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Students 'Save A Saudi'

By Jaritza Cortes
Campus News Editor

A current student received acceptance to Bryant's grad school after organizers planned a demonstration in support of the initially rejected candidate.

Amr Zawawi, '07, applied to the Bryant Graduate Program last May and was denied acceptance into the program this November. The Save a Saudi Action Committee, organized by friends of Zawawi, claimed his denial was primarily based on low GMAT scores, as English is Zawawi's second language.

Zawawi plans to complete his undergraduate studies one semester early this month which created initial complications; as a Saudi Arabian citizen, his student VISA requires he be a full-time student to stay in the United States.

Friends of Zawawi were concerned about the possibility that he would be unable to continue his education and be forced to leave the country so they decided to take action upon hearing of his denial.

The Save A Saudi Action Commit-

tee consists of a group of student leaders and friends of Zawawi who joined forces in hopes of changing the grad school from part-time to full-time to allow for international students to be a part of it. With a new program, other international students would not have to face the same problem.

The Save A Saudi Action Committee (SASAC) created a petition which stated "Bryant University must examine and re-evaluate their policies regarding the application and acceptance of international students to the graduate school."

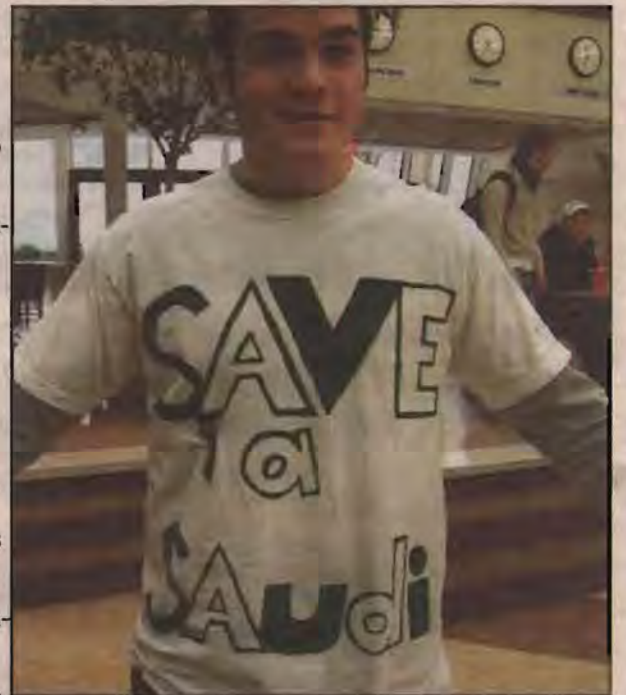
Furthermore, it stated Bryant must revise "the current requirements for international students regarding the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT)" because it should consider for many international students the tests do not accurately portray English skills. In many cases, English is usually a second language.

The petition further suggested the Admissions Department should hold an undergraduate degree from Bryant to a higher esteem when evaluating candidates for the grad school.

The group was able to obtain over 1,100 supporters on a Facebook group

and collect over 700 students for the petition. On Wednesday, November 29, SASAC held a demonstration in the Rotunda to gain additional supporter and to have a significant impact which would in turn show the administration how concerned students are about the issue.

Zawawi was accepted into Bryant's graduate program early during the day of the demonstration. Although his acceptance was conditional, he will be returning to Bryant in the spring as a full-time graduate student. He will live in the townhouses where he is currently an RA and will take night classes from 5-7:30 pm daily. Although Zawawi will not be able to participate in many of the programs he has during the past three years, he hopes to find different activities to keep himself occupied.



Photot courtesy of Hannah Jorgensen

Mike Carabellese wears a shirt in support of the Save a Saudi Campaign

Facebook triggers town meeting

By Lauren Cimino
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The concept of diversity at Bryant constantly causes heated debates. In light of recent incidents, the Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. J. Thomas Eakin, called for an open discussion of diversity at Bryant University.

The discussion, held before Thanksgiving, was a respond not only to a statement made on Facebook, but also to statements made in *The Archway* and other conversations heard on campus.

Those who attended the discussion included administrators from Student Affairs and Admissions as well as faculty and student leaders on campus.

Dr. Eakin mediated the discussion and made an opening statement directing the conversation.

"There is a strong sense of urgency when these issues come up," he said. "It's important to share the facts and talk about the issue."

Eakin continued with the importance of a timely response but allowing the community a chance to respond is equally as important.

Student Affairs called the discussion after a Facebook posting caused considerable campus uproar.

The posting reads as follows:

"Fuck Bryant. I refuse to call it a 'University.' Hey, I've got an idea! Let's go recruit a bunch of minorities, who are much less intelligent than the rest of the student body, and destroy any reputation the school still had! And then, let's go find all the athletes we can and give them all the scholarship money! Then let's put all the smart people in the same classes that they took over two years ago so all that the athletes and minorities can catch up! And

let's call this giant mess Bryant 'University.' And when there's an open house, we'll show the few smart people, and cover up all the beer cans and party cups, and lure people in by inviting them to an honors program that's really only [honorable] in name. I hate this place. I'm going to try to get out of here in three years, so I don't have to waste more of my life, paying athletes and minorities' tuition so that they can be baby-sat at this fucking place."

After the posting was read, the immediate reaction questioned what administration is doing in response.

Eakin and George Coronado, Director of Public Safety, emphasized that the school is currently investigating the post, as to whether it conflicts with Bryant's Code of Conduct.

As students began advocating for prompt action from the school in response, Eakin reminded the attendees the school must follow a process.

"We have a process we have to follow no matter how repugnant the act," said Eakin.

The process Eakin mentions includes an investigation, filing charges, and notice of charges. At the time of the discussion, the school was still investigating.

As of November 30, 2006, Student Affairs sent an email to alert the campus of the action taken since the incident.

The campus has:

1) Challenged the inappropriate behavior through campus wide communication.

2) Attempted to understand the situation, support those victimized and establish responsibility through fully investigating the incident, supporting students directly involved, and holding the discussion.

3) Filed charges to hold the students responsible for inappropriate behavior accountable.

4) Challenged the community to forward suggestions of how the climate for diversity can be improved to diversity@bryant.edu.

The discussion did not end with addressing the Facebook incident; it also focused on diversity on campus as a whole.

Many students shared personal encounters with racism at Bryant.

Shantel Palacio, '06, said "I'm not surprised with this [Facebook] incident. I feel similar events have happened during my four years."

Another student, Sasha Batista, '09, said "Diversity on this campus seems like it has always been an issue."

"Bryant students reinforce stereotypes. This school labeled me as a minority. I didn't grow up thinking I was a minority," continued Batista.

The discussion became more intense as it started addressing programs promoting diversity.

Students commented on the 4Mile program and the Intercultural Center and how those resources have helped them adjust to Bryant's majority white population.

Other students, including those who have participated in 4Mile, suggested the program reinforces cliques and stereotypes partly from its lack of advertising to the entire community.

Palacio said "Don't attack the programs that help students deal but create a new program to build those bonds with everyone."

To tie the discussion back to the incident, Eakin commented that he would not address the outrageous stereotypes and generalizations found

in the Facebook post.

Lorna Hunter, Vice President for Enrollment Management in Admissions, confirmed athletes and minorities on campus are just as competitive as other students and that students who do not have the academic background to be here are not accepted.

Hunter said, "As Bryant's selectivity increases, people will begin looking for scapegoats."

"On other predominantly white campuses, issues with diversity will not be much different or better," she continued.

Judy McDonnell, Associate Professor of History and Social Sciences, views the Facebook posting as very different from the discussions going on in *The Archway*.

"We need to accept the harsh reality that there are and will be similar postings," she said. "We need to educate."

McDonnell prompted the discussion to be turned to what the school should be doing.

Many students felt encouraging change on an individual level is most successful.

Palacio said "Sometimes people just don't know any better. They're ignorant."

Marcus Lindsey suggested "we should look at what we already have and adjust it."

Before the discussion ended, Father Joe Pescatello reminded everyone present saying "Crisis brings growth."

Student Affairs is still encouraging the community to share their suggestions for improving the climate of diversity at Bryant by emailing diversity@bryant.edu. Another discussion will be held next semester.

Festival of Lights

Day



Mr. and Mrs. Clause visited Bryant University Wednesday to spread a little holiday cheer. Group photos were taken and posted on the Student Alumni Association website.



Bryant students, Hassan Zawawi and Sasha Batista gather in the rotunda while painting and enjoying the holiday festivities.



Senior Riley Quinn Doherty shows her artistic ability while decorating her own gingerbread house. Cheers!



Hank Parkinson spreads the holiday cheer by giving out chocolates in the rotunda. If Santa ever needs a fill in we know who to ask.



Women's basketball gathers as a team in the rotunda to enjoy the 30th Annual Festival of Lights.

New policy addresses underground Greek organizations

By John Crisafulli
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Students who are involved in "underground" Greek organizations on campus will now be subject to probation and possibly suspension because of a new policy adopted this summer by Student Affairs and Residence Life. The policy, found in the Student Handbook, is available on line at www.bryant.edu (Search: Student Handbook).

In an e-mail interview, John Denio, Director of Residence Life defined underground Greek organizations as being any sorority or fraternity that is not officially recognized by the University or had its charter revoked but still actively recruits members.

Denio said, "It has become a growing trend for groups that have lost recognition to go 'underground' to continue their activities. These...groups tend to be more dangerous to potential members because they no longer have checks and balances within the University or the National Organization."

Rumors on campus have identified Beta Sigma Chi (BSC) as still active on campus, despite losing its charter in 2002. Asked if the policy change aimed to address BSC, Denio said, "[they] did partially factor into the decision to add the language into the handbook. It is our understanding that the group went underground immediately after losing their charter and initiated new members."

Ryan Daley, '08, Opinion Editor for *The Archway*, says, "I've seen students around campus wearing the

Beta colors [blue and gold]. There are students affiliated with Beta on Facebook; with pictures of themselves in Beta colors and letters. There is even a Facebook group for Beta members."

Denio said that he is aware of the Facebook groups and that "the University is reviewing the information and currently deciding on the next appropriate step."

Denio would not say exactly why Beta lost their charter just that, "they were hazing and endangering the health and well being of their potential new members."

Hazing not only violates University policy but also is illegal in the state of Rhode Island according to General Law 11-21-1. Punishment includes anything from fines to jail time. However, if a proposed bill passes through RI legislature, hazing could now come with a punishment of up to five years in prison.

Another fraternity that previously lost its charter, Phi Kappa Sigma regained it this summer after working with University officials.

"As with Phi Kappa Sigma, the University would much rather work with the group [Beta Sigma Chi] to help them affiliate nationally once again rather than take disciplinary action against them," Denio said.

The handbook now states that, "Students who pledge, join, accept membership or affiliate in any way with a former fraternity or sorority whose recognition has been withdrawn by the University are in violation of University policy and are subject to disciplinary action. This disciplinary action may range from probation status to University suspension."

Students involved with Project ACT

By Jaritza Cortes
Campus News Editor

Project ACT is a program sponsored by the Groden Center, an elementary and secondary school for special education located in Providence. It is a non-profit organization which raises awareness about Autism and does fund raising to help decrease the financial burden on parents who have children with Autism. A team of people in the Bryant Community have raised just under \$3000 for Project ACT to date.

Desiree Cabbabe, along with a group of other Bryant students, has been working with local Rhode Island residents and businesses this semester to raise funds for a good cause. The funds are primarily used at the Groden Center for psychologists teaching social and communication skills to students, as well as for the staff that provide counseling and guidance, and also to support events and the costs associated with them.

This group of Project ACT members; Colby Banks, Whitney Blatsos, Elizabeth Carey and Desiree Cabbabe, from the Bryant community is raising funds to specifically help ten boys from the local area that have Asperger's Syndrome, a form of Autism.

The ten high school boys come from all over RI and on top of having to deal with the challenges of adolescence they have to face the difficulties of having Asperger's Syndrome. Project ACT will allow them to continue with their social development skills, learning activities and experiences which will help them to cope with Asperger's Syndrome and attain better quality of life now and in the future.

The local Target department store

has just recently committed to a donation and some friends and family as well as staff from Bryant, including our own Dr. Margaret Noble have contributed. The Bryant Bookstore, Dellaria Salons, the D.Carlo Italian bakery, the Lincoln Stop & Shop, and Century 21 Realty, and Asia Grill are among many donors of Project ACT.

Most teenagers spend their weekends hanging out with their friends. They go to the mall, to restaurants, movies, bowling, etc. They talk to their friends for hours on the phone. For those 10 boys, however, weekends are often spent at home. They spend a great deal of time alone, perhaps on the computer, playing video games, or watching videos. It is not that they don't want to be out with friends, it is instead because they lack the skills needed to easily interact with their peers and develop typical friendships. They want friends but don't quite know how to go about making friends. It can be a very lonely life.

Asperger's Syndrome, is one of the Autism Spectrum Disorders. And although most people with the syndrome are often quite knowledgeable about particular subjects, and typically have strong factual memory skills they may lack social and communication skills. It is a struggle for them because they have difficulty initiating and maintaining conversations, especially with their peers. Project ACT hopes to enable teens with Asperger's to relate to their peers and to prepare them for successful relationships.

The Bryant team of Project ACT will continue to raise funds for the cause and donations are always accepted. Some considering it should contact Desiree Cabbabe at descabbabe@aol.com.

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CEO sponsors 6th Annual E-pitch

By Carlos Ramos
Staff Writer

The 6th annual CEO Elevator Pitch (E-Pitch) finals were held this past Thursday, Nov. 30, in the Bello Grand Hall with eleven business management teams competing to win one of three awards: Best Pitch, Fan Favorite, or Most Likely to Succeed. Since there is no number one group, groups were vying for one of the three awards handed out at the end of the night including a \$250 cash prize.

The Best Pitch award, for the best overall presentation, was given to team Tupper-Wear, whose idea was to create a clothing line with witty slang phrases that would relate to college students. Fan Favorite, an award given to the team based on applause, was given to team Life @ Bryant, whose group idea was based on the famous board game, LIFE. The Most Likely to Succeed award, an award given to the team whose idea has potential for success in the business world, was given to team Stuff Your Stuff, whose group idea was to create a campus storage space.

Contestants started their competition with a pre-preliminary clinic which was mandatory for everyone who had an idea and wanted to compete in the E-Pitch. At the clinic, contestants were given further information on the background of elevator pitches and given a presentation by Troy Bryd.

An elevator pitch is a business idea, where contestants are put into a hypothetical situation in which they are in an elevator with Donald Trump and only have 90 seconds to present a business plan. The point being that the contestant has to be quick and to the point, making their business plan sound attractive enough for him to fund it.

Out of all the teams that competed on October 24th, only eleven moved onto the finals. Judges for both the preliminary round and finals included a mix of Bryant faculty, venture capitalists, and successful entrepreneurs. Judges were given a packet that included judging criteria, in which teams were judged on their concept, content, and presentation on a 1 to 5 scale, 5 being the strongest.

For the first time in E-Pitch

history a pitch-off session had to be included to break the tie for the Best Pitch award. During the pitch-off session the two teams, Bulldog Baskets and Tupper-Wear, had 60 seconds to persuade the judges to pick the.n.

GEP, the Global Entrepreneurship Program, founded five years ago by Troy Bryd, hosted the event once again while CEO, Collegiate Entrepreneurship Program ensured another successful E-Pitch event. The project manager Ryan Jaswell and CEO President, Matt Wilson, ran the event along with several others.

Attendees were treated to a surprise giveaway that included an iPod, iHome kit, gift certificates to local restaurants such as DiCarlo's, Faial's, Domino's, J's Deli, as well as Blockbuster free rentals, and movie passes to Cinema World.

During the final round, keynote speaker Jon Beyer CIO of TerraCycle Inc. talked about the company's unique and socially conscious startup that used recyclable goods to create fertilizer. He was an ideal speaker because he started his business as a freshman student while at Princeton.

Responses from event directors:

"This year's elevator pitch finals had an exciting ending with the first ever overtime at Bryant," said Matt Wilson, Junior.

"Our keynote speaker was sure to inspire all the budding collegiate entrepreneurs after hearing his story how he started TerraCycle as a freshman."

"This year's E-Pitch showed the great entrepreneurial spirit on the Bryant campus and it was demonstrated wonderfully by the final eleven pitches," said Ryan Jaswell, Junior.

"Entrepreneurship is at an all-time high and these students definitely showed why that trend is going to continue in the future."

"Entrepreneurs are constantly pitching their ideas, dreams, visions, products, services etc," said Troy Bryd.

"It is paramount to have an outstanding pitch and nothing prepares these entrepreneurs better than the elevator pitch competition."

Forum addresses character

By John Crisafulli
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Last week, President Machtley invited students, faculty, and staff to a "Community Forum" to discuss the issue of character at Bryant and for an update on the state of the University. More than 100 members of the campus community attended the forum held in Janikies.

Machtley started things off with a bit of humor about move-in day for the class of 2010 but quickly moved on to the current state of the University and the changing goals for the next five years.

Among those goals he said that the University is focusing on several tactical issues: the size, quality, and scope of the undergraduate programs, character, the Sophomore International Experience, and focusing on Alumni and recent graduates.

He said that the University is looking to grow the College of Arts and Sciences over the next five years to reach 800 students by 2010. In addition, they are looking to enroll more students each year to increase the total student body to 3,500 by 2010, up 300 from current enrollment.

Also, the University is aiming to be in the top 50 schools for graduate programs by 2013. This year's average GMAT score for the University was 570, the highest in Rhode Island and higher than Bentley and Northeastern.

In light of the goal to ex-

pand the size of the student body, Machtley spoke about the construction of the new residence hall. He said that construction is flying along with each floor being built within nine days. This "exciting new facility," Machtley said, will be ready for September 2007 and features a new café. He also added that, by the end of the summer, renovations will have been completed in all of the suite village buildings.

Machtley moved on to emphasize the goal of quality at Bryant. With the anticipated growth of the University he said that it was important to continually improve the overall quality of the school. He added that the concept of quality is pertinent in the business world.

After his presentation on the state of the University, the president addressed the recent "Facebook issue". He called it a "very disappointing situation [that] occurred... [That] a student published a very, very damaging statement."

He insisted that in an academic community we have to recognize what is right and wrong and said, "on behalf of him [the student] I want to apologize to everyone who was offended. That's not the standard when we talk about enhancing diversity at Bryant."

He then warned against reacting in a physical way to the student and that in an academic community we must recognize that there will be people who speak out negatively about others but that

we must react intellectually, with discussion.

Machtley proceeded to invite Dr. Carol DeMoranville to speak on the concept of character. DeMoranville is part of an ad-hoc committee who has been charged with developing a definition of character and programs encouraging discussions of character. The committee developed the concept of SIRR on campus; self management, integrity, responsibility, and respect for self and others. She also said that, starting next semester, the committee will be sponsoring multiple events aimed at discussing character on campus.

DeMoranville then introduced two student groups from her research class who did comprehensive research on campus to determine how students and faculty view character. Both groups showed evidence that there is a general knowledge and recognition of character on campus but that the numbers could be higher. Both groups also suggested hosting programs to discuss character on campus which would hopefully increase the scores if surveys were to be done again.

For the last ten minutes of the forum, Machtley opened the floor up for questions. Questions were asked in regards to diversity, character being implemented into a required course, and whether the President thought that the "Facebook incident" was racism, to which he replied "yes".

World AIDS day

By Jaritza Cortes
Campus News Editor

Bryant University took a bold approach to addressing the AIDS epidemic spreading across world in honor of World AIDS Day. Certain organizations planned events to educate the Bryant community about AIDS awareness. The Alliance for Woman's Awareness (AWA), in conjunction with the Multicultural Student Union (MSU) and Health Services welcomed AIDS Care Ocean State to conduct free aids tests on Wednesday, Nov. 29. Peer Education also hosted a number of guest speakers Wednesday night who each shared different stories about life with AIDS. The program's objectives hoped to educate, create awareness, and dismiss myths and stereotypes associated with AIDS.

The free AIDS tests performed by AIDS

Ocean State Care were conducted in the Bryant Center from 10 am to 3 pm. That af-

ternoon about 55 people were successfully tested with results delivered as quickly as 30 minutes. The United Nations AIDS Organization reports that one out of three college graduates will have contracted an STD/STI. This fact worried some student leaders on campus, including Symphonie Willoughby (AWA) and Wilberte Paul (MSU), and it motivated them to bring free AIDS testing to Bryant. AIDS Ocean State Care in Providence does free AIDS testing any time during business hours.

The speakers which Peer Education welcomed in the Papitto were from the AIDS Project Rhode Island Speakers Bureau (SPEECH). They shared stories that offered a unique perspective on living with AIDS/HIV in today's world. The stories shared moved the students and were a good way to recognize the epidemic spreading throughout the world. Friday, December 1 was World AIDS Day- the international day of action, and through the programs put together by student organizations they were able to raise awareness on the Bryant campus.



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Life as a Resident Assistant

By Brigit Clancy
Assistant Variety Editor

Resident Assistants (more commonly known as RAs) are vital assets to the campus' they work on. Their job is not to just take away illegal substances, write a person up for making too much noise, or diffuse a complicated situation. RAs are student leaders in our campus community. RAs are trained to interact with and make referrals for resident students on campus. RAs often plan different events for the student body to foster student life on campus. RAs should be commended for their time and hard work that they put into their job. RAs serve as mentors, and are trained in a broad range of topics, including multicultural issues, sexual assault awareness, confrontation, conflict mediation, and peer counseling. Colby Banks (Class 2009) and Jeremy Miceli (Class 2007) are two of Bryant University's RAs.

Each applicant must go through a certain amount of training before they are officially an RA. "The training that we go through is very difficult," said Miceli. "We come up to school a week early and for that entire week it's packed. We learn about a lot of neat stuff and stuff that can help when we get out of school. I am a management major and I feel that the diversity training I got from Res Life will really help me understand employees better." Colby Banks, a sophomore and one of the newest RAs this year, said, "I came back to school on August 24th to attend the RA Training. We also have weekly training every Thursday for a couple of hours. We will also have winter training for a couple days prior to coming back to school in January."

Being an RA can be very time consuming. Along with working at the RA desk for several hours each month in the lobby of their respective dorm/suite buildings, they have other duties as well. Banks commented, "The time commitment fluctuates from week to week and day to day, depending on how many situations I am dealing with and how serious they are." Miceli said, "Commitment is very high—we are expected to be available to our residents all the time. We are expected to attend a meeting every Thursday from 3:30PM to 6:30PM. It is not so bad though, I still have a personal life and go out like every other college student."

Each RA must maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.5. In addition to fulfilling their duties, the RAs must keep up with all of their class work. Is it difficult to keep up with class work? Miceli said, "Keeping up with class work is not a problem, as long as you work out a schedule; it is just like being on a varsity sport." Banks commented, "I do not think it is hard to keep up with my class work. I just need to work on my procrastination skills. Some-

times I feel like my grades are slipping because of having the Resident Assistant Position but I know I am just using that as an excuse for when I am stressed!"

There are hundreds of students in each residence hall. RAs are responsible for all of the students in the hall in which they reside. Banks, an RA in Hall 16, said, "We are roughly accountable for approximately forty residents/students."

RAs, along with their duties in the residence halls, have to deal with hundreds of students and what could potentially be a multitude of different personalities. Is it a challenge to get along with so many personalities? Banks said, "I don't find it a challenge to get along with so many people because I do not mind walking up to strangers! I am quite friendly." Miceli said, "I really feel this program has helped me in dealing with people who are different than myself. I feel comfortable in every situation I am in now."

RAs are trained to have experience as leaders in all areas of community life. Both Miceli and Banks agree that being an RA is beneficial to a career after graduation. Banks said, "I think this job is very beneficial to my career because it shows I am responsible, have leadership ability, and a people person." Miceli said, "When employees see that, they interpret that you possess the qualities of a leader, the experience of being an RA will be very beneficial to my career."

Being an RA has the potential to be a very rewarding experience for all. Banks commented, "The most rewarding thing about being an RA is the ability to meet so many new people. Some of my closest friends are people I met through this position." Miceli commented, "The most rewarding part of being an RA is that when I help someone who has a problem and I help them. It makes me feel as though one person can really make a difference."

Banks has had her own special experience at the beginning of her career as an RA. "One of my bosses showed us a website where an RA had remade a rap song into an RA song," Banks said. "You have to hear it and actually be an RA to understand what a great idea that was. The website is as follows just in case anyone wants to hear it: www.myspace.com/theraonduty."

Any advice for aspiring RAs? Miceli said, "My advice to aspiring RAs is to make sure you follow campus regulations and use good judgment in all situations." Banks said, "My advice for aspiring RAs would be not to join the club for the free room and board, but join to improve your personal and leadership skills. It is hard to explain how I feel but I honestly love RAs. Each RA has their own unique personality and we are just one big happy family!"

Confucious speaker comes to campus

By Kelly Drew
Staff Writer

Confucius is a revered symbol in most Asian cultures. His wisdom has reverberated throughout the world for centuries. With the spread of globalization, his practices and studies have been needed now more than ever. At a recent talk on November 9, titled "Confucius in the Age of Globalization," Dr. Zeng Zhenyu of Shandong University, Jinan described Confucian ideas and how they relate to modern times. Dr. Zhenyu is a professor of Chinese history and archeology at the School of History and Culture, and is a visiting professor at Columbia University, University of Connecticut, and Dartmouth College. He received both his Master's and Ph.D in Chinese history.

Speaking Chinese through a translator to a large crowd in the MRC Lecture Hall, Dr. Zhenyu described the project of which he is part, funded by the Confucius Foundation. Twenty-five Nobel Prize winners gathered in Paris and issued a manifesto, declaring their intention to "reflect Confucius and his ideas [...], to learn from him regarding his wisdom."

Dr. Zhenyu began his talk with a list of the top four philosophers, according to a German man named Jespers. Along with Socrates, Jesus, and Buddha, Jespers claimed that Confucius was a huge influence on Asian religion. From this, Dr. Zhenyu developed the idea that differing philosophers' ideas would merge because, though the men all had differing backgrounds, they all preached the universal theme of love.

Dr. Zhenyu gave the audience a quick bio of Confucius. He lived from 551 to 479 BC, and was a philosopher, educator, and a politician during his lifetime. Zhenyu compared Confucius to Socrates; both came from modest families, both taught without receiving payment, both valued ethics, and neither had a single book of their teachings, though their studies of ethics were consid-

ered landmarks. Also, Dr. Zhenyu noted, neither were particularly good-looking. Confucius "needed some dental work." He also went so far as to compare Confucius' awkward looks to those of Chinese giant Yao Ming's.

Dr. Zhenyu then went on to share how Confucius is now revered as a prophet in Asian culture and all over the world. His ideas got to Japan circa 285 AD and throughout the 16th and 18th centuries, his influence spread through Europe during the age of Enlightenment. Zhenyu likened Confucius' influence to a tree: the trunk, the man and his teachings; the branches, the spread of his teachings. The core of Confucius' ideas lie within humanity and whoever loves his god must also love his brothers—similar to themes echoed in the Bible. The bond between humans and nature is superlative; the highest level of interaction. Heaven and earth have lives, and output is more valued than input. "Nature is not something to be conquered," Dr. Zhenyu said. Confucius emphasized human value and human life, and the need to satisfy desire under certain circumstances. "Sex is in the same level as eat and drink," remarked Dr. Zhenyu.

Even in the Western world, one can see Confucius' teachings being put to use. The roots of democracy are rooted in Confucian ideals. Like Christianity, Confucian lessons preach two lives: a physical life, limited by life span, and an ethical life, which is eternal. This, according to Confucius, is what separates humans from animals. He also believed seniors must be models to next generations. Giving ultimate respect to elders is to adopt what they do and value. This, along with the other tenets of the Confucian cycle, has never died despite the differing dynasties amongst Asian culture. This longevity is a testament to the durability of his lessons. It is easy to see why people such as Dr. Zhenyu devote themselves to spreading the wealth of his lessons.

Peer Ed sponsors Drawing the Shades

By Alan Waters
Staff Writer

Powerful! If I needed to use one word to describe the performance of Drawing the Shades that would be the perfect description. The four students who put on the amazing performance last week, were incredible. The actors included Senior Tim Lavinge, Juniors Caitlin Ryan and Jen Duggan, along with Sophomore Brian Ford. Each played a different person affected by rape. The victims' relationships included women-men, women-women, and men-men, each explained the story of what happened and what they felt along the terrible, hard and long road that they experienced.

All four actors did a wonderful job working together and coordinating lines, which created an incredible performance that really had you at the edge of your seats and motivated to listen. If you missed it I feel sorry for you because this is one of the most powerful and meaningful performances put on at Bryant throughout the year.

In the show, statistics were given that within the first six weeks of school the chances of being raped are much higher for freshmen women. That is extremely alarming considering a lot of people come to college looking to have fun and end up having their college experience ruined. It

was amazing to find that one out of every four women on college campuses will be raped and only one out of ten will report it to authorities. To me it hurts to note that women cannot reach out to others and seek help.

Another statistic that amazed me was that one out of every five men will also be sexually assaulted during college. Most people think it cannot happen to men, but the fact is it can and it does. Rape is a strong word and many do not know the true definition of what it is. Many think it is just when someone says no and the other person continues. In fact, the word no does not even need to be said. The actual definition of sexual assault is the forcing of unwanted sexual activity by one person on another, as by the use of threats or coercion. Nowhere in this definition does it say someone has to say no for it to be rape. All you need is for one person to perform the act without consent.

The show talked about all the different meanings of consent and how to get it and give it to someone. Flat out, if you do not have consent, and you still do it, you are raping someone by legal definition. The saddest part is most people blame themselves and keep it hidden. That is the worst thing to do, and as a friend it is our responsibility to reach out to them and listen, never say you understand, because chances are you do not. You can be

there for them and give them the help they need, listening is the key.

Too many times in our society, rape is thrown to the side, or joked about. It infuriates me when that happens, it is not right and it is not okay. It was amazing when, during the power point the audience was asked to stand and almost every one of the members stood up. In fact one of the members of the audience said "It was incredible when they asked everyone to stand up who has been or knew someone whose been raped, and I look over and my roommate and I are standing up, like I never knew that about my roommate, I never knew she knew someone, and I do not think she knew that I did, it was surreal."

That is power right there, so many times it happens and we do not see it or do not talk about it. It comes down to us in society to stop this and make sure it is not okay and

that rape is not acceptable. We can make a difference, if you know someone or you have been personally affected, there is help available. Toby Simon of the Women's Center located on the third floor of the Bryant Center, or Heidi Spruce of Counseling Services is here for anyone and all information is kept confidential. We can make a difference and we can help stop this, take a stand and stop rape, it starts with each and every one of us.

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Submissions from Sun Yat-sen University's English Student Newspaper, *Insight*

I am here at the Arctic Circle

Thousands of years ago, Julius Caesar, the Roman Emperor, succinctly described one of his victories like this, "Veni, vidi, vici!" (I came, I saw, I conquered!) In November 2005, Fan Yuemin, a student majoring in IMBA at Lingnan College of Sun Yat-sen University reached the Arctic Circle in Yukon, the true north of Canada. At that moment, he told himself, "Today I'm on the peak of the earth, and tomorrow I'll be on the peak of my career!"

Blind Chance Lead to Big Surprise

The whole story goes back to August 2005. During the summer vacation, Fan Yuemin joined a live show competition *Survivors* organized by Guangdong TV station. In the first round, contestants are divided into two groups, 18 contestants (9 women & 9 men) each. They work in groups, either on a desert island or in primeval forest. There are no tools or communication apparatus. In order to survive, people have to do everything on their own: build thatched cottage, make a fire, hunt for food etc. After four weeks of a hard life like the Pilgrims, the winners (one man & one woman) from each group enter the final round: *Heroes in Polar Region* which is held in Canada.

During the forty days in Canada, the two teams contend for the champion in six rounds. There are so many incredible tasks to finish in a limited time: try to find an animal according to the short message provided by the mobile phone, learn to make a cup of Canadian maple coffee, learn the skills from an artist and then demonstrate it in the street to earn some money, learn to play ice hockey and then have a competition immediately, make a newspaper in Chinese and English to introduce the local scenes, learn fishing skills from local people and try to catch a big salmon, and many more.

After a month's struggle, the final falls on November 6th in Yukon, a district near the Arctic Circle. When the players are busy solving all the problems there, tens of thousands of people are watching the live TV transmission in China. The two teams are asked to find a sled and dogs by using GPS, rush to a place and roll a big snowball according to the requirement, search the icy river

for the directions and then reach the destination as quickly as possible. The one that comes in first is the winner. Although Fan Yuemin didn't win the final, he has already achieved a lot.

"I've learnt more than I expected."

It's really a big surprise for Fan Yuemin. At the beginning, he didn't take it seriously. But he beat the other 17 contestants and won the opportunity to join the final. In the eyes of his teammates, he is a man who can always stay calm and be ready to learn everything. Instead of giving up easily, he persists in trying. Maybe that's the secret of his success.

So what has he learnt? Firstly, he got to know a group of friends who share laughter and tears with him. Secondly, he learnt so many skills such as hunting for food, making basketball with canes and so on, which turn him into a tough guy. Thirdly, he learns to cherish everything he has, like his friends, his family, the food etc. For one can never forget the experiences of lying in the sleeping bag lonely at night in a primeval forest, hungry and cold. Several times he wanted to quit, but he conquered the loneliness, the toil, as well as the pains. After the competition, Fan Yuemin believes in one thing firmly, that is that willpower is the headspring of success. As long as you stick to a goal, you'll succeed sooner or later.

In daily life, Fan Yuemin is also very active. He has many hobbies such as playing badminton, making DV, and singing. His DV work *Murder on the Internet* has just won "best action prize" in 2005 MTV movie DV contest and was invited to attend the award ceremony held in Los Angeles, CA this summer. In addition, he was among the top ten singers in the singing competition for graduate students of Sun Yat-sen University last year. How could he accomplish so much? Fan Yuemin answered, "Nothing special. It's just for fun. I'm enjoying what I like."

By Qiao Ying, from School of Foreign Languages

Pay it forward

"Others have helped me, I want to help others in return." With this simple faith, a few bundles of books, and seven other university volunteers, Xu Benyu, the new graduate from Huazhong Agricultural University, returned to Gou Diaoyan Village, Guizhou Province and re-embarked on his rural teaching program. The experiences he had in the village two years ago still haunted him: the irritating fleas, the terrible condition, the painful illnesses and the unbearable loneliness. However, thinking of the help he once received as a poor student from the countryside, the yearning for knowledge he saw in the village kids' eyes and the promises he made, Xu decided to return against all the odds.

Despite all their preparations, they were soon tested by the life there. Unable to adapt to the deprivation and isolation, many of his eager followers gradually quitted, leaving Xu alone to teach most of the subjects. Besides the heavy burden of teaching, he agonized over the language and cultural barriers between him and his students.

But stay he did, for another year. When invited to give a lecture on rural education at his university a year later, he found that he was no longer alone in his path. Many who had heard Xu's stories were deeply moved and pledged to support the education in Gou Diaoyan Village organizations at home and abroad have set up funds for the village school, the local government has launched a considerable amount of money to improve the education facilities, more and more college students had volunteered to join Xu in his cause.

With his dedication to the rural education, Xu Benyu—a once ordinary young man struggling against poverty and loneliness in an obscure village—became nominated by CCTV as one of "the 10 people who moved China" in 2004. Xu Benyu has become a national inspiration because he has devoted himself to rural education—a cause vitally important but often overlooked in the course of China's modernization. As we trace the path he has taken, we will discover many other pioneers who have ventured into this wildness.

During the 1920s and 1930s, the rise of rural education swept over China. A large number of highly qualified intellectuals went to the rural areas in the hope of achieving independence and rejuvenation of our nation by means of rural education as well as rural construction. They realized the crisis China faced, and the fact that 80% of the population lived in the rural area.

These were the two reasons that stimulated them to devote themselves to the rural education. Yan Yangchu, reputed as the Father of Civil Education, committed himself to civil education experiment in Hebei province and set up China Civil Education Association. Tao Xingzhi is a humanist who established Nanjing Xiaozhuang Normal School. He proposed Education of life, Education by life, and Education for life. Liang Sumin applied the principle of Confucianism to rural teaching. Thanks to these forefathers and their

legacies, great changes have taken place in China's countryside as well as in our education system. Now the torch they lit has been passed down, and all across China we can see individuals and organizations dedicated to keeping the flames of rural education alive.

Since the early 1980s, many associations have been set up to help develop China's education in the countryside, such as Western Sunshine, Fuxing School, Lighthouse Organization and many others in universities. Among such associations in Guangdong Province, Lighthouse Organization and the Graduate Rural Education Support Team of Zhongshan University are relatively influential. Lighthouse Organization, set up in 2001, is the largest non-governmental association aimed for improving rural education through organizing work teams to the countryside during summer and winter vacations. Most of the volunteers are students from the colleges in Guangdong Province. So far, over 500 college students have joined

Lighthouse, among whom more than 100 are from Zhongshan University. The Graduate Rural Education Support Team of Zhongshan University also goes to the countryside in western China annually to help with the teaching. By now, more than 20 excellent post-graduate students from our school have been enlisted for the effort.

In spite of the nationwide attention it has received, rural education is still cramped by the following factors firstly, the lack of fund and education facilities, secondly, the lack of qualified teachers, thirdly, the exam-oriented system that doesn't apply to the rural education, fourthly, the overload of studying that causes school-weariness and other problems among the rural students.

As the gap between the rural and urban areas widens in today's society, more and more problems of this kind have emerged, warning us that what we have done is far from enough. Although China's international status has been greatly enhanced, we cannot turn a blind eye to the fact that Chinese still account for 1/4 of the world's illiterate. If we let the situation continue, it will greatly undermine the further development of our nation. Then what are the solutions to these problems? What responsibilities do we university students hold for this increasingly polarized society? "I don't know whether we can actually make a difference in these children's lives," a member from the rural education support team of Zhongshan University once wrote, "nor how long it will take us to eliminate poverty in these villages. The most important thing, however, is that we have come with our hearts and tried our best."

To many like Xu Benyu, rural education is more like a quest than an answer to the questions above. But as we look at the growing number of people following their footsteps, we know the answer lies in the quest itself—in searching, experiencing and, most importantly, in paying it forward.



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FYI: New winterses- sion course: *Gandhi and Mandela*

"Gandhi and Mandela" (HIS 385) is a new, exciting history course to be offered at Bryant in January 2007 during the Wintersession. Students taking this course will have a unique opportunity to study the ideas and political careers of these two great 20th century national leaders, and to examine their radical goals and controversial methods of social and political change. Students will also gain knowledge and perspective on the modern contemporary histories of India and South Africa, and of the recent struggles of the peoples of these nations for freedom, equality, justice, and democracy.

In addition to lectures and class discussions this course will feature fills, guest speakers, debates, small group seminars and "historical reenactments". One of the daily rituals will be "question time". The course fulfills either the historical mode or cultural mode of thought requirement, and it can also be used as a liberal arts elective.

HIS 385 supplements and enriches Bryant's growing program in world history and global studies, and exposes students to the history and culture of two important areas of the world that are currently lacking in the Bryant curriculum. The course will also encourage students to grapple with some of the issues and methods of social and political change that are relevant to American society. Finally, students will study some alternative leadership styles and tactics, and will come to see how certain intelligent and courageous individuals acting from within a particular historical context have been able to change the world.

For more information about the "Gandhi and Mandela" course, please contact Professor James Estey in Faculty Suite C or by phone at 232-6235.

FYI: 4MILE@Bryant

4MILE@Bryant is an orientation, leadership experience, and mentoring program for multicultural and international students. It brings incoming students to Bryant to get acclimated, develop leadership skills as well as interact with other current and incoming students. Most importantly, it assists in the transition of international students and students of color into Bryant University.

The 4 represents a student's 4 years at Bryant and the four pillars of the program: cultural, academic, personal and social development. The MILE represents: Multicultural, International Leadership Experience.

This program is in its 4th year and has received positive comments and evaluations from participants and will continue to serve international and multicultural students as they enter Bryant University.

Submitted by the staff of the Intercultural Center for International Education & Multicultural Affairs:

Dee Vieira
Kaoru Paganelli
Monique Austin

For Your Information

- * The Information Desk in the Bryant Center will begin holiday gift wrapping next week.
- * The Department of Public Safety is now giving out free ponchos to students who get caught in the rain.
- * The Post Office is now informing people about their packages through email-no more yellow slips.
- * The final exam schedule can be found on the academic advising website.
>>> <http://web.bryant.edu/academicadvising/calendar.htm>
- *The Women's Center has compiled a list of locations selling the Morning After Pill along with their prices. Currently, Target (Smithfield) is selling the pill at the lowest price, \$35.00. For more information or locations, stop by The Women's Center on the 3rd Floor of the Bryant Center.

*Holiday Gift Fair Vendors - Choose lovely gifts from vendors selling jewelry, hand carved pens, custom baskets, monogrammed products, book flips, children's items and "The Housewife". Friday, December 8 at 10:00 AM Bryant Center First Floor

* Weather-related delays/cancellation of classes & office closings: Since media outlets provide only limited information on the University's schedule during periods of inclement weather, please call the Department of Public Safety information line, 232-6002 for a more detailed message. Morning announcements are posted by 6:15 a.m., evening announcements are posted by 3 p.m.



Ms. Bryant is Back!

If you enjoyed seeing the Mr. Bryant Competition last Friday, just wait for the Ms. Bryant Competition in the spring.

The Ms. Bryant Competition will be held on Friday, March 30th in Janikies Auditorium.

You will be able to nominate possible contestants starting in early February, so start to think about who you would like to see win the crown.

If you have any questions, please email greeklife@bryant.edu.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

LARCENY-THEFT

From Buildings NOV 13 2006-Monday at 09:25
 Location: UNISTRUCURE
 Summary: Bryant University IT reports a NEC NP2000 projector valued at \$8000.00 had been stolen from a classroom. The Smithfield Police working in cooperation with DPS and the Bryant IT Department located the projector on E-Bay, and was able to identify and arrest the responsible party.

EMT CALL

EMT Call / Medical Services Rendered NOV 14 2006-Tuesday at 15:18
 Location: HEALTH SERVICES
 Summary: A report of a student having an allergic reaction. EMS was activated.

VANDALISM (AUTO)

Vandalism to Auto(S) NOV 15 2006-Wednesday at 18:20
 Location: OLD TOWNHOUSE LOT
 Summary: A report of a vandalized vehicle.

VANDALISM (SCHOOL)

Vandalism (School Building) NOV 17 2006-Friday at 06:18
 Location: RESIDENCE HALL
 Summary: A custodian reported a soda machine was vandalized.

VANDALISM (AUTO)

Vandalism to Auto(S) NOV 17 2006-Friday at 13:56
 Location: OLD TOWNHOUSE LOT
 Summary: A student reported his vehicle had been vandalized.

THEFT

Stolen Property NOV 18 2006-Saturday at 01:04 06-11-18-18800
 Location: RESIDENCE HALL
 Summary: A report of eighteen showerheads stolen from a Residence Hall.

EMT CALL

EMT Call / Medical Services Rendered NOV 18 2006-Saturday at 02:02
 Location: RESIDENCE HALL
 Summary: A report of a student with a head laceration. EMS was activated.

VANDALISM (AUTO)

Vandalism to Auto(S) NOV 18 2006-Saturday at 11:09
 Location: SENIOR APARTMENT LOT
 Summary: A report of a broken radio antenna.

THEFT (FROM VEH.)

Larceny from Vehicle (Over \$500) NOV 18 2006-Saturday at 11:30
 Location: OFF CAMPUS
 Summary: A report of a Bryant owned laptop stolen from a vehicle.

VANDALISM

Vandalism NOV 18 2006-Saturday at 13:07
 Location: RESIDENCE HALL
 Summary: A reported of damage to a suite area in a Residence Hall.

ACCIDENT (MVA)

Motor Vehicle Accident NOV 19 2006-Sunday at 17:34
 Location: STRIP PARKING
 Summary: A reported motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

THEFT (LARCENY)

Larceny / Other (\$200-\$500) NOV 19 2006-Sunday at 18:30
 Location: RESIDENCE HALL
 Summary: A report of a stolen cell phone.

VANDALISM

(SCHOOL) Vandalism (School Building) NOV 20 2006-Monday at 08:45
 Location: RESIDENCE HALL
 Summary: A report of vandalism to the locking system on the exterior doors of a Residence Hall.

VANDALISM (SCHOOL)

Vandalism (School Building) NOV 20 2006-Monday at 15:00 06-11-20-18947
 Location: UNISTRUCURE
 Summary: A report of a vandalized satellite dish.

ACCIDENT (MVA)

Motor Vehicle Accident NOV 21 2006-Tuesday at 00:52
 Location: COMMUTER PARKING LOT
 Summary: A report of a vehicle hitting a tree. No injuries.

EMT CALL

EMT Call / Medical Services Rendered NOV 21 2006-Tuesday at 02:57
 Location: UNISTRUCURE
 Summary: A report of a student with a laceration to the right arm area. EMS was activated.

VANDALISM (SCHOOL)

Vandalism (School Building) NOV 21 2006-Tuesday at 07:25
 Location: RESIDENCE HALL
 Summary: Facilities reported a Reserved parking sign found on the strip.

MISSING (ADULT)

Missing Person (Adult) NOV 22 2006-Wednesday at 12:10
 Location: ALL LOTS AND ROADWAYS
 Summary: A request by a female who stated that her husband was missing and might do harm to himself and may be on the Bryant campus. The subject was not found on campus.

POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA

NOV 29 2006-Wednesday at 23:25
 Location: RESIDENCE HALL
 Summary: DPS confiscated drug smoking devices and rolling papers.

EMT CALL

EMT Call / Medical Services Rendered DEC 1 2006-Friday at 00:05

Location: TOWNHOUSE
 Summary: A report of a person with a leg laceration. EMS was activated.

EMT CALL

EMT Call / Medical Services Rendered DEC 2 2006-Saturday at 04:00
 Location: TOWNHOUSE
 Summary: A report of a person with a broken arm. EMS was activated.

BURGLARY

Burglary/B&E A Dwelling Anytime DEC 2 2006-Saturday at 13:52
 Location: RESIDENCE HALL
 Summary: A reported stolen camera.

DRUG ACTIVITY Drug Activity

DEC 2 2006-Saturday at 22:21
 Location: RESIDENCE HALL
 Summary: A reported odor of marijuana. DPS units investigated. Student conduct issued.

BIAS INCIDENTS None reported

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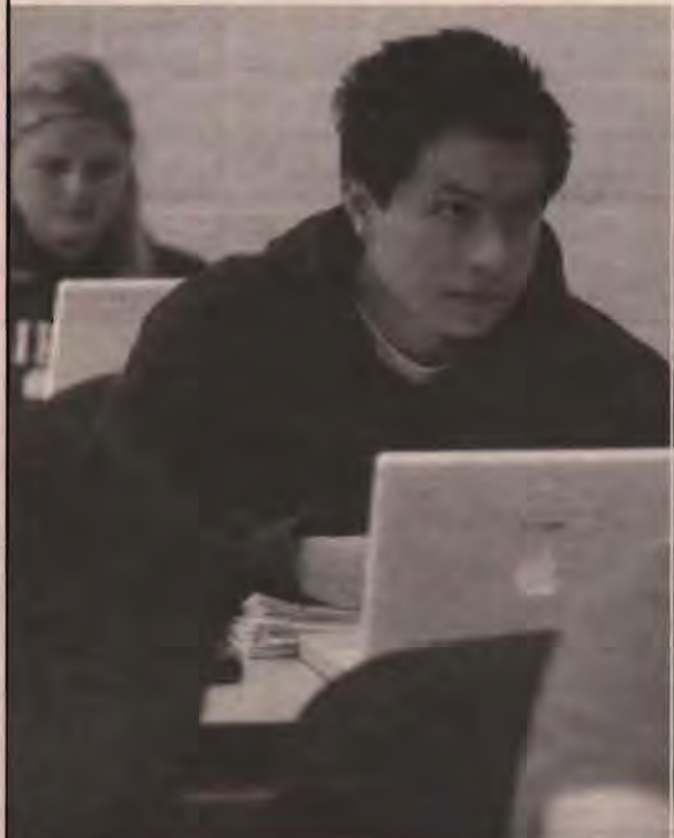
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Campus Tours Undercover: Northeastern University

By Jared Neilan, Tim Osborn, Michael Oliveri,
Philip Weiss
Feature Writers

We would like to start off by thanking all of last week's *page six* readers. We received a lot of great feedback from faculty, staff, and administration. We are putting together an agenda for more schools to tour. Unfortunately, while many of you might have been expecting Babson this week, we incurred a minor setback, as they stopped weekend tours on December 1- business must be good.

This week we traveled to Boston to visit Northeastern University. You may think that it's hard to compare Northeastern to a school like Bryant, and you're right! But now considering ourselves experts at school comparisons, we took on the task and of course we feel like we brought back valuable information to share with you.

Things we liked...

1. College town, USA - Being in the city of Boston offers you many resources: industry, entertainment, museums and of course Fenway Park in your backyard.
2. Suburban bubble - Despite being in the middle of the city, Northeastern has many green areas including four quads where numerous students could be found
3. Dining options - The 14,000 students at Northeastern have plenty of places to eat. Among the numerous dining establishments were a sushi bar, Taco Bell, Wendy's, Dunkin Donuts, and a Starbucks (all of which accept your university card as payment). The dining card can also be used at nearby restaurants and stores off campus.
4. Dining halls - the dining halls run by the catering company are conveniently open throughout the day without closing in between meals, and some are even located in the student dorms.
5. Diverse student population - Northeastern students can be found from six of the seven con-

tinents. No struggles here to find Admissions brochure photos.

6. Brand name - Let's face it, everyone knows Northeastern for being a reputable institution. Co-Op Program - the five year curriculum incorporates up to three six-month internships (co-ops) that replace a normal semester of class. Students can also opt for a typical four year course of study.

7. Upkeep - despite the size of the University and the number of buildings they have, the campus is well kept and buildings were of Bryant stature.

8. Academics - Northeastern truly is a University in the sense that it offers degrees in many disciplines from seven different colleges.

9. Housing options - Plenty of off-campus housing options that are still part of the greater campus, while on campus living provides suites to sophomores, juniors, and seniors equipped with full kitchens, living rooms, and bedrooms. We even spotted some that were two-story apartments.

Things we did not like...

1. No campus-wide wireless - You can't sit up in a tree and email your parents for money around here. Wireless connectivity is only offered in select buildings around campus. We should note, however, that a campus-wide wireless program is planned for the fall.
2. Co-Op Program - In certain institutions an extra year gets you an MBA, at Northeastern an extra year gives you a few more glorified internships with no guarantee of employment.
3. Help wanted - according to Admissions materials, post-graduation employment/grad school rate seems to be much lower than we would expect for an institution of this caliber, averaging high 80's to low 90's.
4. Teaching Assistants - No matter what you say, Northeastern is a research institution and professors are there to do their research. TA's are your main contact for questions.
5. Make up your mind - It is very difficult to get in to Northeastern with an undecided major. Admissions makes it no secret that you should

know what you want to do coming in.

6. Just another face - Given the sheer size of the school, you can sense how easy it is to get lost in the crowd. Co-ops accentuate this by taking a portion of the student body out of the campus environment as they stop taking classes to work full time.

7. Tour - The tour did not take us through many of the campus buildings. In fact, we were stuck out in the cold for most of the hour and fifteen minute tour.

8. Library - Where's Douglas and Judith Krupp when you need them?

9. Freshmen living options - The rooms are small, and furniture is attached to the walls, inhibiting a student's ability to make it a comfortable second home.

10. Trimesters - The trimester program does not create any sort of normalcy in scheduling, with class/co-op/vacation schedules being different each year.

Things We Brought Home...

1. The idea of having the dinning hall open all day could be applied to Salmanson, to alleviate the congestion problems we have been experiencing.
2. Housing options were plentiful, and although we don't have a city to resort to for apartments, we could still offer better variety in terms of amenities (i.e. kitchens in suites).
3. Bryant needs to develop more strong relationships with a wider array of employers. Although Fidelity and PwC are great companies, there are many more job opportunities out there that could consider Bryant students.
4. Bryant should sponsor more academic research. At the end of the day being cited as one of the most connected campuses will only get you so far in recognition. Where quality research can provide indefinite acknowledgement.
5. While we are recognized in the New England area...and China, we need to focus on increasing awareness of Bryant throughout the country.

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Study Abroad Spotlight: Andrew Holmes '07

University: John Cabot University
Location: Rome, Italy
Partner: API
Semester Abroad: Spring '06
Duration: Jan 14 – May 13

Reason for going:

Ever since elementary school I've always had an interest in Italy. We had 'Heritage Day' in second grade and I went home asking my parents what our background was. They told me I was 50% Italian. Ever since then I've loved anything having to do with Italy, and dreamed about the opportunity of going there. Last semester was my chance, and I'm glad I took it.

Best experience/memory:

My favorite memory from my trip to Italy was when we traveled to Pisa and Cinque Terre. I knew that if I ever went to Italy I would have to visit the Leaning Tower of Pisa, but Pisa didn't have much to offer other than that, so my friends and I gambled on a place called Cinque Terre, (5 towns) just an hour's train ride north of Pisa. It was a much less touristy place, and we were welcomed into town with a stunning sunset, the kind you see in books but few ever get to experience firsthand. It was my favorite weekend of the experience, and I hope I get the chance to go back some day.

Funny cultural experience:

After arriving in Torino to check out the Olympics, a friend and I were hungry. We saw a sign for McDonald's and decided to try to find it. After wandering aimlessly for ten minutes we saw some police officers and asked them: Dove McDonalds? (Where is McDonalds?). They had no clue what we were saying and one went to go get his English/Italian dictionary from his car. After five frustrating minutes we remembered we had a picture of a Mc-

Donalds sign on my camera, and showed it to them. They immediately recognized it, and responded with: "oooh MACDonalds." The only difference being that we pronounced it MicDonalds, and they said MacDonald's. They pointed us in a direction and we went off, laughing about the situation. In the end, we never found Mic or MacDonald's.

How was the school different from Bryant University?

John Cabot University was very different than Bryant. The most noticeable, and best, difference being that we only had classes Mon-Thurs. The school itself was very small, comprised of only 600 students, and was just one building with about 15 classrooms. We were lucky enough to get wireless in the library, but it was very similar to Bryant's, since we got kicked off every fifteen minutes. The professors, like Bryant's, were very nice, some realizing more than others that we were there for the experience, not so much to be bogged down by tests and papers.

How did this experience change you?

I feel this experience gave me a better sense of independence and more confidence. Going to another country for four months was like living in a different world. I

was happy to come back to the States, but it will be impossible to forget the four months I had in Rome. I have some great memories to take with me for the rest of my life, and I love trying to remember all the Italian I've already forgotten.

Would you study abroad again given the opportunity?

In a heartbeat.

Organization Spotlight: Student Alumni Association

What is your organization's full name?
 Student Alumni Association

Who is on your e-board?

President: **Michael Oliveri**
 Exec. Vice President: **Philip Weiss**
 Vice President of Membership: **Lauren Shriber**
 Vice President of Finance: **Andrew Mesale**
 Vice President of Public Relations: **Tim Osborn**
 Director of Alumni Outreach: **Chris Phelps**
 Director of Social Activities: **Nadine Grindell**

When do you meet?

Tuesdays at 5:00pm in Room 2C

What is your main purpose?

The Student Alumni Association is a professional organization sponsored by the Office of Alumni Relations that supports and advances the mission and goals of Alumni Relations. The SAA involves students in programs and services that promote a life-long commitment to Bryant University and builds awareness of the Alumni Association throughout the student body.

How often do you hold events?

SAA is involved with numerous events throughout the year. Our programs range from community service projects, fundraisers, special alumni, and social events. Check out our website at <http://www.bryantsaa.org> for a full list of the events we sponsor throughout the year.

How many members does your organization have?

We currently have 82 members.

What are some of your upcoming events?

Festival of Lights
 Spring 2007 - Student Alumni Networking Series (SANS)

How can people contact you if they are interested in joining?

We will be opening up applications for new members at the beginning of the Fall 2007 semester. In the meantime, please contact us via email at saab@bryant.edu or phone at 401-232-8982 for more information.

Turn to pages 2 and 23 to see pictures from Festival of Lights.

Intern Spotlight on... Megan Banks '07



Concentration: Marketing
Minor: Communication
Internship Site: HB Communications, Inc.
Location: North Haven, CT

I worked with and learned so much from them



What did you learn about yourself?

My networking skills definitely improved. I was proud to say I was Bryant student. Became more confident in my writing and creativity and design and I think became a better writer. I became able to take responsibility over the work of other employees. To speak up about my ideas.

Did you receive compensation for your Academic internship?

Yes, and credit.

Who was your faculty supervisor and what were your academic requirements?

Dr. Frank Bingham, Marketing. Kept a daily log of my major learning experiences, talked regularly with Dr. Bingham, wrote a 30 page paper of the experience.

Megan is willing to discuss her internship in more detail! Email her at mbanks@bryant.edu.

Winter break is an excellent time to do research on summer internships and jobs. The Amica Center for Career Education will be open during the break and students are welcome to use the Career Library and/or meet with a career counselor during this time. Stop in to make an appointment or give us a call at 401-232-6090.

More summer interns will be spotlighted in the Archway next spring. Meanwhile, enjoy the Winter Break!!!

Alumni Career Networking Event



On November 14 over 100 students attended the Alumni Career Networking Event co-sponsored by the Amica Center for Career Education.

Students met with alumni to discuss career interests and to obtain advice on how to enter various industries.

X-Country star goes national

By Christopher Ficalora
Assistant Sports Editor

Associations; when you think of bread, butter pops up, or if you think of mice, cheese pops up. In this case, when you think of cross country super star, Nicole Radzik pops up. Radzik, a junior from Sutton Mass., took fifth place at regionals in Boston with a time of 22 minutes and 51 seconds to qualify for the NCAA tournament in Pensacola, Florida. Radzik finished in 93rd place there, becoming the first athlete to qualify for nationals at Bryant in three years.

Since her freshman year of high school, Radzik has made her passion of running long distance events more than just a hobby. "I enjoy the competition and the exhilarating feeling after running," she says. Radzik had really stepped up her training from previous seasons largely due to the new head coach, Trish Hillery.

Hillery was named prior to this season, following the resignation of Amy Laughlin, to take the reins of the cross country program. "She was a huge factor in me making it to Nationals. She had me work harder than I ever had before and she has a lot of knowledge about the sport. She was a great runner in college and she still is today so I trusted her training and advice and it all helped me a lot." However it wasn't all coach Hillery.

The season started off at Connecticut College under the new coach. Radzik led the women bulldogs with a 43rd place finish. Radzik continued to lead her team at UMass Dartmouth, the Ray Dwyer Invite,

and the Bryant Invitational. At the NE-10 Championships, the women placed 41st out of 46 teams with Radzik placing 97th overall with a time of 19:15 on the 5k course. From there Radzik moved to the Regional Qualifiers where she cemented her spot in the Nationals with a fifth place finish.

Successful cross country runners are different from all other athletes, in that there's such a small level of talent, that it takes a lot more to excel. "You need to love to run and have the desire and determination to be the best you can be at it, even if that means making a lot of sacrifices in your life," Radzik said.

One large misconception about cross country is that it's all individual, when in fact it is actually a team sport. Teammates will more often than not be that x factor for one another in order to push it to the limit. As Radzik said, "My teammates motivate me and they support me. That helps me know that I can do it."

The end of the cross country season marks the beginning of the indoor track season. Radzik intends to "keep improving by consistently setting personal records and staying injury free." Their first meet was this past weekend at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston. Radzik started the season off on the right foot, quite literally, with a new school record of 10 minutes and 35 seconds in the 3k event. This weekend Radzik and the rest of the indoor track teams will be traveling to Harvard, so if you're in the neighborhood, stop by and root for our Bulldogs!



Courtesy of the Athletic Department

Nicole Radzik runs toward her goal, the NCAA tournament.

Top Dogs

James Newton

Year: Junior

Sport: Swimming

Why this dog was picked: Newton set four individual school records at this past weekend's Northeast-10 Championship. He broke the previous school record for 200-yard freestyle, 100-Yard Backstroke, 200-Yard Backstroke and 200-Yard Individual Medley. He was also part of the relay team that set the school record for the 400-Yard Freestyle Relay and 4000-yard Medley Relay.



Courtesy of the Athletic Department

Joanna Skiba

Year: Senior

Sport: Basketball

Why this dog was picked: Bryant's senior co-captain became the 16th player in school history to score 1,000 points in her career, when she eclipsed the milestone with a 22-point performance in an 80-76 win over Assumption. Skiba has led the Bulldogs to a 5-2 start and leads her team with 15.1 points per game. She also leads the Northeast-10 conference with 7.43 assists per game.



Courtesy of the Athletic Department

Bulldogs take a bite out of early season

By: Jason Hopper
Staff Writer

For Bryant University's men's basketball team, their season began with questions of how they would respond to losing arguably the best player in Bulldog history, point guard John Williams, who graduated at the end of last year.

So far, this Bulldog team has proven they are up for the challenge. They are a very mature and confident group that prides itself on efficient offense and hard-nosed defense. Junior forward Jon Ezeokoli leads the team in scoring, averaging 14.0 points per game. He hit the game-winning three-pointer against UMass Lowell last Saturday. Senior guard Chris Burns leads the team in three-pointers, filling the void left by Williams, with 21, and has averaged 13.3 points per game. The point guard for this Bulldog team, senior Nathaniel Sudlow, has been the best all-around player for the Bryant squad, leading the team in assists (29), steals (18), rebounds (32), and even blocks (7). He is also averaging 10.3 points per game. The sophomore big men, Andrew Lyell, Ryan McLean, Nick Pontes, and Jerrann Wright, have been strong inside, accounting for 91 of the Bulldogs' rebounds.

Bryant is 4-3 overall and 3-2 in the Northeast-10 Conference. They have been stellar at home, winning all their games at the Chace Athletic Center so far this season. The Bulldogs had a comeback victory against AIC, 72-68, a strong 84-80 win versus St. Anselm's, a last-second victorious thriller at UMass Lowell, 69-66, and a blowout of As-

sumption, 62-48, in which the Bryant defense forced a season-high 25 turnovers.

Head Coach Max Good is in his sixth season with the Bulldogs, and continues to motivate his team with confidence and strong advice. This season he has also continued his successful leadership in closing out games when Bryant



Courtesy of the Athletic Department

Chris Burns and the Bulldogs are off to a quick start.

is ahead, and bringing them back when they are trailing early in a contest.

The Bulldogs return home this Saturday for a NE-10 showdown with Southern New Hampshire.

Building a system that works

By Stephen Demers
Sports Editor

The Bryant University football program has certainly made great strides under the guidance of Coach Marty Fine. In his three seasons at Bryant, Coach Fine has led the Bulldogs to a 19-11 record. This past season he guided the team to a record eight wins, a NE-10 conference title, and their first ever NCAA post-season appearance.

A large part of the Bulldog's success this season was their defense. The Bulldogs limited their opponents to 260.2 yards of total offense per game. Junior Mark Gunther averaged about a sack a game and senior Andrew McLarty had 86 tackles on the year. Coach Fine remarked, "Our defensive players played with a little more intensity, and a little more speed. Our young secondary played very well at times and they are all back and the outlook for the future for them is very bright. Our defensive lineman, particularly the two inside guys, Chris Reels and Joe Knight really played better and better as the year went on".

On the offensive side of the ball, the Bulldogs were impressive. They averaged 33.6 points per game.

Running back Lorenzo Perry averaged about 175 yards rushing a game and quarterback Charlie Granatell threw 21 touchdowns

passes on the season. Coach Fine said, "Offensively, I thought we became better balanced. I thought we did a better job on our run action passing, but I think our drop back passing needed some improvement. I thought we were relatively efficient in our no huddle and two minute. I thought our first and ten down and distance plays were good, but our second and mediums were not as good as we wanted them to be".

As Coach Fine looks ahead toward next season, he is looking for his players to step up their tempo not only in the weight room and gymnasium, but also in the classroom. Last spring, 30 players on the roster achieved a 3.0 GPA or better and that would

be a huge accomplishment if the program can maintain that type of achievement again. Coach Fine is also looking to keep his coaching staff together. He believes that continuity on the staff is critical and believes the addition of veteran linebacker coach Greg Gigantino helped the defense a lot this season.

Coach Fine and his staff will also spend the off season recruiting, but don't expect the program to change their philosophy. "In recruiting, we are not going to go out and take 50 transfers so we can go back to the playoffs. We are going to hope that the young men in this program

have learned from the older guys and put in the work, so we shouldn't miss a beat" he said.

Over the past three seasons, Coach Fine and his staff have built a program that is not only focused on winning football games, but also maintaining academic integrity off the field. Coach Fine emphasizes that this philosophy will continue. "We are not going to change what we are or we are to win more and more games, or score one more point. We are trying to build something that stands the test of time and while it may spike up a little bit like this



Courtesy of the Athletic Department

Quarterback Charlie Granatell and the Bulldogs are part of a football program that is emphasizing both academic and athletic success.

year, it should never bottom out barring a string of injuries that are unforeseen. You like to think that you can create something that year after year is always good and that is our goal"

This type of commitment from both the players and coaches on and off the field should ensure that the Bryant football program will continue to be competitive into the future.

Bryant falls in first round, 31-29

By Stephen Demers
Sports Editor

The Bulldogs' opening game of the NCAA Division II Playoffs against West Chester University certainly lived up to the hype.

Leading up to the showdown, the game appeared to be a match up of two strong offenses that would battle all afternoon. The Bulldogs had averaged 34.1 points per a game during the season compared to the Golden Rams who had averaged 35.5 points. The offensive battle certainly transpired as 5,234 fans packed Bulldog Stadium to watch the Golden Rams escape with a 31-29 victory.

West Chester struck first as quarterback Bill Zwaan Jr., found Michael Washington along the 30 yard sideline and Washington took off for a 75 yard touchdown. Bryant quickly responded as they put together a nine-play 56 yard drive that culminated with Charlie Granatell connecting with Ryan Buckley in the end zone, tying the game at seven.

The Bulldogs stayed competitive throughout the game, as a result, of their ability to go for and succeed on fourth down. The Bulldogs were four for four on fourth down.

One of those dramatic

fourth downs came with just over three minutes remaining in the first half. The Bulldogs drove inside the West Chester five yard line, but the Golden Ram defense held them in the first three downs. Coach Fine elected to go for it on fourth down and Granatell connected with Justin Kix in the end zone. Bobby Heilmann missed the extra point and the Bulldogs were

within one. The Golden Rams added a field goal and led 24-20 at the half.

During the third quarter, Heilmann pulled the Bulldogs back within one with a 26 yard field goal. West Chester, however, came back late in the third and pushed the lead back to 31-23.

In the fourth, Lorenzo Perry scored from six yards out to pull the Bulldogs

to within two at 31-29, with 8:49 remaining. Perry finished the day with 132 yards on 39 carries. Bryant elected to go for the two-point conversion attempt to tie the game, but Granatell's pass was intercepted.

West Chester would start their next drive at their own 29 yard line, but the Bryant defense stopped Brendan Hargros' run on fourth down. This gave Bryant one last opportunity to take a lead and got Bulldog fans back on their feet.

The Bulldogs put together a nine play drive to the West Chester 22 yard line with just under two minutes remaining. On third down, however, Granatell made one of his only mistakes of the game. His pass intended for teammate Justin Kix was intercepted by Tyler Downs at the 20 yard line. This put an end to the Bulldogs' season. Granatell finished the day completing 17 of 30 passes for 265 yards and three touchdowns.

The Bulldogs finished their historic season 8-3. West Chester advanced to the second round of the playoffs, but lost to Bloomsburg 21-20.

Bloomsburg meanwhile has gone on to defeat the top seed, Shepherd. They are now in the final four and will face Northwest Missouri.



Courtesy of the Athletic Department

Bulldog fans came out to support their team in full force when Bryant faced West Chester University in their first playoff game ever. 5,234 fans packed Bulldog Stadium, but Bryant lost 31-29.

Turning doubters into believers

By Alan Waters
Staff Writer

Fast, that is how the women's basketball team has started their season so far. The Bulldogs are 5-2 this season. They hold a 3-2 record in the Northeast-10 conference, which is good enough to give them a fifth place seeding. The only team to beat the Bulldogs before Tuesday's loss to Bentley had been Franklin Pierce who holds an undefeated record so far in conference play.

Bryant started the year off being predicted to finish in 11th place. So much for that, this year's team is turning doubters into believers and they are making those who underestimate them pay for it. Coming into the year Bryant's biggest task was blending solid veteran players, with young new faces. Overall the team

more forward Stephanie Fontaine have given valuable minutes off the bench.

Joanna Skiba is leading the team in points per game, steals and assists. She also broke the 1,000 point mark this year which is a pretty impressive number. Lauren Rubenoff is leading the team in rebounds with 6.4 per game. With the help of their teammates Bryant has managed to make their presence known early. The Bulldogs are averaging 72.9 points per game, while only allowing 58.1 points per game. They are also out rebounding their opponents by six rebounds a game. By playing tough defense and dominating on the offensive side of the court these girls are showing they mean business this year.

They started the year off with two huge wins, first beating Felician 90-35, and then they ran past Queens 91-63. The following



Courtesy of the Athletic Department

Co-captain Erin Murphy and the Lady Bulldogs have been turning heads this season. They are off to a 5-2 start.

consists of four seniors, one junior, three sophomores and seven freshmen. There is much youth to the team but with that comes leadership in the seniors. Guards Joanna Skiba, Erin Murphy, and forward Lauren Rubenoff, bring thousands of minutes of experience to the court as seniors, which has truly helped keep the team focused and is playing a major role in the teams current success.

They are joined by freshmen starting forward Kelsey O'Keefe and both Kristin Mzar and Courtney Schermerhorn who have been sharing the spotlight at the guard position. The strong blend of youth and talent helps the Bulldogs keep fresh legs while allowing the veterans to excel and the young guns to learn from them. Great contributions have been coming from the bench as well; every member of the team has seen action so far this year. Junior guard Lynne-Ann Kokoski and sophomore guard Cara Johnson along with sopho-

games have all been conference matches and Bryant has more than held their own. They beat Saint Anselm by 15, 63-48, before getting handed their first loss to Franklin Pierce 75-58. They quickly regressed and played a strong game against Assumption, winning the contest 80-76. They then faced UMass Lowell, which was another double digit win, 68-48. The Bulldogs lost a close game on Tuesday, 62-60, against Bentley.

Before playing Bentley the Bulldogs were making sure people knew they were for real this season. They have done a great job staying focused even with the young team they have. The upperclassmen have done a superb job bringing the underclassmen up to the college level, and they have not looked back yet. These girls are making a name for themselves and are out to prove the Bulldogs are here to fight, and that we want the President's Cup back.

Bulldog Bites

Swimming Competes at NE-10 Tournament

The Bryant men's and women's swim teams competed in the Northeast-10 Tournament last weekend. The men finished fifth and the women finished fourth. Southern Connecticut won both the men's and women's championships. The Bulldogs set 18 school records in the three day meet. Jess Looney finished second in the 1650 yard freestyle and set a school record in the 200 backstroke (2:12.21) and 400 individual medley (4:44.20).

Indoor Track Kicks Off Season

The Bulldog's indoor track season kicked off last weekend at the Northeastern University Winter Carnival in Boston. Senior Hafiz Greigre finished fourth overall in the 400 meter dash in a time of 49.68 seconds. Earlier in the day, Greigre set a new school record in the men's 55 meter dash, finishing in 6.45 seconds in the preliminaries and 6.42 in the final. He finished second overall in that event. Curt Markinac took second in the 200 meters in 23.54 seconds. On the women's side, Amber Torrey captured Bryant's only first place finish, taking top honors in the women's weight throw at 49 feet, 7.75 inches. She also took ninth in the shot throw with a best throw of 36-6.25. Nicole Radzik set a new school record finishing in a time of 10:35.37 in the women's 3,000 meters. She finished third in that event.

Mark your calendars

The semester may be almost over, but Bryant athletics will not be taking a break. Here is a look at all the upcoming games and tournaments.

Men's Basketball:

- Sat, Dec. 9 vs. Southern NH* 3:30 PM
- Wed, Dec. 13 at Stonehill* 7:30 PM;
- Fri, Dec. 29 vs. LeMoyne* (Holiday Tourney) 5:00 PM
- Sat, Dec. 30 vs. Bridgeport (Holiday Tourney) 3:00 PM
- Wed, Jan. 3 at Merrimack* 7:30 PM
- Sat, Jan. 6 vs. Saint Rose* 3:30 PM
- Tue, Jan. 9 at Assumption* 7:30 PM
- Thu, Jan. 11 vs. Pace* 7:30 PM
- Sat, Jan. 13 vs. Stonehill* 3:30 PM
- Wed, Jan. 17 at Southern NH* 7:30 PM
- Sat, Jan. 20 at LeMoyne* 3:00 PM

Women's Basketball:

- Sat, Dec. 9 vs. Southern NH* 1:30 PM
- Wed, Dec. 13 at Stonehill* 5:30 PM
- Sun, Dec. 17 vs. Bridgeport 3:00 PM
- Fri, Dec. 29 at Barry 6:00 PM
- Sat, Dec. 30 at Nova Southeastern 4:00 PM
- Wed, Jan 3 at Merrimack* 5:30 PM
- Sat, Jan. 6 vs. Saint Rose* 1:30 PM
- Tue, Jan. 9 at Assumption* 5:30 PM
- Thu, Jan. 11 vs. Pace* 5:30 PM
- Sat, Jan. 13 vs. Stonehill* 1:30 PM
- Wed, Jan. 17 at Southern NH* 5:30 PM
- Sat, Jan. 20 at LeMoyne* 1:30 PM

Indoor Track:

- Sat, Dec. 9 at Harvard Invite 9:00 AM

Swimming:

- Sat, Jan. 13 at WPI 1:00 PM
- Sat, Jan. 20 vs. Adelphi 2:00 PM

*- Denotes Conference Game

Hockey:

- Fri, Dec. 8 vs. UNH (ACHA) 8:10 PM
- Sat, Dec. 9 at Endicott 7:00 PM

-All Home Games at Levy Arena in Burrillville, RI

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The NFL Network's 'brilliant' idea

By David Giardino
Staff Writer

On Thanksgiving Night, Trent Green came back from a ten-week concussion to lead the surging Chiefs past their division rival Broncos, 19-10. It was by far the best game of the day, but while people were picking at dry turkey and apple pie crust, were they talking about Green's return, Denver's lackluster offense, or anything else that happened that night? No, millions of Americans were stuck talking football over the Lions and Dolphins, or asking each other who the hell invited the Tampa Bay Buccaneers to the party. The "basic cable" portion of Thanksgiving showed some of the worst games in turkey day history, and hidden for special eyes only was a meaningful, divisional game between two of the AFC's better teams. It's safe to say that the biggest turkey that Thursday was the



Courtesy of the hbo.com

Bryant Gumbel and the NFL Network will be in every home in America in two short years, whether you want it or not.

NFL Network.

Did you miss that game? Fear not, the NFL Network has been busy scheduling a half a dozen other important divisional games you have been banned from viewing. Not to worry though, the network is lobbying for even more games next year. If you want to see more than ESPN highlights of these things, you have a few options: one, you can go out and buy the network package for way more than it's worth. Two, you can bitch and moan to your cable provider, and make them add NFL Network to their basic lineup. Of course, your provider would then increase their price, thus you will yet again be paying way

more than it's worth, and all this to hear Bryant Gumbel and Cris Collinsworth prove there was a reason no one else wanted to hire them.

This is life for the twenty-first century football fan. More and more networks will continue to bid for the new national pastime, and the NFL will continue to let these packages go to the highest bidder. The NFL Network is currently disputing with most of the larger cable providers around the country, forcing them to purchase the channel for a ridiculous amount of money. If the cable company declines, they will have to face millions of unhappy fans, and as the NFL Network continues to add games to its lineup, it's safe to say that in two years everyone in America, football fan or not, will have this channel in their basic lineup, and paying dearly for it. Unfortunately, this isn't the first time this will happen, and it's certainly not the last. When ESPN first broke out on the scene, it carried bowling and scrabble twenty four hours a day. It wasn't until they bought some primetime NFL games did anyone even know the network existed. Nowadays, the average male spends 90 minutes per day viewing ESPN related material. Go figure.

Don't just blame the NFL Network for robbing you of great football on Thursday or Saturday nights. No, the blame also falls squarely on the shoulders of the National Football League. While other sports have to entice viewers to watch their games with bizarre promotions and special guest commentators, the NFL has the luxury of having *too many* viewers. And instead of keeping the games on the basic networks, they auction them off to the highest bidder, like something you'd see on EBay. It's bad enough the games are already spread over four networks and viewers are forced to watch hundreds of "House" and "Survivor" promos in between the actual game. The NFL won't be happy until every viewer is paying by the play.

The future of football includes the NFL Network. Sports fans have no choice but to embrace it, because as long as the network has the cash to buy the games, we all are held captive by it. The new network is just the first of many networks that will be dropping millions for NFL football in the coming years. And what-

' More and more networks will continue to bid for the new national pastime, and the NFL will continue to let these packages go to the highest bidder'

ever wacky channel has an itch to bid for a game, be it NFL Network, HBO, or DirecTV channel 124, we will have to find a way to buy it. And if the NFL wants to spread four quarters of football over six channels, we may complain about it, but we'll still watch. The NFL is the highest rated television event every week, and fans will have to get used to obstacles like the NFL Network, because it is just the tip of the iceberg. The NFL Network may be in everyone's home in two short years, but for now, America will continue to get served Lions-Dolphins and other half-chewed scraps on Thanksgiving Day, while NFL Network is grilling up some fresh turducken for just the lucky ones.

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On any given Sunday... Hirshorn's NFL Picks

Away	Spread	Home	Spread
BAL	3	KC	-3
ATL	-3	TB	3
MIN	2	DET	-2
TEN	1.5	HOU	-1.5
NO	6.5	DAL	-6.5
BUF	3.5	NYJ	-3.5
IND	-2	JAK	2
PHI	-1	WASH	1
OAK	11	CIN	-11
NE	-3.5	MIA	3.5
GB	4	SF	-4
SEA	-3.5	ARI	3.5
DEN	7	SD	-7
CHI	-6	STL	6
NYG	3	CAR	-3

Students Speak Out

What does 'character' mean to you?



"Character is doing what is right, especially when no one is watching."
Amanda Staples
'09



"Character to me is being honest, hardworking and being able to own up to your own mistakes."
Amber De Angelis
'09



"I think that character is personality, dedication and motivation."
Cheryl Ostrander
'08



"Character is being the person who you really are and not being fake."
Tom Baker
'10



"I feel character is the values and beliefs that define you and the way in which you implement them."
Kevin Levinson
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"Character is having integrity and being able to make the right decision even if it means dealing with the consequences."
Kelly Richards
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"Having character is being an individual and being true to yourself."
Jordan Letendre
'10



"Character is staying true to yourself and doing what is right even in adverse situations."
Chris Phelps
'08

Words of Wellness: SIRR, the wellness way!

By Jen DiPrete
Faculty Columnist

On Wednesday, November 29, President Machtley facilitated a community forum in which defining the "Character of Success"

took center stage. A well presented synopsis of research on perceptions of character by faculty, students, and staff conducted by Rich Wells, Matt Bennet, David Clark, and Kimberly Dugdale; all students in Carol DeMoranville's Marketing and Research class, was a focal point and major highlight of the afternoon. Sitting in Janikies listening to President Machtley, Bryant students, and various staff and faculty who asked questions at the end of the forum, it occurred to me that much of what was emphasized is in close relationship to what it means to be a well balanced individual, leading a healthy lifestyle. "How so," you ask? Well, you're about to find out.

The acronym SIRR stands for Self-Management, Integrity, Responsibility, and Respect for self and others. As I look at the five components of wellness: physical health, emotional health, intellectual health, social health, and spiritual health, one's aim should be to strike a healthy balance within and between each sector. Many individuals think that in order to be well, one must be healthy in only a physical manner (eating properly and exercising regularly). By focusing on one aspect of health and well being, one misses out on developing as a whole. Much is the same with SIRR. Attention should be paid to each aspect of character development to ensure compliance along this continuum. My own ideas of strong character development are embedded in the development of an individual as a whole - spirit, mind, and body - following the humanics philosophy. The following will further explain the segments of wellness and their relationship to SIRR.

Physical - The way in which one takes care of him or herself from a physiological perspective can set the foundation for prevention of various age and lifestyle-related illnesses. Physically honoring yourself is right in step with the SIRR pillars of character development. Beyond eating properly and exercising regularly, one must pay attention to hygiene, ingestion of other substances (alcohol, tobacco, drugs, dietary supplements, etc) and getting adequate, restorative sleep. Failure to do so can be plainly visible not only in physical appearance, but in other areas of one's life as well.

Social - The relationships that we forge with others can either enrich our lives or fill them with mountains of turmoil. Those with whom we surround ourselves can speak volumes about who we are as individuals. It also includes the groups and organizations to which we belong. What type of people are we drawn to? Do they help us grow as individuals or hold us back and sap us of precious energy? What about extracurricular activities we engage in? Are these social gatherings and organizations opportunities to meet quality people? Or is the environment one which can be a recipe for disaster? Hopefully, leisure time is spent

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The Character of Digress

By Peter Connors, Ryan P. Daley, and Brian Kennedy
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Recently, our president, Ronald K. Machtley, stepped outside of his typical presentation by taking audience questions at the "Community Forum" which gave a synopsis on Bryant's progress with its work on the concept of character. However, many of the questions directed to Machtley at the end of the discussion were related to diversity and recent events regarding student perceptions and speaking out on the issue. He very respectfully responded sincerely and with candor, and we eagerly look forward to future forums.

On November 16, 2006, an e-mail claiming "to show how ignorant people are," sent the text of a hateful Facebook note (see front page) posted by a student to the BROSSIS list-serv. This received an unparalleled immediate response from others angry about what was said, concerned for their safety, and ensuring and demanding repercussions for the posting.

Everyone responding to the e-mail was "outraged" and most ensured other list-serv members the situation will be addressed by proper administration. Students offered support for each other, and commendably, unlike common Bryant-student reactions to most incidents - refused to ignore the offense. A common theme among the e-mails was of people encouraging others to not resort to violence, regardless of the intensity and how much the comments hurt.

President Machtley disturbingly responded to a forward of the e-mail, declaring "We have no place for this sort of published statement, even if the writer mistakenly thinks their Facebook gives them some sort of privilege to say anything." Furthermore, at the Community Forum he stated about what was said: "It was in bad taste and it was not protected by First Amendment rights to say what you want to say" and even commented blogs are "not protected speech." The University and Machtley were upset by the content of the odious Facebook post and in Machtley's haste to appear a fervent moral pillar against racism he overstepped and made a foolish public observation.

We feel it is extremely ignorant on the author's behalf and awfully offensive; however it is more disconcerting that Presi-

dent Machtley advocates "When someone says 'I'm going to say something or I'm going to do something,' there's such a peer pressure that they don't do it." We cannot promote a community of fear where bullying chills speech; we have to work to educate community members and destroy prejudice and stereotypes at the root of the problem. What are students to do when we're too afraid to voice our concerns when undesired comments are punishable through "expulsion?"

Marcus Lindsey '08 admirably responded to the calls for expulsion and retribution on BROSSIS in what echoes our own feelings: "Punishment imposed...for the sake of discouraging further postings would do nothing to educate the remainder of the population who feels this exact same way." He added "Silence, in this manner, does not equal their acceptance or enlightenment."

Bryant sent an e-mail following the forum regarding the issue which stated: "Such commentary, though protected by freedom of speech, is unwelcome and has no place in our community" and indicated the school's approach to the issue is of supporting those affected, holding those responsible to account, and providing opportunities for discussion about the topic.

Ron Machtley is an impressive president; he has done a lot to transform Bryant from a college to a university. Universities are places where free speech is an imperative core value to maintain and uphold. Also, we are in the information age and under Machtley's leadership Bryant has become one of the "Most Connected Campuses" in the entire world! Blogs are an important extension of that connectedness. No longer is *The Archway* the only printed medium for student opinion at Bryant; between simple MySpace posts and Facebook notes to full-out blogs, students have many other means to get their opinions on the table.

Fortunately for those of us in the blog-o-sphere, Congress has not curtailed the publication of opinion through the internet and therefore, blogs are protected by First Amendment rights. According to Jane Kirtley, professor of Media Ethics at the University of Minnesota, "Internet speech is protected to the same degree as the print media, which is protected to highest extent of the law." She explains there are no regulatory bodies that can censor

the content of internet sites or speech in the US at this time. According to LegalZoom, an online legal service center, regulation has not yet entered the electronic medium. This reinforces our sentiment that Bryant cannot pretend to have any rights over comments made on Facebook, regardless of who they offends and how much they may hurt. The only time Bryant can restrict the content of a blog is if the school is paying for it out of its pocket and posts made unofficially state its beliefs or were published without his authorization.

Facebook is a medium where everything from serious discussions to boozing club pictures are made available to the wider community. If any threats or libel are made on a blog post, they are treated under law as with the same gravity as any other published statement and are prosecutable to the full extent of the law.

Machtley's concern for eradicating racism is righteous but his objective is not accomplished by mere peer pressure. Racism will never die in an absolute sense; you will always have one more David Duke lurking in a cave somewhere. But racism can be ridiculed into irrelevance through knowledge. Racism is wrong not because it is unpopular but because it calls for the discrimination against people on the basis of their skin color, not their merit.

Bryant University's problem is not racism, it is that we often feel the administration is just handing down diversity related pronouncements from Sinai and not really involving the students. *The Archway* and Letters to the Editor in response to its publications have made students more aware of diversity programs and issues on campus; a lot of people didn't even know BROSSIS existed until a published article discussed it.

We are not defending in any way what posted on Facebook, as we find it ignorant, despicable, and completely agree with Machtley that there is no place for this hate speech or similar attitudes at Bryant. However, we will defend every individual's rights to say what he or she wants (threats and libel aside), work to educate those who are in need of edification, and condemn Bryant's approach of silencing any and all controversy and opposition.

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Kennedy Uncensored: Satisfactory semester summary



By Brian Kennedy
Staff Columnist

If people ask me if what I intended to accomplish this semester with this column was accomplished, I will give them a resounding yes. This semester not only has *The Archway* Opinion Section improved dramatically, but the paper as a whole has increased in quality. Our editors have worked very hard making this the kind of paper students can pick up and read and never be bored; they will always find something which intrigues them or gets them to think about something.

I also laud the success of my column in generating an amount of buzz on campus that probably hasn't been reached for quite some time,

probably not since the split of the *Archway* from the Student Senate or during Vietnam. People love it and people hate it, but people are talking about it and that is all an opinion columnist can really ask for. I tried to obtain the right mix of provocative statements, personal affects, and logical arguments to generate responses, and responses I did get. In fact, one person said they wanted to ruin any career I might have in journalism by sending one of the articles off to the Boston Globe. I haven't been contacted and probably won't because of the Boston Globe's political slant, but it is good to know that the columns drove people into action beyond complaints.

The column covered quite a few important political topics this semester, but the topic which consistently garnered response were the

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columns on diversity and race relations. This continued out beyond the Archway when I joined the BROSSIS listserv, which has had a toss-up most recently about a Facebook post made by a student where they basically said that they hated Bryant and we wasted money on athletes and minorities, which they argued increased their tuition in effect. After everyone caught on to this post, this student gave us a ludicrous story about a social science project about racism. This individual is an idiot if he thinks we can't see through this poorly thought-out explanation. Where is the director or instructor who assigned this project, and why has no-one else heard of this project? This student is a racist who tried to cover up an idiotic post with an even more pathetic lie. Although this student's Facebook note did not include a threat on persons or property, it came dangerously close and if it had it would be prosecutable.

The Facebook note situation has basically leveled out and the administration is looking into it, but it caused quite a buzz on BROSSIS and eventually led to a heated discussion about how to deal with racists at Bryant, abuses of the first amendment, etc. All of you know my opinion diverges quite a bit with the positions of a few MSU members, so you will be unsurprised to learn of various people asking me to leave. I hope that is not the official position of the MSU, because it certainly would be completely against what I am trying to achieve if the only diversity that will be tolerated is diversity of skin color. I've said it before and I'll say it again: Diversity of thought is the only diversity that matters. People's thoughts are shaped by their knowledge and their experiences, so naturally people of different races are going to have different thought processes on various issues, but squelching an opinion just because it is unpopular is tyranny.

Intellectual dishonesty causes the destruction of society and undermines the purpose of the university. I have had 3 different people accuse me of "being hateful" over the

course of the semester, two of which took potshots at my family and the way I was raised. I resolved the conflict with one of them, but the other two are recent additions so the situation hasn't played out yet. My advice to them is to shut their mouths about my family. I don't know you, you don't know me, and I fail to see how I am the hateful one when you cowards start out by attacking my family. If I am so hateful, how come the only thing you have against me is that I disagree with your positions? Personal attack is not an argument; it is the last resort of those who have nothing to say. Accusing people of personal attack requires proof. You have to prove that they attacked a person, not an argument. If the argument is that the black community needs to clean their own house and reduce the amount of race-card playing they'll allow by leaders, you can't say that is a personal attack levied against a person. You might be personally offended because you disagree (or agree but do not want to admit it openly), but it hasn't attacked your character. Whereas, if you start spouting BS about my family and not getting enough hugs or getting beaten, it is pretty clear you aren't making any sort of argument, you're taking potshots at me as a person.

In summary: I have made friends, I have made enemies, but most importantly, I have helped change the discussion on campus from petty matters about tough or ease of professors to important ones that impact all of us. I do not presume to speak for others and you should never allow anyone else to speak for you. MSU leadership members do not speak for all minorities on campus and I do not speak for all white people on campus. The sooner people come to realize their own individual opinions are important and not get locked up in follow-the-leader, the better off we all will be.

One last thing: Have a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, New Year or whatever other individually important holiday(s) you celebrate in the next weeks! Kennedy out.

'Tis the season to embrace diversity

By Rev. Joseph Pescatello
Guest Contributor

The Holiday season is fast approaching. It is both a very busy and festive time of year. I've been asked to offer some reflections on the season for this edition of *The Archway*.

We have just celebrated our 30th Annual Festival of Lights as we lit the tree and the Menorah and commemorated the various Festivals of Light and other cultural and religious celebrations: Advent/Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza, Dewali, and the Muslim Eid Celebration. This has always been a wonderful evening that draws our community together in celebration.

The two biggest religious and cultural celebrations at this time of year are Christmas and Hanukkah. For Christians we are in the midst of the Advent Season which is the four weeks of preparation for Christmas. The Christmas season actually begins on Christmas Day and continues through the 12 days of Christmas which culminate with the Feast of Epiphany, January 6, commemorating the arrival of the Magi who came to do homage to the Christ Child.

Hanukkah commemorates a miracle that occurred when the temple was being restored by the Maccabees following its destruction by the Syrians. There was only enough oil for one day left in the the lamp, which burned perpetually in the temple, but miraculously the oil lasted for eight days. This was seen as a sign of God's faithfulness to His people. Therefore, Jewish people light a candle of the Menorah each day of the eight days of Hanukkah. The first day of Hanukkah this year is December 16.

The holiday season is a time to come together in a spirit of joy, friendship, and good will as is expressed each year in the Festival of Lights. It is a time when we recognize and celebrate our differences and yet recognize all that we share in common.

True diversity is recognizing the religious and cultural differences that exist among us and allowing each of us to express that which makes us unique. We can learn so much from each other, gaining insights and wisdom regarding the mystery and wonder of life and the world we share in common.

Every year at this time there is much debate over the use of the word "holiday" rather than Christmas and in regards to the terminology used in reference to the Christmas/Holiday tree. We can sometimes become distracted by the terminology chosen and get caught-up in a web of debate rather than merely enjoying the season.

As a result we can lose sight of the deeper message of the season which is fostered in a spirit of good will and mutual respect. So let us celebrate our diversity and help each other to celebrate that which gives each of us meaning and joy through our various cultural and religious traditions.

So, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, or Happy Holidays, but most importantly, PEACE, JOY, and GOOD WILL to all!

Relax!

It's the most wonderful time of the year, with the kids jingle belling, and everyone telling you, "be of good cheer." It's the most wonderful time of the year.

Yes, everyone loves the holidays and the activities that take place during the holiday season--That special time once a year when you spend time with family and loved ones. That's awesome but if you ask me, some of this joy is overshadowed by a case of over-commercialization.

When I watch the Thanksgiving Day Parade every year on Thanksgiving morning I enjoy watching the giant balloons and performances by people in the parade. There is one part of the parade that I do not like and it is the signal for me to change the channel to get ready for some football. That event is the appearance of Santa Clause at the end of the parade officially starting the season of over-commercialization. Thanksgiving is 35 days before Christmas and all of a sudden consumers begin their 35 day shopping spree.

Consumers line up outside of stores in the middle of the night just waiting for the doors of the stores to open on the morning of Black Friday. In the spirit of the season people are trampled on their way into the stores and even shot over places in line. Stores with sales only make the holiday commercialization grow to a higher level than it would be otherwise.

When I went out for a drive on Black Friday I noticed that there were many Christmas trees tied to the tops of passing cars. With Christmas 34 days away, people still feel the need to begin their celebration. Even worse is the fact that the tree will be kept until January 10th. Holidays are special to me because they take place once a year and you look forward to them. The holiday season has turned into a month and a half long celebration as the sales and Christmas lights aplenty are not put away until mid January.

Watching television during the holiday season one is bound to see several holiday commercials from companies looking to cash in on the consumer rush. What I do is keep track in my head of companies who show way too many holiday inspired commercials using the spirit of the season to make money. Then I make a point of not buying any of my holiday gifts from those companies. I may be the only one doing this though, as these stores who over-advertise are usually the ones swamped with the most customers.

Who can blame children for being somewhat greedy come holiday season? The culture around them is supportive of gluttony and once again over-consumption. If I had a child I do not know how I would teach them the real meaning of the holiday. It would be difficult because when the true holiday spirit is present in the kind actions of others it often goes unnoticed.

There are not enough commercials expressing the joy, love and happiness that is at the heart of the holiday season. Instead, all I can see is yet another commercial for a sale on whatever the item of the week may be.

My shopping for the holiday season starts on December 24th and the 23rd if I am feeling ambitious. I refuse to take part in the overkill that takes place during this season because I do not want to lose track of the more important things in life; things such as being around the ones who you care about and love are aspects of the season that I make a point to myself to not miss.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday. Hopefully yours will be a holiday season filled with the proper virtues of love and kindness. Whatever your holiday tradition may be, baking cookies or watching a movie by the fireplace, make the most of these times which embody what the holiday should be.



By Greg Hirshorn
Staff Writer

Words of Wellness Cont'd

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with people who enhance our lives and well being, not degrade it.

Emotional - What do your actions and reactions say about you? Emotional balance can often make or break a person. Anger, sadness, anxiety, happiness, and joy, just to name a few, are part of a lengthy list of feelings and emotions one may exhibit throughout their lifetime, not to mention throughout the day. Each individual has a specific temperament which lays the groundwork for either an explosive reaction to a situation by one person, or a brush off of the same situation by another. While much of this may be genetic in nature, failure to monitor yourself in other areas of well-being may increase your sensitivity to responding in a manner which is out of character.

Intellectual - Ah, learning - the main reason why students go to college in the hopes of landing their dream job. The goal of most is to broaden their knowledge base and pique their interest in topics in order to pave the way for future success. But is intellect reserved to what one learns in the classroom only? How else might intellectual capacity be widened? Attending a cultural event? Studying abroad? Spending time with someone of a different background? Intellectual stimulation isn't reserved to

four walls in a confined classroom. Challenge yourself to learn more about your environment and those who co-habitate amongst you.

Spiritual - I realize that when many read this, the notion of spirituality may bring thoughts of religion. That can make some feel uneasy and maybe even down-right angry. It has become a sensitive topic of discussion, but one nonetheless that cannot be ignored. To set the record straight, spirituality is not just about religion. When asking students what spirituality means, the room becomes eerily silent after "religion" is mentioned. Can it be that our sight is so narrow to only equate spirituality with religion? I ask then, what brings you a sense of peace? A feeling of connection? What keeps you grounded and centered? For many it is not religion, but something that is spiritual in nature. Being near the ocean, at the foot or peak of a mountain, meditating, writing, or nurturing a special bond with someone can give that sense of wholeness. There is a difference between a false sense of connection (alcohol, drugs, gambling, and any other addiction) and true joy.

My supervisor, Betty Cotter, the Director of Health Services, and I had a conversation last week about the difference between happiness and joy. What she said remained with me the rest of

the day; she indicated that joy is an internal feeling that stays with you regardless of circumstances and can't be derived from external sources. True joy can't be bought. Happiness can be fleeting and temporary. We look for things in order to make us happy; the right car, the right spouse, the right clothes, the latest technology, etc., items that may be purchased only to be replaced by something or someone else seemingly "better." For what makes us grounded and connected, and gives us a sense of peace will be reflected in ALL other areas of our lives.

As we reach the end of another semester, be reminded of what character is, what it means to live a well-balanced life, and what you can do to model behavior indicative of living a quality life. While none of us is perfect, it is in day to day activities that we learn more about ourselves and others which aid in shaping us and who we hope to be.

Wishing everyone a healthy and joy-filled holiday season. Be safe and be well!

Observations

By Lauren Cimino and Ryan P. Daley

First-name basis?

Why in the world are we the only place who keeps lists alphabetically by first name? Go take a look at your Outlook Web Access and the global address book is in alphabetical order by first name. It's just weird.

Festival of Lights

Our third festival of lights hasn't changed the trend of getting better and better. Every year we go and can easily say it's one of our favorite gatherings of the year.

Yes, SIRR!

Are we not the only ones who feel Bryant's new acronym for character development - SIRR (self management, integrity, respect for self and others, and responsibility) is a bit militaristic? We don't have a problem with it and think its great to have a clear definition, however we're waiting for the day when an administrator stops us in the halls of the Unistructure and yells; "Drop and give me 20!"

Forums!

We commend President Machtley for hosting the Community Forum/ State of the University address last week however we were disappointed the forum component of the event was a bit brief. We can't wait till the next one though... Keep 'em coming!

The Daley Soap Box: "...with liberty and justice for all."



By Ryan P. Daley
Staff Columnist

on November 11, 2006, emphatically stressing America is a country "With liberty and justice for all, for all!" He questions the integrity of the Bush administration, deploring its assault on Constitutional rights. We as Americans cannot stand for such attacks on what our founding fathers gave to us. Through the use of expanded surveillance powers granted by the PATRIOT Act, extraordinary rendition and secret CIA prisons and torture systems, we're living in a state of fear with no privacy.

Extraordinary rendition was cunningly invented by the Bush Administration as a means to avoid breaking the Geneva Conventions. Article 3 of the Geneva Conventions says we can't torture anyone and when you create a new category - "enemy combatants" - they think they're no longer breaking

Larry Cox, the Executive Director of Amnesty International USA, addressed Amnesty's Northeast Regional Conference at Boston University

international law! George Bush assures us "America doesn't torture," but that's not what many people who've gone to the press recently have claimed.

Maher Arar, a Canadian, was detained by US officials and interrogated about his alleged connections to al-Qaeda on Sept. 26, 2002, while in transit at JFK airport. Nearly two weeks later he was chained, shackled and flown to Syria, and held in a tiny cell for 10 months where he claims he was beaten, tortured and forced to make a false confession. In October of 2003 he was returned to Canada after authorities realized they had the wrong guy. Arar immediately campaigned to clear his name, hold people responsible, and make sure that extraordinary rendition does not happen to any other Canadian.

In September, 2006, Justice Dennis O'Connor cleared Arar of all terrorism allegations, declaring "There is no evidence to indicate that Mr. Arar has committed any offense or that his activities constitute a threat to the security of Canada." Three other Canadian citizens, whom we know about, have been victims of extraordinary rendition: Abdullah Almalki, Ahmad El-Maati and Muayyed Nureddin.

Only one week and a half ago, a German citizen, Khaled el-Masri, who was abducted

while vacationing in Macedonia and tortured while in CIA custody in Afghanistan for five months, appealed to the US government to reinstate his lawsuit against the CIA. The case was dismissed for alleged "national security reasons" and thrown out in May by a federal trial judge. Recently Judge T. S. Ellis III of Federal District Court in Alexandria was persuaded by the government, *our government*, there was no way to even begin a trial without disclosing vital state secrets. He acknowledged a great injustice has occurred, however in its peremptory myopia the Justice Department won again at infringing on our civil liberties.

The Justice Department released a statement of how certain disclosures relevant to Masri's case "will have a cascading effect that will have devastating consequences" on US security. This dubious excuse is completely unacceptable. An innocent man was mistakenly identified as an al-Qaeda operative, taken away from his family, shackled, beaten and injected with drugs. He was kept in circumstances "not fit for a human being at all." Now Judge Ellis tells him there's no remedy for any injustices done to him, when all the man asks for is "An explanation for what happened. I would like an apol-

Multipartisan Hackery: NYPD: Justified or Overkill

Conservative Steven McKenna

Five NYPD officers fired fifty shots at three unarmed men Saturday morning, killing one, and injuring two others. Sean Bell, who was going to get married later that day, was shot in the throat and died. This, undoubtedly, is a tragedy. The loss of any innocent human life is difficult to deal with. However, it is not right to prejudge these police officers before an investigation takes place and it is certainly not respectable to have community leaders turn this incident into a racial issue.



First, it is unfair to jump to any conclusions about this case until a full investigation takes place. Numerous politicians and members of the media have basically condemned these officers without knowing all of the facts. For example, Mayor Bloomberg labeled the acts "unacceptable," "inexplicable" and claimed that "excessive force" was used. Bloomberg then went on to contradict himself by urging New Yorkers not to rush to judgment. This is just a little contradictory, isn't it?

Also, Sean Bell drove his car directly into the undercover officer who opened fire on them first. When a car is being used as a weapon against a police officer, what is he supposed to do? If the police officer feels that his or any other person's life is in danger then it is acceptable to use his service revolver. None of the officers have ever opened fire throughout their careers; therefore they do not have a history of being "trigger-happy." In fact, the officers involved in the shooting have outstanding credentials and histories with the police force. These men have risked their lives for years trying to make New York a better place, the least Americans can do is give them the benefit of the doubt until the full investigation is complete.

Furthermore, having prominent black leaders, such as Reverend Jesse Jackson and Reverend Al Sharpton, turn this into a racial issue is even more disturbing. First of all, the officers were black, white, and Hispanic. Secondly, the officer who opened fire first was black! Race should be the last thing that comes to the forefront of this incident. The public should certainly question police tactics, strategies, and protocols, but even bringing up race is ridiculous. Men like Sharpton, who call themselves leaders, make me absolutely sick. This is not about a young black man dying, it is about a young man dying. This is a tragedy because a life was taken, despite what the color of his skin is. So-

called community leaders like Sharpton are only furthering the division of race in this country by making a racial issue out of this incident.

These leaders simply want to receive as much publicity as they can so that they can get their political agendas out to the public. They know that it is not about race, but they still try to make it into an issue just so that they can be heard. The sad part is, they are hurting America by theoretically pitting blacks against whites. A few of the leaders of the black community are insinuating that the cops are racists, and they fired on these men because of the color of their skin, yet this only leads me to sincerely question who in fact the racists are. When a cop stops to ask the dispatcher the color of a victim's skin before rushing to save them then they can be labeled a racist. The fact of the matter is that cops risk their lives everyday for civilians no matter what their race is.



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Also, my question to the leaders of the black community is where were you when Detectives James Nemorin and Rodney Andrews were shot to death on March 10, 2003? These were two black police officers who were killed by some thug during an undercover gun buy. Isn't it just as much of a tragedy when two black police officers get killed? One would think leaders like Al Sharpton would publicly mourn the deaths of two prominent heroes of the black community. However, they would rather only go public on things they can make a race issue out of so that they can be seen on the evening news... which is flat out despicable.

Liberal Greg Hirshorn

Let's take a look at this case from the most positive standpoint possible. My question is, how many bullets does it take to slow down a criminal who police are trying to apprehend? My answer would be zero as they should be taken down through being chased down and handcuffed instead of shot. If a gun is being used to slow down a criminal who you could not catch otherwise then one bullet would be sufficient to slow down the wrongdoer. Twenty-three year old Sean Bell was shot 50 times outside of a New York nightclub on the night before his wedding was scheduled to take place.



Two undercover New York City detectives were sent into a nightclub where there had been reports of both drug use and prostitution. An officer acted

on suspicion that he felt that Bell was "possibly armed." Bell was confronted in his car by an officer who immediately pulled his gun as he felt Bell was a threat. The car that Bell was driving then crashed into a undercover police car and that escalated into the firing of guns by five officers all aiming at Bell.

Some people may say that Bell must have been doing something wrong or he would not have tried to drive away. My response to that is that when a gun is pointed at you people tend to act on impulse and the first impulse for Bell was to attempt to get away from the gun as fast as possible. It may have been smarter for him to exit the car with his hands up but when you have a gun pointed at you the decisions you make may be different from those you would under ideal conditions. All of this is after the point; if you are an officer you should not be shooting at a suspect before you have any charges against them, not even one shot, none the less 50.

The only evidence that the officers had of Bell carrying a weapon is that they claim they heard one of Bell's friends say, "Yo, get my gun." Night clubs are loud places and it is very easy to mishear things that are said, he could very well have been saying, "Yo, get my gum."

Something similar to this happened to my friend who was arrested by New York City Vice unit, as a matter of fact the same unit that was involved in this case, in fact he recognized officers who were shown on the news at the crime scene as the officers who arrested him. He was accused of charges which he had reduced to a minor violations because he had done absolutely nothing wrong. My friend commented to me on how he felt that when this vice unit is inside of a loud night club with limited lighting and a few drinks in their system they accuse people of doing and saying things that they never actually did.

For instance they reported my friend made an incriminating comment but when the actual court made its ruling the only charge my friend received was a disorderly conduct ticket which included no fine and only a few community service hours. The only reason he received this was because he was so infuriated at the assumptions that the vice unit was charging him with.

My friend spent a night in a holding cell due to the bogus charges being planted on him by the vice unit. This is absolutely terrible that my friend would have to be kept in a cell because there was a false assumption that he may have done something wrong where there was no tangible evidence connecting him to any wrongdoing. Cells should be reserved for those where there is evidence supporting their wrongdoing.

Some people may claim that the incident took place due to the race of the victim, who happened to be black, and the fact that it was a strip club they were exiting. There is nothing that infuriates me

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ogy." Where is the justice?

Even more recently, the federal government agreed to pay \$2 million to Brandon Mayfield, an Oregon lawyer wrongly jailed in connection with the terrorist bombings in Madrid during 2004, which killed nearly 200 people and left 2,000 injured. Luckily (compared to the others) in his case, he only had to spend two weeks in jail and received a formal apology. He claims "I personally was subject to lockdown, strip searches, sleep deprivation, unsanitary living conditions, shackles and chains, threats, physical pain and humiliation."

The FBI made a fingerprinting mistake this time and claims it won't happen again. Initially, Spanish officials even doubted the FBI, however officials used expanded surveillance powers granted by the PATRIOT Act, wiretapping his personal conversations and conducting secret searches of his home and office.

Our government is despicable in its overzealousness in the war on terrorism and now it has come to a tipping point. The Republicans lost their majority and the Democrats are standing untested, Rumsfeld hit the road, John Bolton's not going to try and continue his stay at the UN... we can only hope our new leaders plan to actually do something productive. With the increased recent attention to the atrocity of the government's assault on civil liberties and the rising acknowledgement of the Bush Administration's failures, we can only hope that we truly will "turn a corner."

The preamble to the Declaration of Independence affirms "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." We pledge allegiance to a country "With liberty and justice for all." Where have our rights gone to? Where's the liberty? Where's the justice? This is not democracy. This is tyranny.

Simon Says: 'Tis the Season: Post-hookup Happiness

By Toby Simon
Staff Columnist

I've spoken to hundreds of

students on this campus as well as students at other institutions about the occurrence of casual sex. I've come to realize that it's going on at just about every college campus. And while there are still many college students deciding to delay sexual activity until they are in committed relationships, those numbers appear to be low. And the discussion of casual sex remains a topic of interest for many.

Research on college students' sexual behavior reports that seventy percent of students have casual sex at some point. A recent study published in *The Journal of Sex Research* was titled "No Strings Attached: The Nature of Casual Sex in College Students." According to the researchers, casual sex is happening more than ever before and it affects men and women differently (quelle surprise!).

A few years ago the press started talking about "friends with benefits" which was the phrase used to describe sexual relationships between two people who consider themselves to be merely friends. But one of the benefits of the friendship is sexual intimacy without having to actually be in a committed relationship and experience all the drama that relationships bring. Casual sex is a bit different in

that it involves going to a party and having sexual encounters of various types with a random stranger, someone you know slightly, or a friend.

So what are the differences between men and women's reactions to casual sex? The researchers found that more than half of college men and a third of women reported involvement in a casual sexual relationship. The more casual sex encounters women had, the more depressive symptoms they exhibited.



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For men, though, more sex meant more happiness and the men who had had the most casual sex reported the fewest depressive symptoms.

It's no surprise that these gender differences exist. After all, men are raised with the common stereotype that "real men" want sex as often as possible and however they can get it. Men may not actually feel this way but it's hard to battle these stereotypes and make other choices when these sentiments are omnipresent. And we know that women are still being raised to be the guardians of morality. Women are held responsible for deciding when and if and how to have sex, instead of sharing that responsibility with a partner. The

consequences of heterosexual casual sex weigh more heavily on women.

The bottom line is this: our culture continues to put the hyper sexual guy on a pedestal and we put down the woman who has a lot of sex and enjoys it. Women report more depression than men after having casual sex because they don't want to be perceived as sluts.

The other reason for the reported higher rates of depression in women is that for many women, the sexual experiences they have in casual sex isn't sexually satisfying—to the point of orgasm. Men, on the other hand, are able to be sexually satisfied through most sexual interactions. Women are still learning about their bodies while in college whereas men are supposedly in the midst of their sexual peaks. (note to guys with little or no sexual experience: don't worry about this "peak" thing. It'll happen when it happens!)

The fact that this study found that women experience more depressive symptoms than men after casual sex shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone. Sure, sex is a perfectly natural but it's not naturally perfect. Many men and women care about and need the emotional connection that happens with sexual intimacy. When it's not there, sometimes you're left feeling empty and unfulfilled. And that may be ok for some people, but for many others it just doesn't do it.

Happy Holidays to all. Be safe and be careful!

Letters to the editor:

Attention Editor:

I am writing this letter to inform you of a problem I have with an observation in the October 27, 2006 issue of *The Archway*. In the article, you address that the Bryant Emissaries are calling parents of students when they are "forking enough cash over already." I want to point out that what you have said is unwarranted and you make hasty generalizations. Your assumption is that parents are giving enough money to the school already and do not want to give extra money to the annual fund. Even though you have these thoughts, it does not mean that parents actually think this way. Let me take this time to point out a few reasons why this is incorrect.

As said before, I am writing this to refute your statement about why Bryant Emissaries should not be calling parents of students. I feel, along with the other Bryant Emissaries and the Alumni Relations Office, that it is very important to get the parents involved with the annual fund.

First, raising money is only one thing Bryant Emissaries are concerned with. We also update information and inform parents of why the annual fund is so important to get involved with. The annual fund is responsible for the guest speakers we have on campus, as well as the amazing IBM ThinkPad laptops that we get. Also, 98% of faculty members at Bryant have the highest degree available in their field. Without the an-

nual fund, we would not be able to keep such prestigious faculty. The annual fund also allows for scholarships which brings me to my next point. In the article, it states "how would you feel if you were spending \$35,000 a year for your kid to attend college." To make this point clear, 80% of Bryant Students are receiving some type of financial aid, not including the scholarships they are receiving from the annual fund. The average financial aid package that students receive exceeds \$17,000. The money from the annual fund is not money that simply "line the school's pockets." Second, the pledge cards are sent out in the fathers name because they are the first parent listed on the record and the computer sends it to the first name. When complete, the pledge is listed from both parents.

Bryant is not the only school that calls parents; all school programs do. Unfortunately, some parents chose not to give to the annual fund, but there are plenty of parents who do which keeps our parent fund strong. I understand parents of Bryant students are spending a great deal on expenses, but think of what Bryant would be like if we did not have the extra incentives. Please take the time to think about how important the Bryant Emissaries' job is before criticizing us.

Sincerely,

Dawn M. Battaglia

Thanks for the Memories

As I sit here at my desk on my last night as a member of the Bryant Community, I was searching for a way to reach out to the community. I wondered how I would be able to say thank you and goodbye to so many people who have been such a big part of my life for so long. This seemed to me to be the perfect approach. When I started here at Bryant University, then Bryant College, it was under the leadership of a wonderful man, President William O'Hara. The Bryant Center had just been completed. Halls 15 and 16 did not exist. There were no Senior Apartments, and the Entry Control Station was a cardboard shack in the middle of the street. There was no Fidelity, and no traffic light at the entrance. There was no marble sign or globe to mark the entrance, simply an iron sign. Parente's was Obrien's, and Effin's was the Loft. The New England Patriots practiced here every summer, and they brought out all 30 to 40 of their fans, now they are three time Super bowl Champions. So many things have changed, yet so many things still remain the same. The thing I will miss most is all the wonderful people I have come to know over the years. Thousands of students, hundreds of Faculty, Staff, Service Employees, Food Service Employees, and visitors. I am proud to have been your friend and coworker. Mostly I will miss the dedicated men and women of DPS both past and present. It has been an honor to serve with them. I continue to think of three wonderful men I was proud to serve with and who were my friends who have passed on, John Rattigan, Denis Traficante, and Bob Ferbert, I still miss them. So in closing I say to all of you. "Thanks for the memories". The twenty years I have spent among you have been the best years of my life. It has truly been my pleasure to serve this community.

Lieutenant Tom Mefford
Dept of Public Safety

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more than a person pulling the race cars. I find that those individuals who do use this cop out usually have something to hide that they do not want other people aware of. The fact that he was leaving a strip club has no impact on anything either as those who choose to attend strip clubs and are of legal age should be able to without incident.

Trini Wright is a dancer at the club and she reported that the cops opened fire without identifying themselves. To *The New York Daily News* she said, "The cops' unmarked minivan "came around the corner and smashed into their [Bell's] car. And they [the cops] jumped out shooting," she told the paper. "No 'stop.' No 'freeze.' No nothing," she said.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg characterized the incident as unacceptable and excessive. I commend Bloomberg coming out and calling this a random incident and that this was not a racially motivated incident. This could hurt him in the way some people view him but he has done a terrific job in being down to earth.

When you have 50 shots fired at you this was more of an example of an execution than police protecting themselves as not a single bullet was fired at them. These officers murdered somebody and wounded several others in the process and should be treated like criminals as opposed to officers of the law. The New York Police force is referred to by some as New York's finest. The actions of these officers are not in concordance with this statement. A more fitting statement for these cops would be New York's worst. The officers should be embarrassed by their actions bringing down the image of the entire New York Police Department.

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Bulldog Reviews: Tenacious D in The Pick of Destiny

By Michael Pickowicz
Staff Columnist

Over the past Thanksgiving break, I had the pleasure of seeing many movies. While two of them, *Happy Feet* and *Casino Royale*, have been rightfully ruling the box office even to this day, I have decided to review a movie that got lost in the holiday season. That movie is the hard rocking *Tenacious D in The Pick of Destiny*.

Tenacious D is a musical/comedy that follows the "origins" of the comedic band. The movie's plot is about how Jack Black and Kyle Gass (both playing their fictional selves) first came to know each other and became friends.

They blend each of their talents, Kyle's guitar skills and JB's voice, and vow to create the greatest rock band to ever live. To reach that status, though, the two realize that they need to locate a legendary

guitar pick used by multiple rock greats. JB and Kyle stop at nothing to get their hands on this one of a kind pick that promises them rock fame.

"Tenacious D" is a really good movie that I felt could have been better than it was. The first 20 minutes of the film are brilliant. It plays almost similar to a rock opera in which the first few songs of the movie are actually sung out loud in the most random places. After the beginning of the film is over, however, the film slips into a formula that feels like it has been done time and time again. The *Tenacious D* songs, that were once sung out loud, just become background music. Not to say the film loses its humor; it actually remains insanely funny throughout. The problem lies in the middle of the movie -- it seems almost too predictable. This, thankfully, is not the case for the last act of the movie, which completely rocks. The music

that *Tenacious D* created for this film is great. While I could never consider myself a true fan of "The D", I have always enjoyed their songs. With each rocking jam, there is also a great sense of offbeat comedy that gives this movie an edge over other brainless comedies. My favorite songs in the movie



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would be "Kickapoo", "Car Chase City" and "Beelzeboss."

While *Tenacious D in The Pick of Destiny* seems to lag in the middle, revealing the predictable plot, the beginning and end are fantastic and different. The movie is full of laugh out loud moments and songs that promise to rock anyone's socks off. If you're a fan of *Tenacious D*, going to see this film is a must. Even if you're like me and enjoy just a few of their songs, you're likely to not be disappointed. While it's tough to recommend this film over the great films that are out now, this film is easily one of the more unique buddy comedies out there. If you're up for a brainless comedy and some rocking songs to go along with it, look no further than *Tenacious D* to fill your needs. I give *Tenacious D in The Pick of Destiny* 3 1/2 Bulldogs out of 5.

This movie earned
3.5 out of 5 Bulldogs



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Horoscopes



10/23 - 11/21

Scorpio

Of course, it is important to play by the rules, and do exactly what you're told. If you don't plan to do that, resist the urge to tell anybody.



11/22 - 12/21

Sagittarius

Don't travel much this weekend, except to get to a private place. Give yourself time to understand your own greater purpose.



12/22 - 1/19

Capricorn

Others offer helping hands, which you're eager to accept. Be careful, however -- this help could turn out to be quite expensive.



1/20 - 2/18

Aquarius

Controversy breaks out but it's nothing to worry about. Calm the other people's fears, and you'll get more converts.



2/19 - 3/20

Pisces

Put your chores aside long enough to get a change of scene. Might as well get some exercise, too, while you're out there.



3/21 - 4/19

Aries

Get some exercise, but while you're out there, do some thinking. Take a really long hike or climb a mountain. Gain confidence to make your next career move.



4/20 - 5/20

Taurus

You can be the referee for somebody else's fight. Stay out of arm's reach, and wait until they ask for your opinion.



5/21 - 6/21

Gemini

You're too busy to get much studying in this weekend, much to your dismay. No need to be cranky about it. Sometimes the job comes first.



6/22 - 7/22

Cancer

Your loved ones haven't had much of your attention for the past few days. Make up for that now by focusing fully in whatever times you have.



7/23 - 8/22

Leo

Anticipate controversy as you get into the job. Everybody's an art critic. Hold fast to your initial idea, and ask them to be patient.



8/23 - 9/22

Virgo

Your ability to concentrate is enhanced by the current conditions.



9/23 - 10/22

Libra

Conditions are good for selling today, and making lots of money. This looks more like a self-employment gig than the other kind.

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Mr. Bryant 2006 features Babies of the 80's



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On December 1, 2006 ten talented and enthusiastic Bryant University students took the stage in their 80's sweatbands, brightly colored shirts and pants, and legwarmers as they began their competition for Mr. Bryant 2006. Janikies Auditorium was full to the brim with over 400 students, staff members, and family members, as this popular show sold out for yet another year. Contestants included Shawn Benham '07, Paul Bi '07, Mark Dondero '08, Brian Ford '09, Tim Lavigne '07, Mike Manzi '07, Derek Mazzerella '07, Neil Parrott '08, Dave Santore '07, and Alan Waters '08.

The show opened as all ten contestants shook their stuff to a medley of 80's music, decked out in hilariously exaggerated 80's outfits. These spirited young men took part in five portions of the competition: casual wear, talent, formal wear, and two question and answer periods. Some of the crowd favorite talents included Dave Santore's rendition of *I Wish That I Had Machtley's Girl*, Tim Lavigne's lively 80's dance with two members of Velocity dance team, and Paul Bi's piano and vocal performance of Brian McKnight's *Back at One* with guest singer Ben Caisse. All contestants kept the audience engaged and excited, but the judges, George Coronado, Kat Araujo '07, Father Joe Pescarella, Kyle Parker '08, and Meagan Sage, had the tough decision of moving only three contestants on to the final three. At the end of the night, Shawn Benham took third place, while Dave Santore was the second place winner, and Neil Parrott became Mr. Bryant 2006.

All in all, the Student Programming Board took the time to plan an extremely successful event and the ten talented contestants put their hearts and souls into an event that demonstrated, yet again, what remarkable students we have here at Bryant University.

Contributed by Meagan Sage, Assistant Director of Student Activities

Movin' Out brings Billy Joel music to life

By Ryan Daley
Opinion Editor



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Billy Joel and Twyla Tharp's Tony Award winning musical "Movin' Out" was awesome. I checked out the Saturday evening show when it was in town November 28 - December 3 and the Providence Per-

forming Arts Center, which houses close to 3,000, was nearly full. The show held nine performances when it came to Providence for its second time and is headed off for another month of shows before the three year long tour comes to a break.

Act I introduces the story - that of Brenda and

Eddie, two characters from Joel's "Scenes From an Italian Restaurant" (Brenda and Eddie had had it already/ By the summer of '75/ From the high to the low to the end of the show/ For the rest of their lives/ They couldn't go back to the greasers/ The best they could do was pick up the pieces/ But we always knew they would both find a way to get by...). The story follows the high school sweet-hearts' breakup as well as other friends James and Judy's romantic success.

Eddie and James' good friend, Tony, then find love with Brenda, however the three are taken off to war.

Act II brings two of the boys home - Eddie and Tony - and a wrapped flag for Judy. Each of the main characters finds a piece of him/herself missing and it isn't until after Eddie's realization that drugs are not the way to go and Tony's realization through experiences with other women that they need to get their lives back on track.

The storyline fits stunningly well along Joel songs and is surprisingly easy to follow considering there's no narrative dialogue. With fantastic dancing and acting, the 26 member cast truly bring out the mood of the characters. We see sadness, loss, excitement, happiness, death and love. The music was right on key to what you'd hear on Joel albums and the band put in just as much sweat as Joel does on stage.

On our evening, the cast included Darren Holden on piano, Holly Cruikshank as Brenda, and Ron Todorowki as Eddie. Each threw a lot of passion into their character and it was easily understood how much they

enjoyed being there. David Gomez played Tony, Matt Dribble played James, and Laura Feig had one of the hardest parts as Judy.

Unfortunately, you won't be able to catch this again unless you catch up with them on the road or wait and hope they decide to do another tour. It's definitely worth it.

Check out www.movinoutonbroadway.com for more info.



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Brendan King as Eddie and Laurie Kanyok as Brenda

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Bulldog Reviews: *Happy Feet*, On The Air: *Dat U*

By Brigit Clancy
Assistant Variety Editor

Get ready to dance. *Happy Feet* is a toe-tapping movie with an engaging storyline. There may be a misconception that *Happy Feet* is for children only because it features animated, dancing penguins. *Happy Feet* is, however, an adventurous, comedic, animated film with contemporary music for people of all ages.

In the frigid land of Antarctica, Emperor penguins search for their perfect mate. Then they attempt to articulate their feelings through a special "heart song" that expresses their deep affection for their one true love. In the movie, a penguin is identified by his or her heart-song. One young character, Mumble (voiced by Elijah Wood), is a penguin who cannot sing a note.

Instead of having the ability to sing, Mumble has an extraordinary talent to tap dance with power and liveliness. His individuality makes him an outcast with the rest of the group. He is ordered to stop dancing or leave their community. The rigid leadership of the colony fearfully blames the young penguin's unorthodox talent for the shortage of fish that threatens their habitat. Mumble's father, Memphis (voiced by Hugh Jackman), is ashamed of his son's dubious talent, but his mother, Norma Jean (voiced by Nicole Kidman), lovingly encourages him to be himself from the beginning.

Defiant because of his unjust rejection, Mumble is forced to leave his home, parents and true love, Gloria (voiced by Brittany Mur-

phy). Mumble embarks on a journey to reveal the real cause of the threat to the colony. On his trek over the glaciers, Mumble encounters a group of spontaneous, Spanish-speaking Adelie penguins (both voiced by Robin Williams), who refer to themselves as the Amigos. The Amigos accept and embrace Mumble for his unique talent and decide to follow their new friend. Throughout their journey Mumble and the Amigos are challenged by natural enemies and the elements but learn a lot about the frozen world and its human poachers.

The all-star cast of Jackman, Kidman, Murphy, Wood, and Williams not only provide the voices for these loveable penguins but also sing some of the movie's songs. Williams is the voice behind three of the film's penguins—Ramon, Lovelace, and Cletus.

Several songs in the movie are re-made classic hits, such as Memphis' heart song—"Heartbreak Hotel" by Elvis. Other songs on the movie's soundtrack include "Hit Me Up," "Tell Me Something Good," and "Boogie Wonderland."

The brilliant concept and execution of *Happy Feet*, aside from the music and the storyline, is the computer generated animation.

The visual animation of the feathers for each penguin is almost life-like. The choreography for all of the penguins' dance numbers is

dazzling and realistic as well. Special [human] choreographers used motion sensors attached all over their bodies to capture all of the computer generated penguins' motions



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and dance numbers.

Happy Feet conveys two main (and notable) themes, ecological and personal. The first premise is that natural animal habitats should be left alone so native species can continue their feeding practices without pollution and encroachment. The second topic implied is that differences should be tolerated and even celebrated. The primary message of the film, however, is that it is alright to be yourself.

Happy Feet is a heartwarming and funny film that will leave its audience wanting to dance themselves. I give *Happy Feet* five out of five bulldogs.

This movie earned 5 out of 5 Bulldogs



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Dat U

By Greg Hirshorn
Variety Editor



Courtesy of facebook.com

Dat U sports talk radio show is one of several sports talk radio shows which are becoming a more common theme on this campus with the high interest for professional sports conversations. This sports talk show focuses more on collegiate athletics than any other sports show on this campus. Everything is fair game, from the BCS system to the results of the Bryant's athletics teams.

The show has four hosts who all go by a nickname that they use when on the air. SJ Turnblom (the big S), Joe Kaplan (nugs), Chris Seidl (slippery Sid), and Pat Walcek (the schwab), collaborate to put on an interactive and entertaining show on a weekly basis.

The fact that this show is interactive is my favorite part because of all of the listener participation that takes place. Every show is made more interesting when people call in because it is a new and refreshing voice instead of listening for the same two people talk for two hours. Callers on this show are loyal; the phone lines remain busy through most of the show due to the demand to get on the air.

College sports are not the only topic discussed on this show as the entire sports world is touched upon. With four hosts for this show you can guarantee that fans of different teams will have differing views when it comes to them. This makes for interesting debate and conversation. I prefer this over listening to some shows where all of the hosts have the same view on a topic and it becomes boring.

Dat U sports talk show is on WJMF every Monday from four until six PM. For fans that are passionate about their teams and like to have a chance to voice their opinion I would suggest listening to this show.

Damien Rice's new album "9" gets a 10

By Ryan Daley
Opinion Editor

Damien Rice's new album, "9," is yet another fine creation from the Irish singer/songwriter. Though he will be hard-pressed to ever produce another album even in the same realm as his debut "O," "9" is highly impressive and showcases his ability to produce emotionally driven, inspiring, and at times, borderline-depressing, songs.

For those of you who bought the album (or downloaded it), listened to it once and threw it on the CD rack because you were disappointed when it didn't compare to "O" – pick it back up and give it another shot. It is certainly one of those albums that grows on you; you hate it at first but are too lazy to take it out of the CD changer so you let it play over and over, ingraining its sensation and passion into your id, until you realize what a work of art you've got on your hands.

As usual, his music invokes feelings of melancholy and desperation but the melodies are outstandingly upbeat. The variety of songs is painful with suffering, joyful with love, and bracing with inspiration and proves it to be an overall encompassing album. He cathects into his songs deepest sorrows and personal suffering, giving it that extra personal touch you do don't see too often in music anymore.

"Grey Room" is reminiscent of an "Delicate," however the rest of the album is more electric and clean, while keeping its beauty. "9 Crimes," about infidelity, is the first single and has been well received by radioland. "Coconut Skins" is a shallower, fun-filled, buoyant track in the middle to break up the gloom of the rest of the album. "Accidental Babies" is a beautiful opus of only Rice's throaty sound

over accompanied by a piano where he attempts to gain back an ex's love and questions her: "Well I know I make you cry/ And I know sometimes you wanna die/ But do you really feel alive without me?" It is the most poignant song on the album but "Sleep Don't Weep" comes in a close second.

The only frustration is Rice's continued barrage of crescendos which hurt the ears one second and force you to turn the volume up the next, however it is his individual style and an aspect of which no other artists compare. The only disappointment is that he unfortunately doesn't give us bonus tracks, just a soothing 15-minute wave of clicks and bells at the end of "Sleep Don't Weep."

Damien is still humble and raw, and with his expert use of imagery as thick as bones and symbolism as deep as the ocean, Rice delivers another must-add-to-the-collection album. Go out and get it (or add it to your Christmas/Chanukah list).

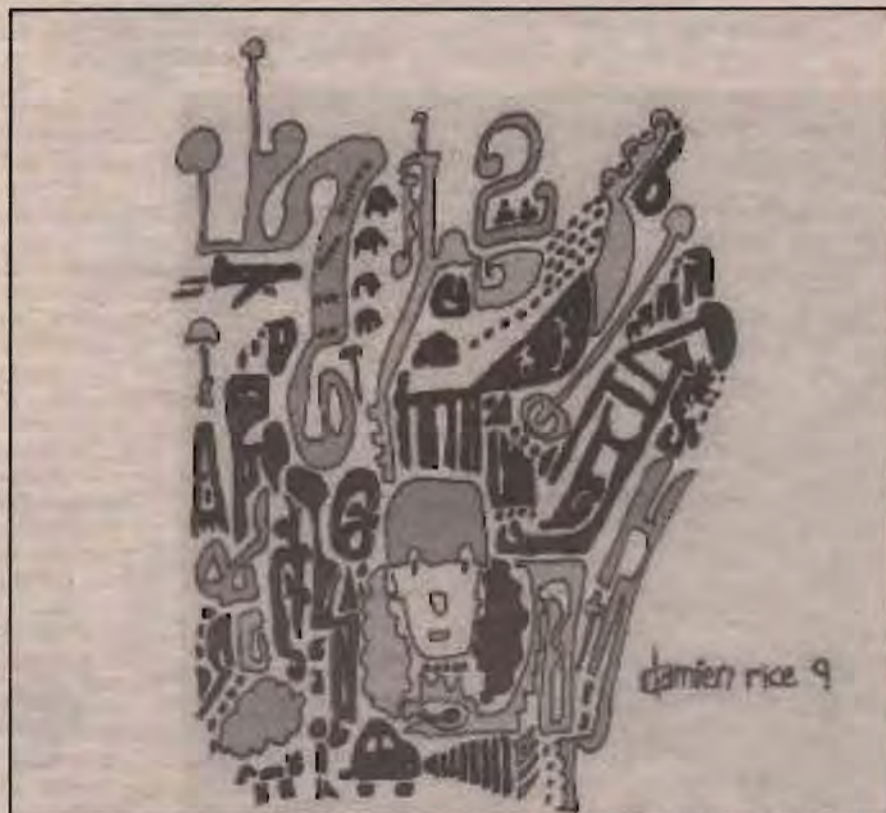


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Festival of Lights

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The Bryant Singers lead the community in "Carol of the Bells" and "Hive Ma Tov" Wednesday evening at the Festival of Lights.



President Machtley joins in lighting of the candles by passing the light throughout the Bryant community.



Sorority sisters of Tri Sigma gather together during the lighting of the candles at the closing of the Festival of Lights.



Rabbi Sol Goodman accompanied by Hillel member Greg Hirshorn join in the lighting of the Menorah.

Good Luck, John!

John Crisafulli, the Assistant Editor of *The Archway*, will be leaving us next semester to study abroad in Galway, Ireland! His guidance and support at *The Archway* will be missed!



"May the road rise to meet you.
 May the wind be always at your back.
 May the sun shine warm upon your face.
 And rains fall soft upon your fields.
 And until we meet again,
 May God hold you in the hollow of His hand."
 ~ Old Irish Blessing


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