

A federal judge next will decide whether the student's claims should apply to a larger student body and can be certified as a class action.

SPB Presents:

Spring Weekend 2007

April 27, 28, and 29



Student Programming Board
www.bryantspb.org

More Info to come soon!

New AD makes big bite at Bryant

By Alan Waters
Staff Writer

This past year has once again been very exciting for Bryant Athletics. Bryant has continued their usual dominance and excellent play throughout the fall, winter and even now into the beginning of our cold spring. There have been a few changes in the Athletic Department. One in particular has been the addition of the new Athletic Director Bill Smith, previously part of the Iowa State Cyclones. Bill Smith has been accepted here at Bryant with open arms and it does not hurt that in his first year at the helm Bryant Athletics are performing extremely well.

Bill Smith sat down with Bryant's own WJMF DJs, Philip Weiss and Tommy Haehsy. The three discussed many things dealing with Bryant Athletics and Bill Smith himself. Bill Smith started off by saying, "I feel like I am the luckiest man in the world." He also mentioned that he was extremely happy with his decision to make the move back to his roots of the Northeast, where he was a Division I-AA football and lacrosse player. After graduation, Smith coached football at Wagner College, and then became the compliance director after the previous director quit. As Smith put it, "things just fell into place."

When Phil and Tommy asked Smith about his transition to Bryant, Smith mentioned Marty Fine. Fine worked with Smith on a day to day basis and suggested he hand in his resume to Bryant; the rest was history. Smith has become an instant hit here at Bryant and says a lot of the credit should go to the

athletes and great coaches. Smith believes, "Bryant is firing on all cylinders athletically and academically right now."

Phil, Tommy and Smith also discussed current and new coaches here at Bryant and the great job they do to bring the best out of the student-athletes. Two names came up in particular - new lacrosse coach Mike Pressler and men's basketball coach Max Good. "Max Good is absolutely outstanding," Smith said. "He has a great ability to make graduates out of these young men who come to play here at Bryant." Something Bill Smith takes great pride in and has made sure his coaches and athletes know is that it's not only about winning. For Bryant it is always nice to have both types of success at the same time.

When Coach Mike Pressler came up in discussion, Bill Smith made sure everyone knew "He (Coach Pressler) is the best fit for the job, and it is incredible to watch how he can teach the student athletes." All three cannot wait to see what the spring has in store for the lacrosse team, which currently is ranked 8th in the nation.

Many people see great things coming to Bryant in the next few years and Smith is one of the headliners of that group. The three discussed where they see Bryant in the next five years. All believe Bryant is really thriving and only success is to follow. They also agree one main goal is to re-capture the Northeast 10 Conference President's Cup. The way Bryant is performing as of right now it seems we are on the right path.

Bill Smith left by saying one of his major goals is,

"to make sure Bryant strives to do better each and every year" and he "wants athletes to compete at the national level not just in the NE-10 conference." Smith also wants to create a bigger fan base on a regular basis for all athletics, which has been evident with some record breaking crowds this year. Things look bright for the Bulldogs in the coming year.



Courtesy of the Athletic Department

Bryant AD Bill Smith recently sat down with WJMF radio to discuss his first few months on the job.

What is the role of a coach?

By Brigit Clancy
Assistant Variety Editor

A coach is more than just a person who writes X's and O's on a clipboard. The coach may be a mentor and help guide the course of an athlete's life. The coach and the athlete must be able to communicate with one another to win a game.

Bryant University is a recognized member of the NCAA's Life Skills Program. The program is designed to provide student-athletes with an enriched co-curricular experience while pursuing excellence in the classroom, on the playing field, and in the community.

One of the most important figures for a student athlete is his or her coach. The coach is the person that guides the players to success on and off the field. Mike Pressler, the Head Coach of Men's Lacrosse, said, "The role [of a coach] is multi-faceted. The coach is a friend, a mentor, and a person who is concerned about all aspects [of the player]—how they carry themselves on and off the field. The commitment [of the coaches to the players] is for forty years, not four years." Marty Fine, the Head Coach of Football, said a coach is "part mentor, part tutor, part friend, and part disciplinarian. The coach is there to guide them through the transition of becoming a young adult who can handle all the decision making that entails being a college student athlete in this day and time." Bill Smith, Bryant University Athletic Director, said, "The coach motivates his players in class and on the field. The coach is a teacher [to the player]—he teaches how to act on and off the field or the court."

Student-athletes face many unique challenges in the areas of time management, study skills development, course balance and selection, and utilization of campus resources. "Unlike the general student, student-athletes are held to a higher standard, and balancing the expectations can be the biggest challenge of being a collegiate student-athlete," said Coni Fichera, the Assistant Athletic Director and Head Field Hockey Coach.

Fichera said, "I think that the role of a coach is somewhat different for each player, and for each team, and sometimes will change during the season. For example we had a fairly young team this season and at the start my role was very much as a disciplinarian. I needed to make sure that my players clearly knew and understood the expectations

that come with playing in our program, and being a student-athlete on the Bryant University campus. As the team grew and matured throughout the season, my role changed, I spent less time monitoring their behavior, and they policed themselves. I am going to continually raise the bar for their success, in the classroom, on the playing field and in the community. However, the end result of all of it is that I am trying to get them to achieve personally and as a team at a level that they did not think was possible and teach them to set high goals and standards for themselves, long after they leave Bryant."

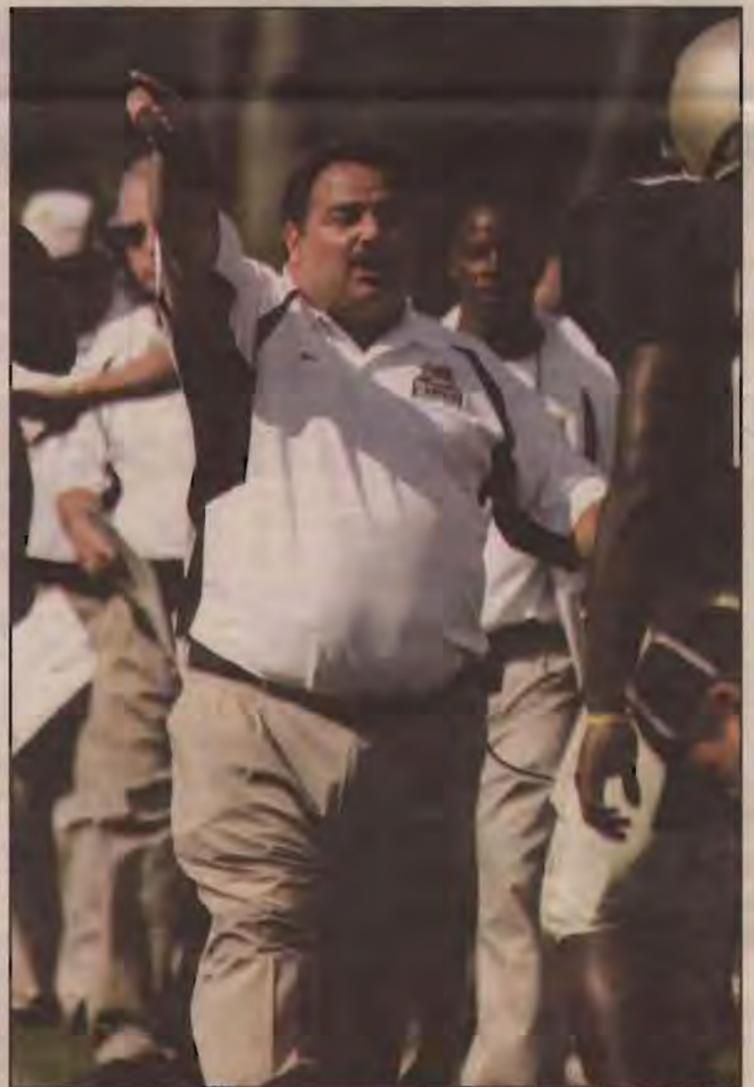
In college level sports, it is imperative a student athlete be responsible for his or her actions. There are no excuses in the real world for irresponsible behavior. All student-athletes must abide by a set of rules on how to act. These rules are known as the Code of Conduct.

"I think the coaches have a dramatic effect on the experience the students have at the institutions," said Fine. Fine implemented a no drinking policy the night before the game several years ago for all his players.

Players, regardless of strong direction and guidance from coaches, inevitably will decide for themselves how they act

on and off the field. Fichera commented, "To think that a coach is responsible for an individual student-athlete's behavior is also unfair; student-athletes need to take accountability for their actions and decisions. In college, coaches have the obligation to tell it like it is, because very soon their student-athletes are going to be out in the real world *doing* it. If they haven't learned how to challenge themselves, and set high expectations for themselves, and most importantly how to pick themselves up when they fail, then they missed out on the real purpose of this level of competition." In contrast with Fichera, Fine said, "We are accountable for our players on and off the field. We take a lot of time to help educate them for both on and off the field behaviors."

Fichera said, "I hope that I am able to create an environment that they learn about themselves, and



Courtesy of the Athletic Department

Coach Marty Fine and the Bryant Athletic department seem to have a defined image of their role as coaches.

that they learn to challenge themselves in all of their endeavors. The biggest lesson I hope to offer is success comes from hard work, not from taking short cuts. If I am successful in creating that environment, then I believe that they will learn a lot of valuable lessons that will lead to our success on the field and for their personal future success, long after their field hockey career is over."

Fichera has had experience with great coaching influences in her life. "I know that, next to my par-

Bulldog Bites

Women's Basketball Six Game Win Streak Ends

Cold shooting and turnovers put an end to the women's basketball team's six game winning streak this past weekend. The Lady Bulldogs faced No.15 AIC and found themselves down 30-21 at halftime. In the second half, the cold shooting continued as Bryant managed just one field goal in the first 14 minutes and fell behind 40-27. A series of three pointers by Jamie Campbell, Kelsey O'Keefe, and Joanna Skiba helped get Bryant back in the game. In the end, however, 19 turnovers and 29.6 percent shooting from the floor by Bryant was too difficult to overcome. They lost 52-45 to AIC.

Valentine's Invitational Results

The Bryant indoor track and field team competed this weekend at the Valentine's Invitational and held their own against many Division I schools. Hafiz Greigre finished second in the 200 meter, setting yet another school record with a time of 21.57. He also placed tenth in the 55 meter in a time of 6.50. Rob Schneider placed 13th in the pole vault. On the women's side, Nicole Radzik finished 30th in the 5000 meter in 18:21.17. Stephanie Kirk placed 46th in the 55 meter hurdles in 9.46. Amber Torrey placed eighth in the weight throw.

Bryant Football Signs 28 Recruits

Coming off their best season in school history, the Bryant University football program announced this week that they had signed 28 student-athletes to national letters of intent to attend Bryant and participate in football in the fall.

Men's Lacrosse Opens Exhibition Schedule

Coach Pressler's squad had their first exhibition game this past weekend against Division I Providence College. The team looked sharp and earned a 9-6 win. The team continues their exhibition schedule next weekend at Holy Cross. They start their regular season schedule at home against Adelphi on February 24th.

Karate Club Team Competes in Tournament

On Sunday, February 11, five members from the Bryant Karate Club team competed at the 13th annual Northeast Martial Arts Challenge in North Smithfield, Rhode Island. Both Emylee Sidera and Christina Ho received first place in their respective events, and Julia Jiang, Christina Long, and John O'Neil each placed as well, marking a successful day for the club. If you are interested in joining the Bryant Karate Club, check them out Monday, Tuesday, and Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Chace Wellness Center.

Spring Previews Next Issue

The spring sports season is right around the corner and that means *The Archway* will be previewing all of the teams and taking a closer look at their 2007 season. Next issue look for previews on the men's and women's lacrosse teams.



Mark your calendars

Men's Basketball: Sat, Feb. 17 at Southern Connecticut * 3:30 PM; Tues, Feb. 20 vs. Merrimack * 7:30 PM

Women's Basketball: Sat, Feb. 17 at Southern Connecticut * 1:30 PM; Tues, Feb. 20 vs. Merrimack * 5:30 PM

Indoor Track: Fri, Feb. 16 at NE-10 Championships 11:00 AM

Swimming: Fri, Feb. 16 - Sun, Feb. 18 at New England's

*- Denotes a Conference game

Hockey: Fri, Feb. 16 Regional Tournament Rochester, NY; Mon, Feb. 19 NECHA Tournament

Blinded by the bling

By David Giardino
Assistant Sports Editor

Are you an NFL quarterback? Do you have Super Bowl jewelry? If you don't, you'll be subject to speculation and criticism for your stay here on planet Earth. Analysts - many of whom were mediocre athletes in their day - will subject you to the harshest of evaluations, will put you on a shelf somewhere below Trent Dilfer and Brad Johnson, and only President Bush's every action will be more speculated over than yours. Oh, you have a Super Bowl ring? Well then, there is a separate section for you - come stand here, where even your worst 4th quarters will be called "dramatic come-backs," your team is at fault for every loss, and you can decide when you want to leave your team as hundreds of journalists salivate over your every move.

Consider this: Peyton Manning will never be told he can't win a big game ever again - and one month before Super Bowl Sunday he was 3-6 in the postseason with some atrocious games under his metaphorical belt. Tom Brady has won, three times in fact - so his worst postseason outing ever, against San Diego, was called "gutsy" and "dramatic" by reporters too fearful to say anything about the NFL's golden child. Dan Marino never got that jewelry - so his record 420 touchdown passes will always be subject to "Yea, but." Why do Super Bowl winning quarterbacks become immortal the moment they slip the ring onto their finger? Steve Young's postseason record as a starting quarterback was 8-7. Before John Elway got his ring, he was 7-8 in the postseason and 0-3 in his Super Bowl career. Yet Young, Elway, and Manning eventually got their rings; thus, every poor outing and inaccurate postseason game will now be wiped from public memory, and the quarterback will always be looked back on with lore and nostalgia. Since his last Super Bowl start, Brett Favre is 2-5 in the postseason, with 11 touchdowns and 16 interceptions. In fact, Favre is six interceptions shy of the all time record for an NFL quarterback. Yet the entire NFL holds their breath on his every move, and Green Bay will keep a spot under center open for as long as he wishes to go at it. He hasn't even been too great in the regular season of late, much less the postseason. But why does he have a free pass? Because at any time he can show the world his accessorized finger, and though it may need some dusting off, a ring is a ring in the National Football League.

In other news, it's too early to start quarrelling over Yanks-Sox pitching rotations, so let's instead look back at an NFL season that was anything but predictable:

Fact of the Year #1: In one game against Jacksonville, the Colts gave up 375 rushing yards. In four postseason games (against the likes of the Chiefs, Ravens, Patriots, and Bears) the Colts allowed 331 rushing yards combined.

Fact of the Year #2: Sports Illustrated picked a Dolphins-Panthers Super Bowl. The two teams had a combined record of 14-18.

Fact of the Year #3: There was more rain fall in Super Bowl XLI than every other Super Bowl combined.

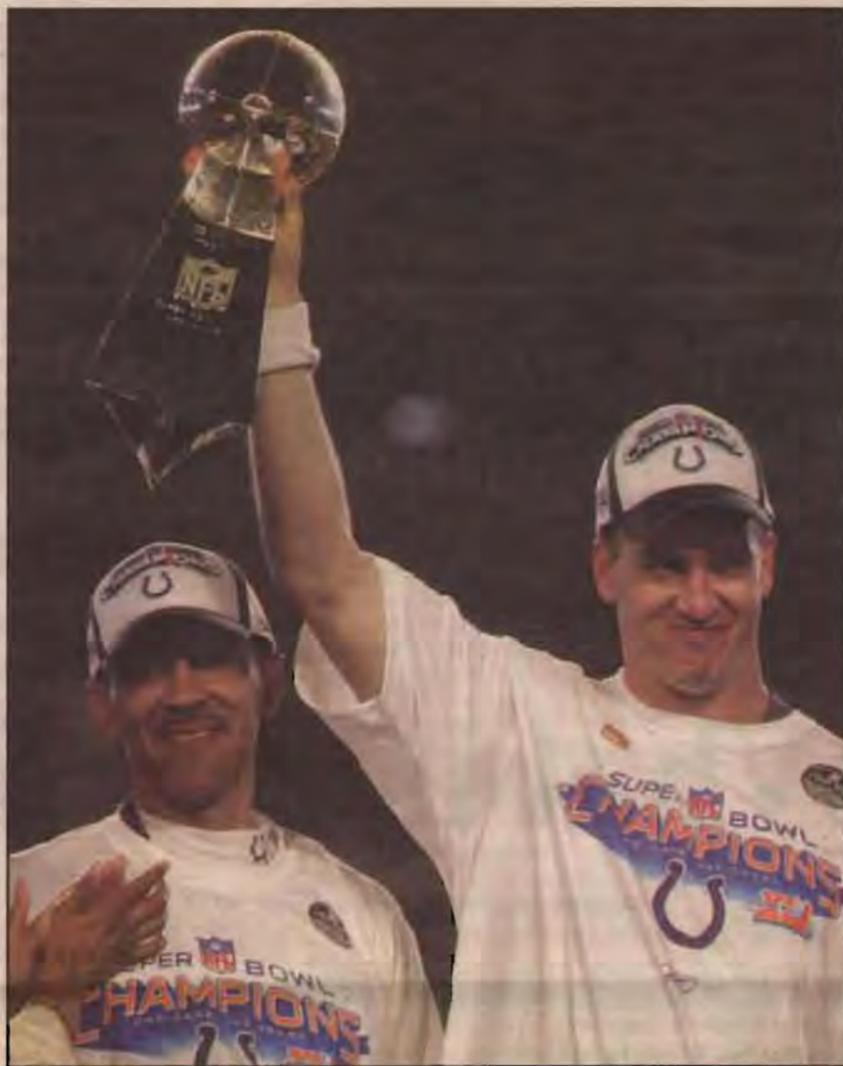
Fact of the Year #4: In both 2002 and 2006 the Eagles lost Donovan McNabb to a major injury. They were a combined 12-2 (including the postseason) during his missed time.

Fact of the Year #6: Not including the postseason, the Bears played just three teams with winning records all season.

Fact of the Year #7: The Giants (whom were in the NFC playoffs) lost to every NFC playoff team during the regular season, and one AFC playoff team as well.

Fact of the Year #8: Bill Parcells still hasn't won a playoff game without Bill Belichick on his staff.

Fact of the Year #9: The San Diego Chargers scored 30 or more points in eight games this



Courtesy of the MCT Campus

Peyton Manning can now slip some jewelry on that finger he's wanted to show all the critics who said he'd never win a Super Bowl.

year. The Houston Texans scored 30 or more points twice in their team history.

Fact of the Year #10: Dome teams are now 0-10 in championship games played outdoors.

Now for some completely irrelevant observations:

Reggie Bush was the most overrated player of 2006. Reggie Bush has been over-hyped since he was drafted last April. For those opposed, hear me out: for as good as Bush may be, for as great of a natural athlete he is, he cannot escape his 2006 numbers. He may be an "x-factor," and the decoy of the year, but he was being prepped as the next Gale Sayers, who had a 5.2 rushing average and 14 touchdowns in 14 games in his first season. Bush's numbers: 3.6 yards per carry and 6 touchdowns. His longest rush of the regular season was 18 yards. He may be in Canton some day, but for now he makes a better decoy and punt returner than true rusher.

You're not alone Reggie. Who didn't sprain an ankle this year jumping to and from bandwagons over the course of the season? From Romo to Mangini, from the New York Giants to the Cincinnati Bengals, everyone had their undeserved time in the sun this year. Terrell Owens' "attempted suicide" warranted around the clock coverage from ESPN, while Tiki Barber's plans of retirement were noted with every run. It seemed as if there was a different Super Bowl favorite every week.

It was his last Schott. Marty Schottenheimer, who has more wins without Super Bowl jewelry than any other man live, was finally fired from the San Diego Chargers. As if his past history - 5-13 in the postseason, 6 consecutive playoff losses - wasn't enough, the Chargers needed to experience Marty-Ball first hand to truly understand the sheer disappointment. Schott went 13-3 with the Chiefs (twice) and came away with no playoff wins.

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ents, the greatest influence in my life was my coach. She pushed me and caused me to stretch well beyond what I thought were my limits. I think that coaches can set an example of hard work, and what is important in life, (family, school, morals, values, doing things the right way) but it is up to the student-athlete to see those things and make a conscious decision to make it a part of who they are."

Smith said, "Coaches lead student-athletes to be successful academically and physically." Fichera said, "Coaches are not the players' best friend. Often they are their reality check, and sometimes more fittingly, their compass as they learn to navigate the challenges of being a competitive student-athlete." Pressler commented, "Coaches are not parents. Coaches want to set examples; coaches want to set expectations."

Above all, communication is an essential element to a coach's relationship with his or her player. "I am a firm believer of open communication," said Pressler. "Coaches and players should be able to talk about anything. They should discuss issues, come up with a remedy, shake hands, and the problem is solved." Mark Caruso, Assistant Women's Basketball Coach, commented, "The coach is there to make the student-athlete a better player. The coach is there to make the student-athlete a better person, help the student-athlete with needs. Communication on and off the court is essential. The coach is there to listen to the player if they have a problem. If they feel comfortable communicating with the coach, then they have confidence in their coach."

The relationship between a coach and his or her players is unique. "The relationship goes beyond the field and game day," commented Pressler. A wishful Fichera said, "I hope that sometime down the road when things are good or times are tough they can look back on their experience on our team as something that has prepared them to handle both the good and the bad with strength and courage."

The coaches here at Bryant share the common goal of helping student athletes compete and achieve to the best of their ability. Smith commented, "When we look for a coach, we look for one with good integrity."

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His 12-4 and 14-2 Chargers were also one-and-done in the postseason. If you go 14-2 and get fired, there has to be some serious concerns in your front office. Schottenheimer's record in the playoffs is well documented, as is his tumultuous relationship with general manager A.J. Smith. Had the Chargers waited one more year, assistant coach Cam Cameron - now a hot candidate for the job - would have been hired away by another team. As a matter of fact, historically, Marty's assistant coaches - Tony Dungy, Bill Cowher, Lovie Smith, Herman Edwards - have gone on to have successful head coaching careers. Combined, Schott's former assistant coaches have won 25 playoff games and two Super Bowl titles

since his last playoff victory in 1993. The numbers are in your favor, Cam Cameron.

But here's the rub: Brian Billick went 13-3 with the Baltimore Ravens, landed a first round bye and a home playoff game, and his team also decided to sleep in on divisional weekend. It's been four years since Billick even won a post-season game, yet there isn't even a hint of speculation over his job security, and why? He's in that immune, godly circle, that's why.

Once you get your ring, it can be used as a deflector for criticism, a symbol for lavish praise, or a free ticket to ride throughout the rest of your NFL career. Look at Tom Brady: he could never throw another touchdown pass in



his career and he'd still find his way to Canton. If owners, coaches, analysts, journalists, and fans everywhere have but one hamartia, one fatal flaw, it's this: we are all blinded by the bling.

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Ezeokoli leads Bryant past CW Post, 58-47

By Stephen Demers
Sports Editor

Led by Jon Ezeokoli, the Bryant men's basketball team pulled off a big 75-60 non-conference win against CW Post last weekend.

The Bulldogs were coming off a tough 58-47 loss to AIC the night before and were also battling a few injuries. Neither of those factors stood in the way of Bryant knocking off CW Post, who entered the game with an 8-2 home record.

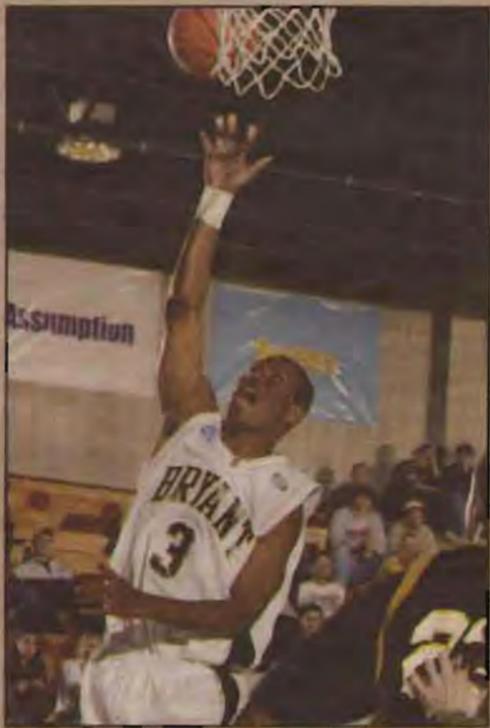
Bryant started off the game on a 10-2 run, but CW Post soon caught up and for the rest of the first half the lead changed hands multiple times. The Bulldogs went to the locker rooms at halftime with a 33-31 lead.

CW Post tied the game 12 seconds into the second half, but then Bryant quickly took off.

They went on a 9-0 run and were helped by Jon Ezeokoli who scored a career high 30 points. Cecil Gresham scored a three-pointer with 1:42 remaining to seal the win for the Bulldogs and put them ahead by sixteen. Gresham matched his career high with seventeen points. Chris Burns also had a career high nine assists.

The Pioneers entered the game ranked seventh in the region and are fighting for a NCAA tournament berth. Bryant, however, limited them to 39% shooting from the floor and out-rebounded CW Post 41-30. In addition, the Bryant defense forced 15 turnovers and registered 17 points on the advantage.

The win was the 109th for Coach Max Good at Bryant, tying him with Ed Reilly for third all time.



Courtesy of the Athletic Department

Jerrann Wright and the Bulldogs look to finish the regular season in style this Tuesday against Merrimack.

Coach Max Good at Bryant, tying him with Ed Reilly for third all time.

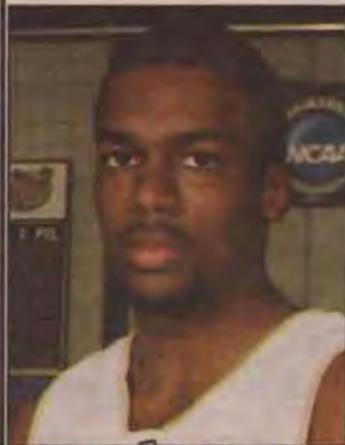
Top Dogs

Jon Ezeokoli

Year: Junior

Sport: Basketball

Why this dog was picked: Jon averaged 19.0 ppg and 7.7 rebounds in three games last week for Bryant. He scored 16 points in an overtime win over Franklin Pierce and had a career-high 30 points on 12 of 16 shooting from the floor in a nonconference win at CW Post Sunday. Ezeokoli had 23 rebounds and eight assists in the three games and made 14 of 20 free throws.



Courtesy of the Athletic Department

Amber Torrey

Year: Junior

Sport: Track & Field

Why this dog was picked: Amber placed eighth in the weight throw, posting a score of 49-08.50. She has posted the top five throws for Bryant this season.



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Senior Speak Out

What do you think about the townhouse sections getting new names?

- Plum Court
- Oak Circle
- The Pines



"It's pretty corny and we need to finish the alphabet before we start naming townhouses. We've gone A-N, let's make names when we get to Z."
Andrew Holmes '07



"It's better than a number. I hate how it's numbers. I also think hall 17 should have a real name."
Craig Yablonskie '07



"The names give the blocks character but I still think they will be referred to as the 'old', 'the new', and 'the newnew'.
Heather Victoria '07



"Naming the townhouses is great because blocks sound better as a name than as a letter and number. At the same time the names assigned sound like a country club."
Kristin Pavao '07



"I think it is rad! Since there are three different sections there should be names for them. It gets annoying calling them the 'old', 'the new', and 'the newnew'.
Laura Olson '07



"Once I find out where they came from I will give my opinion."
Melissa Kwlecinski '07

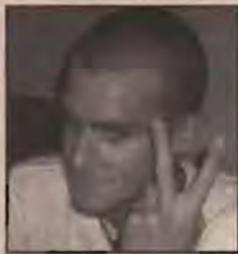


"I think they are a waste and useless and they are more comical than useful. It makes the school seem cheesy."
Mike A. Manzi '07



"You can call my area 'Plum Court', if you find me one plum on this campus that is not in a kitchen!"
Mike Costa '07

Democratic Frontrunners



By Peter G. Connors
Assistant Opinion Editor

It seems as though it was just yesterday that I was drinking a toast to the taking of Congress by the Democratic Party. Of course I stayed realistic about how much would actually be changed, but I hoped that at least some of the rhetoric would be followed up on and change would occur. Any reasonable individual would have to concede that the Democratic Congress' first hundred hours weren't all that we would have hoped them to be, but what really makes me fearful is the language from top Democratic candidates for the 2008 presidential election, specifically Senators Clinton and Obama.

At a recent appearance in New Hampshire, Senator Hillary Clinton was questioned about her authorization of the war in Iraq and her feelings on a future war with Iran. While conceding that the Iraq war is a mistake, she passed the blame to President Bush's management, and failed to explicitly apologize for authorizing the war. In regards to Iran, the Senator said that she would not rule out a possible war on Iran. With reasoning reminiscent of Mr. Bush, Senator Clinton main-

tained that she would not rule out a war in Iran and that the U.S.' "policy must be clear and unequivocal" when considering Iran's possible nuclear ambitions. Shivers run up and down my spine when I consider what happened last time the United States' policies, correct or incorrect, were unequivocally carried out. When questioned about a candidate's feelings about such pressing issues, these kinds of copout answers are near terrifying. True concern comes from later comments in which the Senator told the director of New Hampshire Peace Action that a nuclear Iran would be an "existential" threat which could not be abided by. Personally, I am concerned that the Democratic candidate with the most name recognition and largest financial coffers did not even mention diplomacy as being the only avenue for dealing with a nuclear ambitious country.

Moving on to Senator Obama - his recent stop in New Hampshire included comments which were slightly more inspiring. The Senator spoke of a political accommodation in Iraq, as opposed to the military accommodations attempted thus far. He also introduced a bill to Congress which would redeploy U.S. troops in Iraq by April 2008. Along with his outspoken anti-Iraq war stance, this proposed legislation would seem to place Senator Obama well above the militarism of Senator Clinton. But still, Senator Obama loses ground with his support for military action if Iran were to

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Kennedy Uncensored: One had a Dream, the Other a Scheme



By Brian S. Kennedy
Assistant Opinion Editor

As we continue Black History Month, now is a time to reflect on some of the great African American leaders of both yesterday and today and discuss their contributions to society. It is also a good time to bring up race relations in America, for the actions of many persons have had a lasting impact. Here I will contrast the efforts and actions of a great man to the efforts and actions of a shameful one. Both men used their cause to affect race relations in a given area; one through knowledge, conviction, and character, the other through fraud, distrust, and dishonesty.

Martin Luther King Jr. is a man with few parallels and equals. He defended his cause even when he knew it could cost him his life, he refused to back down for his rights and he rejected tokenism: the idea that blacks would simply be satisfied with mere tokens of appreciation when in truth, real equality was denied. While he is loved and celebrated by all now, he was a hated and detestable figure to many while he was fighting for civil rights. While not cited often as a historic quote, I believe this quote from his I Have a Dream speech is fitting:

"The marvelous new militancy which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to a distrust of all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny. And they have come to realize that their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom."

Dr. King is such a brilliant speaker that his words speak for themselves. Applied to current social realities, fighting for civil rights and standing up to segregation and discrimination are noble goals to be sought in every sector of society. By the same token, drumming up race wars pitting blacks against whites for political purposes should be seen as an affront to the entire civil rights

movement. It should follow that the loudest voices against such twisted schemes should be organizations that pride themselves on being civil rights leaders, such as the NAACP, Al Sharpton, and Jesse Jackson.

Unfortunately, this is not what happened in the Duke Lacrosse "Rape" case. Here we have a "exotic dancer" who should not have been a credible witness. Her story kept changing throughout the case and none of the five DNA samples found in her panties matched a Duke Lacrosse player. This wasn't the first time this woman tried to accuse a man of rape either. None of these circumstances seemed to matter to Michael Nifong, who tried to subvert the legal system and suppress exculpatory evidence.

Why would he do this you ask? Well, the aforementioned "exotic dancer" was black, poor, and disadvantaged and the Duke Lacrosse players she accused were white, rich, and privileged. Nifong needed the black vote to secure the election from his more favored opponent, so he made multiple outrageous statements in order to spark racial hatred and division. His scheme worked, and he won re-election. His only minor problem now is that the case has no factual basis; he's been caught in his own web of lies, and will probably be disbarred at best and thrown in jail at worst (I of course hope for the latter).

But Nifong is not the only despicable character here. A group of 88 Duke Professors, none of which were full-time law professors but many "studies" (African American, Gender, Queer) professors, signed a letter condemning the Duke Lacrosse students before the investigation was even over. Houston Baker, Professor of English, wrote a rather furious condemnation of the students, though he denies there was a rush to judgment. I'll let you decide:

"There can be no confidence in an administration that believes suspending a lacrosse season and removing pictures of Duke lacrosse players from a web page is a dutifully moral response to abhorrent sexual assault, verbal racial violence, and drunken white male privilege loosed amongst us.

How many mandates concerning safe, re-

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The Daley Soapbox: Budgetary Deception



By Ryan P. Daley
Opinion Editor

Bush's 2008 budget proposal came out last week and who could have guessed nearly everything's getting slashed except for defense spending, homeland security and the war in Iraq. A change which has some students excited, some Democrats happy to see an increase in student aid, some Republicans pissed that there will be a competitive disadvantage for private lenders, and nearly all members of Congress from all sides denouncing the president's plan to increase Pell Grants and give nearly all other major education funding the ax.

Under the proposal, lender subsidies will be cut and the \$880 million Supplemental Educational Opportunity

Grant (SEOG), \$64.5-million Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership, and Perkins Loan programs will face elimination. PLUS loans will see interest rates rise from 7.9 percent to 8.3 percent! American Council on Education senior vice president for government and public affairs said about the proposal's affect on the elimination of the SEOG, "Unfortunately, it's difficult to be enthusiastic about a proposal that will leave one million students worse off."

Pell Grants are the largest need-based grant aid program in the country and disbursements are determined by the FAFSA. The amount of a Pell Grant has been frozen at \$4050 since 2003. Meanwhile, the cost of higher education has increased at rate of 5 percent to 7 percent annually. Pell Grants used to cover as much as two-thirds of the cost of higher education at a public institution; now they cover merely one-third.

The increase in Pell Grants

has been a significant selling point for the budget, though it's merely a guise, shifting the economic burden from government subsidized lender fees to the consumer. Not such a bad thing in the end because that means less money we're giving to companies, but it's extremely deceiving to the recipient. Sure, your grant may go up \$550 but the cost of these increases is just going to flow back to you through increases in lender and financial aid office fees.

Lending industry lobbyists oppose this part of the budget, obviously. *The Chronicle of Higher Education* reported in its most recent issue "Lenders would see their federal subsidies slashed for a third time in a year, this time by \$18.8-billion." Education Finance Council President Kathleen Smith asserted "The pattern of repeatedly cutting federal financial-aid programs cannot be sustained without harming the very students

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sponsible campus citizenship must be transgressed by white athletes' violent racism before our university's offices of administration, athletics, security, and publicity courageously declare: enough!" ~Houston A Baker, English Professor, Duke University.

I am not an English Professor, but I'm fairly certain "condemnation" is an accurate descriptor of the above paragraphs. I wish I had Prof. Baker's clairvoyance. It is people like Nifong and Baker that are turning the civil rights movement into a joke. Nifong for being willing to lie, defraud, and subvert the justice system to

win an election through racial distrust, and Baker for blindly following his politically correct prejudices and assuming black equals victim, white equals guilty. I am sure they would tell me that they were just trying to "seek justice" and that they had good intentions. Hell lies at the end of that road, ladies and gentlemen.

I too have a dream: a dream that we get rid of these real racists, stop buying into politically correct prejudices, and just accept a human being because they are a human being regardless of skin color. I imagine Martin Luther King Jr. would agree.

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these programs are meant to serve." Why not tack on a couple bucks hidden in one of the many bills we're facing, it's only a few grains in the sandbox compared to the mountain of loans most of us students have accumulating.

In addition to these cuts, \$25-million (budget-wise, it's immaterial) has been budgeted for a pilot program to "assess the feasibility of implementing a system that would safe-guard privacy of individual data" for a proposed national student unit-record tracking system; even more money to spend so Big Brother can monitor the actions of the ever-growing

body of dissenting students.

Sure, it's nice to see this overly complicated federal higher education assistance program re-structured so as to pay less tax money to the lending industry, but in the end it's all a wash. It's irresponsible and deceiving to sell to us "Increases in financial aid!" when in reality there's no big change. I would hope less money would lead to more efficiency in the lending industry, but history has shown that's not always the case. The money we're paying out will be relatively the same, and our loans will just accrue to even bigger amounts as interest rates spike.

Democratic Frontrunners

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continue with nuclear enrichment or if Pakistan's current leaders were to lose control of the country to militant rebels. While the Senator keeps his military projections limited to missile strikes, I find it unnerving that he is still leaving military intervention on the board. Still, Obama does concede that diplomatic correspondences with Iran could be possible in the contexts of the war in Iraq. He realizes that Iran and Syria would have nothing as much to gain as they would to lose from a power vacuum in Iraq, and

should be consulted as troops are removed from the area. More than anything else, I take solace in Senator Obama and John Edward's stances on the Iraq war, and in both Obama's troop pullout plan, and John Edward's apology for authorizing the war. I hope that Obama will prove to stay true to this anti-war rhetoric without fading to the "all on the table" approach of Senator Clinton. Still both frontrunners' plans seem discouraging when compared to our current situation. Personally, I wouldn't mind having a few things off the table.



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Don't Break Down the House



By Greg Hirshorn
Staff Writer

On page two of the student handbook the following statement can be found under guiding principles in the Bryant community: "The campus is a place where high standards of civility are set and violations are challenged. Bryant University is a community whose members speak

and listen carefully to each other." It goes on to state, "All must accept their obligations as citizens of the Bryant community and expect to be held accountable for behavior as individuals and members of groups." These expectations are part of the Bryant pledge which students sign at convocation along with President Machtley. There is one area where I feel Bryant students have not taken adequate measures in keeping with these principles and that is the excessive residence hall damage that takes place.

In the Residence Life section of the handbook it says one of their goals is to promote student responsibility, accountability and leadership. Student accountability is far from being displayed with all of the damage to the village main hall doors. It is not even an issue of responsibility, but rather an issue of showing respect and not reducing yourself to carrying out actions associated with vandalism.

You may ask me, "just how bad is the issue of vandalism to these hall doors?" I found out that there were 218 reports of damaged doors during the fall semester alone. Six of these reports were of the entire FOB unit being broken off the door unit and stolen. These units cost \$750 dollars each and that is not even the full extent of the cost because of the labor involved in installing a new unit. The labor cost for installing new units is \$25 an hour and these units take up to six hours to install. That means that the total cost every time one of these units is broken off the door is \$900.

When I contacted the facilities department and looked at the amount of damage that each hall would have to pay for the fall semester I was surprised to find the numbers lower than I expected. I would like to congratulate everyone who is responsible for causing the highest amount of damage to any building, \$779, to hall 8. In hall 8 a new FOB reader was installed on a Friday and then the following Monday the handle was reported broken; it can drive a person insane. The runners-up were hall 1 with \$767 in damages and in third place hall 2 with \$724 in damages. As an en-

tire campus the fines to be spread among all residents is an appalling \$6,556.84, absolutely disgraceful.

You may say that is not such a big deal because that means I only have to pay like two dollars in fines. This is not the case because the problem continues with the fact that Residence Life does not charge students the full amount of the damages. The remainder only affects the cost of housing for next year. So, even though I was happy to see how 'low' these damage amounts were, I came to the painful realization that the excess costs were going to have to be paid by the student body in the long run through next year's increased housing costs.

It would be great if the school did not have to deal with the problem of vandalism but the reality is that something needs to be done. Currently, only two students this entire year have been caught causing damage to the residence halls. That just screams injustice to me, as I am almost sure that more than two students are responsible for the damage taking place. Something needs to be done so these people are held accountable.

This is a business school. When you look at the cost of installing cameras it will save us money in the long run by taking away from the student body's spread costs, only having the responsible parties, who will be caught on film, financially responsible for their actions.

I am very surprised that I, a student, can comprehend this concept yet there is still no means of catching vandals to save the students' money. It will not only make a situation more financially correct with the responsible people paying if cameras were installed, but it would also be a far more important moral correction with only the wrongdoers being held accountable.

It is not all bad news though as the constantly malfunctioning FOB readers, which I didn't even mention, are in the process of being replaced. What the school is working on is installing a chip inside of every Bryant One card so if it is even in the vicinity of a reader it will open a door. This solution will lead to better security, less frustrated FOB users, a more technologically advanced campus, and hopefully less damage to doors.

I could summarize the majority of this article into one word that keeps coming to mind that word is accountable. Students need to be held accountable for their actions. Students need to be responsible in the choices that they make and face consequences for poor choices in a financial and disciplinary fashion.

by Aaron Warner

Two Dudes



DILKINS, A RISING STAR AMONG UTILITY COMPANY EXECS, STAYS IN SHAPE, OFTEN CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING TO THE TOPS OF SCENIC SNOW-CAPPED PEAKS.



Observations

By Lauren Cimino and Ryan P. Daley

Pleeease be quiet!

We pity the inconsiderate fools who use the computer upstairs in the library for e-mail, AIM, or any other purpose besides its sole intended use: looking up books! The keyboard echos can be heard at the opposite end of the study desks and it's extremely aggravating and distracting!

Underclassmen: STOP parking in the townhouses!

Why do underclassmen who don't live in the townhouses continue to park there? When you leave your car in the lot in "Oak Circle," or behind "Plum Court" or "The Pines," you force seniors who return to campus after 11PM into parking in C-lot and it sucks!

Ice skating to class was fun

Thanks for the *wonderful* cleanup job of the storm during Valentine's Day this week. With all the storm warnings and cancellations, we would expect a larger staff to handle snow removal, sanding, and placement of ice-meltet but sure enough we along with many others were caught with our faces in the snow numerous times.

We can't "stand" it anymore

We don't find it comical nor appreciate our Archway stands moved around on us.

Thanks, you're a trooper

Props to Andrew Lambert '08 for holdin' down Junction deliveries through the ice and snow and taking care of our food Valentine's Day.

Get a life.

We're still pissed about the hustlers placing their Spring Break '07 flyers on our stands. Maybe you'd realize after the thousands of flyers of yours we've thrown away that THEY JUST DON'T BELONG THERE. Get a life and a real job. If you worked for a real company for the same number of hours you do placing spring break flyers, you'd have enough money to go on one of those trips and not have to rely on the free trip you get for signing up 150 suckers for this crap.

Words of Wellness: Love and Respect Yourself First

By Jen DiPrete
Staff Columnist

It looks like the cold winter weather has kicked in. February – the month we all try to get through with images of spring break helping to push us along. February is also a month that our thoughts turn to Valentine's Day. Society and the media have marketed it as a "couple's day." While in theory this rings true for many, one of the most important relationships an individual will ever have in life is with one's self. Loving and respecting yourself opens the door for more fulfilling and meaningful relationships, be it romantic, professional, etc. You may have heard someone in the past mention, "you can't give to a relationship and love someone else if you don't love yourself first." However you look at it, it's true. How many times do men and women look to their partner as their main source of love, attention and affection? How many jealous rages have people experienced as a result of insecurity and low self-esteem? How often do individuals go from partner to partner without much down time fearing being alone and what that could mean?

What does any of this have to do with living a healthy and well-balanced lifestyle? Fitness, nutrition, sleep, stress management. Nothing of the sort has been mentioned in this article – yet! Many times when I meet with students to

discuss proper dietary habits, fitness programming, sleep schedules, etc, inevitably the conversation sways to stress – what causes it, and how to manage it. Many times relationship issues and self-esteem issues arise. It is sad to hear a promising young person wrap their life around their boyfriend/girlfriend or feel their self-worth is determined by how many boyfriends or girlfriends they have had. My nana has always told me, "it's better to be on your own than with someone who isn't good for you." When you love and respect yourself it is evident to others, you attract quality people into your life. These people will build you up, not drag you down. I always tell students, "Focus on you. Not in a selfish way, but in a nurturing way." This is where the traditional notion of health and wellness surfaces. Love and respect yourself by: eating a healthy, well balanced diet (whole-grains, lean meats, low-fat dairy, fruits, vegetables, and fats sparingly), EXERCISING most days of the week, getting enough sleep at the right times, not using any tobacco products, limiting alcohol and caffeine intake, surrounding yourself with quality people, managing your emotions, practicing effective relaxation methods, and finding joy and peace in whatever it is you find sacred. I'm sure for each person these suggestions can be altered, but you get the point.

Many addictions in life occur as a result of emptiness and a sense of being unloved. We seek out temporary means of love: gambling, binge eating, alcohol abuse, drug abuse, sexual addiction, unhealthy relationships, and the list goes on and on.....STOP! Take a moment to be honest with yourself. Do something good for yourself this Valentine's Day!

On a side note, February 25-March 3 is National Eating Disorders Awareness Week. Accept your body and what it can do for you instead of how it looks. Be healthy and active, not obsessive and self-destructive. Much of what is in this article can be addressed with body image and eating disorders. If there is something we don't like about ourselves we try to make up for it in a number of unhealthy ways. Women feel if they are "skinny," they will be closer to perfection. Men may believe that what they see on the cover of Men's Health and other venues sets the standard for what it means to be the ideal man. Much of this couldn't be further from the truth. Unfortunately, the area of body image is a topic for another article in the future. Whatever it takes, be good to yourself; don't wait around for someone or something else to do it for you.

Letters To The Editor

Editor's Note: *The Archway* has received a couple articles relating to experiences on the Sophomore Study Abroad Experience, and thus the Opinion Section has compiled them below.

Paris/London/Rome -

On January 6, 2007 just over 50 Bryant Students departed from the Logan International Airport ready to begin a new adventure as they stepped out of the classroom and took their course to a whole new level. These students, along with a handful of courageous and fearless members of Bryant's faculty and staff, began the pilot program - which will hopefully become a Bryant tradition - of the Sophomore International Experience (Destination): Europe.

We had all left Logan Airport with different expectations. Some went full of guidebooks ready to explore as much as they could during our free time; others went with the intent of hanging out and having a good time with their friends; others went because they knew this was the opportunity of a lifetime. Some people came to Europe with their passports already stamped from places like Switzerland, Honduras and Barcelona, while others had barely traveled outside of their own state. For everyone, this was a whole new experience.

After nearly two weeks in three different countries (France, England and Italy), those 50 some-odd students from Bryant University came back with more than just some overpriced souvenirs.

We came back with memories, life lessons, and most importantly some friendships that will last, hopefully, the rest of our lives. We left Bryant University as virtual strangers, maybe with a few close friends or acquaintances, but we left Rome with family. It was somewhere between losing luggage, learning how to take the metro (or the Underground for the Londoners), staying clear of pickpockets, standing in awe of the Vatican and the Red-Hot-Chili Pepper's cover band that we made friends and solidified them into our lives.

I would like to thank everyone that made this trip possible. Especially the faculty and staff that traveled with us: Tom Eakin, Dean Lux (dlux), Ramesh Mohan, Milissa Silvia, Dean Trifts (JT) and Betty Yobaccio. Without you none of this would have been possible. This has been a truly amazing experience, and I hope that future Bryant students will have the same opportunity. THANK YOU!

-Emylee Sidera

Panama/Ecuador -

If you're ever looking for a challenge, balance an egg on its end. Maybe "challenge" is an understatement. In order to accomplish this seemingly impossible task, all you would have to do is hop on a plane, fly across the United States, the Atlantic Ocean,

and across Central America and into Ecuador. At El Mitad del Mundo (The Middle of the World), it's possible. Standing in the Northern and Southern hemispheres at the same time is only one of the incredible experiences I was lucky enough to have (while earning three credits) this winter break in Latin America.

With twenty other students, our "senior facilitator" (18!), and six faculty and staff, we had ten days to explore Panama City in Panama and Quito, the capital of Ecuador. I hardly know where to start. Between touring the cities, hiking through the cloud forest, exploring the Otavalo open-air markets, visiting El Valle (a city in the crater of a dormant volcano), and clubbing until all hours, it's no wonder that we were all so exhausted. But, as Jari says, she and Toni have severe FOMO: "fear of missing out". And there was plenty to miss out on.

While in the 90-degree, humid temperatures of Panama City, our group was able to tour a local brewery (sampling Atlas and Balboa, the two most famous beers of the country) and explore the local nightlife at Mystik, a club that keeps Latin music blasting until close at 5 AM. Possibly the most memorable part of Panama was the experience of seeing the Panama

Canal up-close-and-personal. I don't think that pictures can allow anyone to appreciate the sheer size of the ships that pass through the canal with only feet to spare on either side. The process is incredibly complex and overwhelming.

We were welcomed to Ecuador by dozens of armed guards who patrolled the entrance to the J.W. Marriott with grenade launchers and M-16's. The President of Ecuador was being inaugurated one of the days that we were in the country. Even more incredible is the fact that the president of Paraguay, the president of Uruguay, and many other very influential South American politicians were staying in our hotel. Despite the heavy security, our group managed to have as good a time in South America as we had in Central America. In the short time we had in Ecuador, I met the Ecuadorian Fabio at the hookah bar down the street (cheapest dinner of my life), walked through the storm clouds at over 14,500 feet above sea level on Pichincha with my friend, Cory, and saw GM assemble cars from the bottom up.

While in both Panama and Ecuador, the one thing that tied the experience together for me was the exotic types of food. Seafood is very popular in both countries because of their coastal locations. How-

ever, the seafood in Latin America is prepared a bit differently than in the United States. Not being a great seafood fan myself, I considered it brave to order corvina at one restaurant in Panama. Maybe it was the beautiful view of the Caribbean bay that lured me in, but I knew I was in trouble when I saw Kerry's jumbo shrimp put on the table. Antennas, legs, tail, and eyeballs still intact, the shrimp stared back at me from its precarious perch on the plate, silently daring me to conquer my fear of eating things that still have heads. My corvina arrived no less alive than the jumbo shrimp-head, tail, gills, teeth, and skin all still attached. My courage faltered, but with a lot of encouragement, I managed to tackle the fish. Unfortunately, our good friend Pat Taber was not as lucky. No matter where Pat went, he became famous for his insistence on ordering chicken, fries, or something decidedly "American" in nature. By the end of the trip, he earned himself the affectionate nickname "Pollo", which can still be heard resonating in the halls of the Unistructure. I guess not everything that happens in Panama stays in Panama.

-Kimberly Dawn Cole

Bulldog Reviews: *Smokin Aces*

By Mike Pickowitz
Staff Columnist

Here's a movie that had an insanely cool premise on paper. The most deadly killers are all after the same guy to collect a bounty put up by a mob boss. It's tough to live up to expectations with a plot like that, but there are the few rare movies that are able to pull it off. The question is: Does "Smokin' Aces" deliver?

"Smokin' Aces" is an action/thriller that promises the audience lots of blood and violence. As stated before, the movie revolves around a man, Buddy 'Aces' Israel, being hunted by every bounty hunter in town. Buddy, a mobster, is going to testify against his whole mob, but the Don, Primo Sparazza, won't allow that. He offers a one million dollar bounty for the heart of

Buddy, which is instantly picked up by some of the craziest professional killers around. With Buddy being held in protection at a huge hotel, he has nowhere to go as the large group of killers get ready to take him, and each other, out.

As cool as this movie sounds, it really saddens me to say that "Smokin' Aces" has a bark worse than its bite. I personally loved the beginning of the movie. The set up was really cool, but it just couldn't live up to it. One of my biggest complaints with this movie is it's pointless relationships. Sometimes, it's good for a movie to have no real character set up. While those movies are far from award winners, they can sometimes be fun. What "Smokin' Aces" does is create dumb, one-dimensional character backstories and relationships. For most of the movie, I felt like saying "Who cares? Just get on with the killing!" Just when you want the action to continue, you get stuck with subplots that are not only unnecessary, but also kind of boring.

I didn't, however, completely hate the movie. At times when the movie focused on the actual plot of killing Buddy, it was actually quite entertaining and suspenseful. It was also cool seeing the group of



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killers face off with one another using their own unique way of killing. It truly keeps you guessing what will happen to Buddy.

Ultimately, "Smokin' Aces" just wasn't that great of a movie. Pointless character plots riddled this movie to the point where it just made the movie worse. The action was great, but the payoff at the end just wasn't worth it. The movie should have been a mindless killing movie, but the director wanted it to be more. In the end, that's what hurt the movie. In my opinion, "Smokin' Aces" is simply an average movie. I give it 2 1/2 Bulldogs out of 5.

This movie earned
2 1/2 Bulldogs



Photo Courtesy of imdb.com

Comedians make a pit stop in 15

By Ashley Palmer
Staff Writer

On Friday night, the Hall 15 lobby came alive with laughter as SPB sponsored three comedians in an effort to raise Alcohol Awareness. As seen on The Conan O'Brien Show and Comedy Central, Paul Nardizzi was the first comedian on stage. He cracked jokes surrounding various topics such as sports, college life, and fast foods. Following Nardizzi was an impressionist from the Boston Area named Bob Gautreau who treated the audience with various impressions such as the voices of Johnny Mathis, Elvis Presley, Elmer Fudd and Miss Piggy. Although both Nardizzi and Gautreau's acts were followed by a loud applause, headliner Harrison Stebbing proved to be the highlight of the night. Stebbing's act touched on the topics of marriage, romance and bachelor parties creating much laughter from the audience. Kaitlin O'Rourke, class of 2010, described Friday night as "a great time" claiming the acts of all three comedians were "hilarious and kept her laughing all night", however she stated her favorite act of the night was the closing comedian Harrison Stebbing.



Courtesy of Joe Domaney

Paul Nardizzi, the first of three comedians, focused his jokes on college life.

Horoscopes



10/23 -

Scorpio

Your project for today is to count the money. This includes your own and other people's. You can do this once you settle down. That will be the hard part.



11/22 -

Sagittarius

A person who disagrees with you is good for your constitution. Your blood gets stirred up and helps you think more creatively.



12/22 - 1/19

Capricorn

The job is challenging, but you're up for it. For you, it's an exercise program. You get a nice workout, both physically and mentally. Enjoy it.



1/20 - 2/18

Aquarius

Get a loved one a special treat, without spending very much. It's good to develop non-financial ways of expressing affection. You'll think of something.



2/19 - 3/20

Pisces

Confer with your family. Find out what each person would like to improve. Together, you can build a lifestyle that all of you will enjoy.



3/21 - 4/19

Aries

The more you study, the more questions you discover. You may feel like you're losing ground. That's probably not the case, but do be careful.



4/20 - 5/20

Taurus

You're tempted to throw your money around, just for the fun of it. As you well know, you'd hate yourself in the morning. Exercise restraint.



5/20 - 6/21

Gemini

The danger you're facing now involves your own self-confidence. Be gracious, polite and yet firm in your resolve. You lose points if you're arrogant.



6/22 - 7/22

Cancer

Just when you think you have the right answer, somebody changes the question. Better check again, to make sure you really know what they're asking.



7/23 - 8/22

Leo

Confer with your team and figure out what needs to be done yet. Don't wait until someone tells you; already be in the right position.



8/23 - 9/22

Virgo

Be respectful to an older person, even if you'd rather be somewhere else. Listen to the complaints, and you'll have provided a valuable service.



9/23 - 10/22

Libra

Discuss your plans with a person who's been there and done that. There are a few more things to learn before you do this in reality.

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Bryant Players back with a bang

By Kelly Drew
Staff Writer

With "Fools" and "Amateurs" over and done with, the Bryant Players came roaring back to start the spring semester with a pair of delightfully pithy, one-act plays. The first, "Let's Make Up," is a period piece that still rings true today. Essentially lampooning women and their tendency to converse about frivolous fashion and beauty tips ad nauseum, Esther E. Olson turns the tables on these silly

girls. Starring Tieg Bean as Johnny, Jerry Laguerre as Dick, Mandy Dev as Marilyn, and Dawne Correia as Jean, it revolves around two girls and their boyfriends. When the ladies start complimenting each other incessantly, the men try to steer the conversation back to baseball, their true passion. When that doesn't work, they make use of Dick's shaving kit—right in the hotel lobby where the stage is set. As the men flatter each other's haircuts and suits, the women get madder and madder. All is resolved, however,

when Marilyn and Jean realize that slathering on makeup isn't attractive—though wearing it is! The men covering their faces in "shaving cream" was truly a hilarious sight and all the actors clearly had fun performing.

The next play, "Stye of the Eye," is truly one of the weirdest plays I've ever seen. It begins with Jake, played with great fervor by Andrew Auger, calling his forgetful mother to say that he thinks he killed his wife Beth (James MacMillan, stealing every scene he's in). As it turns out, Jake has split-personality disorder and happens to hate legitimate theater—the reason why he attempted to kill Beth, an apparently terrible actress (who is alive and slightly brain-damaged). Beth returns to her family's farm to live with Meg (Amber de Angelis) and Wesley (Tieg Bean once again). Meg wanders around for most of her scenes carrying an American flag and wearing two eye patches because of the styes in her eyes, while Wesley is obsessed with the sheep in the kitchen and is shirtless for most of the play. At some point, Mae, Jake's sister, shows up and tries to get with the object of her affection—Jake. See what I mean? It'd be pointless to explain any further because there isn't a whole lot of closure; just scene after extremely bizarre



Photo Courtesy of Kelly Drew

Some actors perform a scene from 'Stye of the Eye'



Courtesy of Kelly Drew

Some of the Bryant Players take their talents to center stage

scene. This is not to say the play wasn't highly amusing—it was—but it was an experience. Congratulations to the Bryant Players for another successful theatrical run.

Buon Alimento - Rue De L'Espoir

By Phil Weiss
and
Michael Oliveri
Staff Writers

Who better to critique a restaurant than a critical "Masshole" (Michael Oliveri) and a "know it all" New Yorker (Philip Weiss)? Since freshman year we have been on a mission to visit every dining hot spot and hidden gem in the state of Rhode Island. We'd like to start sharing some of our escapades with you. New for second semester we will be reviewing many of the restaurants that we frequent as well as exploring new venues along the way. No venue is off limits as we are equipped with a full tank of gas and an American Express Card with NO LIMITS! So join us, this week and every week as we criticize, praise, and critique some more in... Buon Alimento (Good Food).

This week we traveled to Providence to visit one of our favorite breakfast spots Rue De L'Espoir. We got the impression that Rue is an eclectic mix of Italian, French, and Asian cuisine. They are best known for their breakfast menu, which we will be reviewing this week.

Atmosphere- Rue provides an atmosphere that only someone familiar with the East side of Providence can understand. The air is filled with intellectual, liberal discussion, while the patrons themselves appear to be hippest of Rhode Island. So much so that Phil almost felt the need to remind

some of the customers that they were in Providence, RI not Soho, NY. As for the physical décor, the restaurant is well appointed with tasteful artwork, comfortable seating, and a warm color palette. One of the advantages for Rue is that it doesn't need to try hard, because of the building's unique architecture and colorful clientele. Overall, you get the feeling of sophistication without arrogance.

Food- Since we have been to The Rue a few times we have been able to sample a better part of their breakfast menu, as well as some weekend specials. Mike's favorite item on

the menu is Eggs Benedict, which is what he had this week. It's served with crispy and well seasoned home fries. The eggs are perfectly poached and just the right amount of hollandaise sauce is applied to enrich the dish. This week Phil had the Portuguese sweet bread French toast. The dish is four slices of fluffy golden brown bread soaked in a delicious egg batter with just the right amount of cinnamon and sugar. It was grilled perfectly and garnished with powdered sugar. Additionally we shared the fruit plate, which proved to be a nice compliment to our breakfast dishes. It was a well balanced mix of strawberries, various melons, and pineapple. While it would be nice to see some more exotic fruit choices such as kiwi, we understand that many fruits are out of season at this time.

When you go to The Rue don't expect generous quantities. Let's remember this place is French inspired. It's quality not quantity when you visit The Rue.

For drinks, we both had coffee which was acceptable. Considering the type of restaurant The Rue is, it would be nice to see a variety of dark roast coffees. Phil also got a glass of freshly squeezed orange juice, which was a refreshing start to the breakfast.

Service- The service is probably the one area that The Rue failed to meet our expectations. Of all of our visits we have consistently experienced

service that is somewhat slow and unhelpful in describing menu choices. Maintaining a full coffee cup throughout the meal was a struggle. Your waiter/waitress is not going to go the extra mile for you during your visit. However we have noticed that the more we go to The Rue the better the service has become. This indicates to us that the staff plays favorites with the regulars.

Price- If you're trying to get over your hangover don't waste your money at The Rue. It certainly falls in the category of one of the more expensive breakfasts you will have, especially for those of us on a tight college student budget. The cost for us was approximately \$15 dollars per

person including tax and tip, however if you're looking for that quality dining experience with a little flair, the price is more than fair.

The Rue has become one of our favorite breakfast spots in Rhode Island and if you're looking to treat yourself and you're tired of the omelet line at Salmanson, then this is a great option. Understand that service and price may not necessarily match up. But the experience overall is well worth it. If you're interested in learning more about The Rue you can visit their website at www.therue.com. Or if you're interested in going to The Rue it's located at 99 Hope Street, in Providence. Try to plan your trip to Rue on a sunny day as you will be able to walk through the nearby neighborhood of Bryant's old Providence campus and enjoy some of our institution's history. Please note reservations are strongly recommended for weekend brunch.

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The view from inside of The Rue

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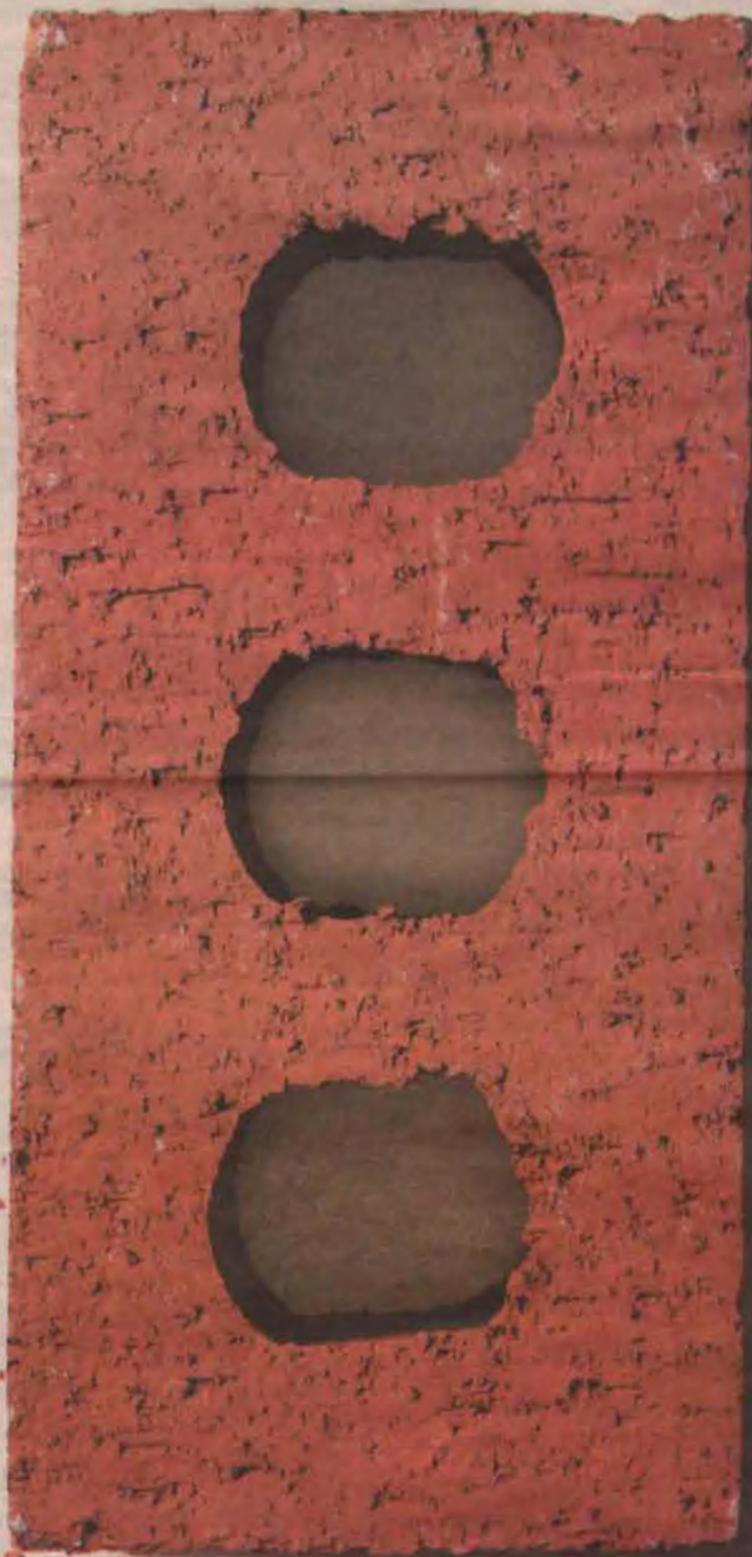
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