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Vanity Affair addresses issues with body image

By Cristine Cox Staff Writer

"I'm too fat." "Look at those thunder thighs." "My nose is too big." "Do I look fat in this?" "If only I had more muscles..." What do all of these statements have in common? They all exhibit some type of insecurity or disdain about the person's body. Why is it that individuals – both men and women - have issues accepting their bodies? Is it the media? Is it teasing from friends? Could it be that they just don't like themselves? Vanity Affair – an event being put on by the Counseling Services Office, would like to tackle and address all of these questions and more.

Vanity Affair is an open discussion with faculty, staff, and students about self-image and sexuality issues. There will be a showing of the film Lovely and Amazing followed by a panel discussion to discuss the topics of the movie. Lovely and Amazing is a movie that explores issues related to women, relation-

related to women, relation-ships, self-image, culture, gender, and sexuality.

The panel will consist of Professor Jeff Cabusao (De-partment of English and Cul-tural Studies), Toby Simon (Director of the Women's Cen-ter), Carly Warland (student representative, Vice-Presi-dent, Alliance for Women's Awareness), and Julie Wargo (Counselor). (Counselor)

"This panel was chosen to initiate a dialogue with the audience and highlight different points of view. Participating members will provide their take on the movie based on age, gender, cultural background and academic disci-pline," explains Julie Wargo, Counselor for Counseling Services and one of the coordinators of this event.

It's no secret that selfimage is an issue that youth face. With images of thin women and muscle-clad men seen as desirable, sexy, and even successful while thicker men and women and even

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Smithfield, RI Students travel to Dominican Republic

By Brittany Eager Staff Writer

This spring break Women's Center Director Toby Simon and Associate Sociology professor Sandra Enos accompanied six Bryant students on a service learning trip that by-passed the large hotels and resorts of the Dominican Re-public to small villages called

public to small villages called bateys where many poverty stricken families live. While there, Ashley Hoek '11 (Sherborn, MA), Christian Shiveley '12 (Berlin, MA), Jes-sica Reateugi '10 (Wethers-field, CT), Jose Batista '10 (Providence, RI), Jose Mal-donado '11 (Holyoke, MA), and Taryn Smith '12 (Voorheesville, NY) worked with children of the batey (the community surrounding forcommunity surrounding for-mer sugar mills) to teach them how to use computers and to speak English. Skills like these are vital to small communities in the Dominican Republic where the best chance at finding a job is in the tourist industry.

This is the second year in a row that Toby Simon and Professor Enos have taken a trip to the Dominican Republic. They were the first members of the Bryant Community to take an international service learning trip. Last year, along with bringing computers to the bateys, the students began to teach the children computer skills that would give them an advantage when try-ing to get a job working in a large hotel. Service learning trips such as these help poverty-stricken families and also help Bryant students gain a more global perspective on

community service.

The group of students,
along with Simon and Enos,
visited SOLAIDOM, which is
run by a French who has dedi named Chantal who has dedicated her time to helping the people of the Dominican Republic after retiring from the hotel and tourist business. SOLAIDOM's "headquar-

ters" are in the small fishing village of Guayacanes. There is an atelier (a workshop), which showcases and sells artisan goods. This includes jewelry made by the kids she teaches and wooden sculptures made by adults. She teaches French to the children in Guayacanes right in her backyard.

The Bryant students stayed



Taryn Smith was one of six students to spend their spring break volunteering in the Domincan Republic. (Courtesy of Sandra Enos)

in Guayacanes and traveled each day to the Soco batey to work. The batey is about 45 minutes away. Since many of the people who worked in the sugar cane fields had their jobs taken away, they needed a new way to make ands. a new way to make ends meet. SOLAIDOM was set up by Chantal to help them learn the French language, an advantage when applying for jobs in hotels.

Three of the students on the trip were bilingual and used this to connect with the people. They sat down in groups on several occasions and learned how to get to the heart of what these people need in their community and what would help them to live better financially. Many of the hotels only hire the locals for three months at a time which allows them to skip out on paying taxes and makes earning a steady living even more difficult for the struggling Do-

The experience proved to be an eye opener for the students. They learned of the drawbacks of tourism that most of us don't take into consideration when visiting places like the Dominican Republic. For these students, this trip allowed them to see what life is like beyond the hotels and resorts where many people spend their Spring Break and to help the

native people.

The students also did asset mapping while they were there, which is a sociological approach to viewing the community according to what they do have, instead of what they are lacking. The students found that the people of the community and their closeness were an important asset that would help in developing their area.

The people of these Dominican bateys have access to running water which is also an asset. Although the running water is not safe for drinking on its own, it is of aid when cooking. The communities have their own school and health center regardless of its very limited

The small homes barely equivalent to more than one room are home to ten to twelve people at a time. One of the goals of the native people is to have a community center where they would be able to learn sewing, embroidery, cooking, different languages, and computer

The building of the community center began, but was halted when their investor withdrew his funding to help the people of Haiti. There stands the start of the community center, but it is still lacking, even needing the basics

such as a door, windows, and

Toby Simon met with a local contractor about the costs of finishing the community center in the future. This will give the members of the community a better idea of what is necessary to finish their center. While there, students also visited an already built community center in a nearby batey. The community center they visited specialized in helping to make jewelry out of polished coconut shells. This is a skill that could be used if the community decided to sell these to the tourists visiting the nearby re-

"I am enormously proud of the work that our students did while in the Dominican Republic. They were exposed to the real DR and fully appreciated what that meant. Their experiences there enabled them to see first hand what they had learned through their sociology and service learning classes. They lived with people in a small fishing village and traveled each day by public transportation (the guagua) to work on a batey (former sugar plantation). Bryant has definitely left its mark on the batey Soco and I hope we can continue the work with the community there," says Simon.

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VANDALISM (AUTO) FEB 26 2010-Friday at 16:10 Location: STRIP PARKING Summary: A student reported damage to a parked vehicle.

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Summary: A report of an intoxicated male. EMS was activated.

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VANDALISM (AUTO) MAR 1 2010-Monday at 13:43 Location: HALL 15 LOT Summary: A student reports vandalism to her vehicle.

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Bridgestone

Channel 12's Michelle Muscatello to host first annual **Public Speaking** Colloquium

By Sara Larrabee Staff Writer

Bryant's First Annual Public Speaking Colloquium is almost here. On Monday, March 22nd from 7-9pm in the Bello Grand Hall, six of Bryant's best students will compete in this widely publicized event. The event is a free and open to all Bryant students, faculty, and staff, as well as the general public.

"This event gives students the opportunity to practice speaking skills, writing skills, and also to receive feedback on their delivery. This is a definite resumé builder and something employers will notice," says Professor Susan Baran, the program coordinator and advisor to the Toast-

Thirty Bryant students will participate in the preliminary round on Friday, but only six will be selected to compete on Monday night. Students are also welcome to stroll into the TV studio on 3/19 to watch the preliminary rounds which will be going on throughout the day from 10am-5pm.

The level of participation and enthusiasm has been overwhelming. Channel 12 "Eyewitness News" Meteorologist Michelle Muscatello has agreed to host the event and is sure to bring energy and entertainment to the crowd. Her visibility as a dynamic personality in Rhode Island television will add energy and expertise to this already spectacular event. The Toastmasters (a public speaking and leadership club), will be raffling off hundreds of dollars in awesome prizes during intermission. Refreshments will be served.

Once again, the event will be held on Monday night March 22nd from 7-9pm in the Bello Grand Hall on the Bryant University campus. The Public Speaking Colloquium is sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, the Department of Communications, and the Toastmasters. If you have any questions please feel free to contact coordinator Susan Baran at subaran@bryant.edu or Wendy Samter at wsamter@bryant.edu.

Bryant Jazz Ensemble to perform Saturday night



Top (L-R): Tim Drechsler-Martell and Jeff Allen, Faculty Advisor. Bottom (L-R): Chris Corry, Jazz Band President, and Jay Bianco (Caitlyn Witkowski)

By Sara Larrabee Staff Writer

Did you know that Bryant has its very own Jazz Ensemble?? Well if you have never heard the band playing on Monday nights in the music room, they are

smokin'! A wide range of instruments and highly talented student-musicians comprise this group, all lead by director Jim LaFitte. The band will be performing this Saturday night at 8pm in the South Dining café which will be transformed into a modern jazz lounge. The band will be playing songs such as "Sing, Sing, Sing", "Fiesta Latina", and numerous Chicago tunes. So come and support your fellow Bulldogs and enjoy the greatest jazz on campus, Saturday March 20th at 8pm. This event is free of charge. Hope to see you there!

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Vanity

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people with bigger or smaller noses, breasts, legs, etc. are seen as ugly, not sexy, and unsuccessful, the youth in today's society are put under a lot of pressure.

Your family and friends can also influence the way you feel about yourself, your self-image, and self-esteem through comments they make, their preferences, or teasing. Eating disorders like bulimia to anorexia are often results of one's image insecurities. The South Carolina Department of Mental Health estimates that 8 million Americans have an eating disorder seven million women and one million men. Our own Counseling Center often addresses body image issues.

Contrary to popular belief, however, "men are equally as vulnerable to issues rooted in image, self-esteem, and vanity," says Julie Wargo. "The idea that females are more prone to working though such challenges is false;" males are just less likely to talk about these issues.

When asked why she felt it was important for an event like this to take place, Wargo talked about society's messages about body images and the consequences of these images on individuals and their relationships. "Society today sends so many distorted messages about what constitutes healthy body image. The film Lovely and Amazing highlights those messages and exemplifies how obsession with vanity can be destructive to intimate relationships. Additionally, it is important for students to recognize the emotional, psychological and physical consequences that surface when insecurities about one's image spiral out of control."

Carly Warland, Vice President of Alliance for Women's Awareness and student representative on the panel thinks that "it's important to have events like this on campus because it helps bring awareness to major issues that young people deal with." These are issues that everyone is not always comfortable with.

Carly believes that this event "may answer questions for people that aren't confident enough to talk about it or it may be an eye-opening discussion that gives insight. I believe it is very important because it helps young people develop their own personal identity."

The event was originally scheduled for December 7, 2009; it had been postponeddue to a major snowstorm and rescheduled for March 22, 2010. It is co-sponsored with Counseling Services, the Women's Center, the Alliance for Women's Awareness, and the Department of Literary and Cultural Studies. It will be held in Janikies Theater starting a 7 pm and lasting until 9 pm.

Survivor Series

By Bridget McNulty and Meridith Salvas

Contributing Writers

The following article is about a friend of Stephanie Barone, a student at Bryant University. Her name is Kathryn Torrey and she is a student at Connecticut College. What type of cancer were you diag-

nosed with?

I was diagnosed with Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia. It's the most common type of leukemia for children under the age of 15. It is detected by a bone marrow test and is treated with chemotherapy at the moment of diag-

When were you diagnosed? At what

I was 12 years old, in 7th grade and it was February of 2001.

What was your initial reaction to your diagnosis?

I remember this all as kind of a blur. Almost as if it were a movie I saw and as if it never really happened to me. We were on a family vacation in Florida. We used to drive down from Connecticut and we would

stop at my dad's friend's house in Charlotte, NC.

While we were in Florida my mom, sister, and I were walking near my grandparents' house and I had to stop and catch my breath/take a break every few minutes. Being an athlete this was out of the ordinary and I started to think that something was wrong. Then on our way back home, we stopped in NC.

We all went out on a walk through the woods and when we were almost back to the car all I remember is feeling really light headed, then everything went white and I couldn't see a thing and I just lowered myself next to a tree while my family panicked to figure out what had happened. That day ended with me having a very bad migraine where I could not be anywhere near light and stayed in a pitch-

black room all day long.
When we got home from the trip my mom took me to see a doctor who ordered numerous tests. The hypotheses ranged from lime disease to mono but nothing was coming up, until fi-nally they did a bone marrow test, which was by far the most painful experience of my life. I can remember being in the room on the table screaming in pain as a giant needle was being drilled into my bone and all I could see was my mom's face covered in tears as she watched her daughter going through excruciating pain. I remember sitting in the empty waiting room at Yale New Haven hospital reading some old magazine (cause waiting rooms never have current issues of magazines). When the nurse came out and explained it, I was barely paying attention. I heard the word Leukemia and immediately thought of that story of the girl with 1000 paper cranes and didn't think much of it. I was 12 years old, I had no idea what that meant. I thought I would have to take some medicine and just move on with my life, and I remember asking my mom if we could go home now. That's when it really hit me, when my mom and dad turned to me, and told me "no, we're gonna have to stay here overnight...for quite a

while". My mom immediately called my sisters and told them what was happening and for them to gather some of my things and my dad would be picking them up to bring them to

Did you know of a family history of this particular type of cancer, or can-

cer in general?

Leukemia is not a genetic cancer so I had no idea why I got it. It kind of hit me out of nowhere. One of the first things my mom asked my doctor was whether or not my children eventually would be at risk for getting it, and luckily he said absolutely not. It's difficult to determine the cause of Leukemia, and I just happened to be unlucky.

For more information on how Kathryn Torrey dealt with Leukemia and how she now lives her life, visit: www.BryantArchway.com

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Bryant University has been accredited by the Commission since 1966 and was last reviewed in 2000. Its accreditation by NEASC encompasses the entire institution.

For the past year and a half, Bryant has been engaged in a process of self-study, addressing the Commission's Standards for Accreditation. An evaluation team will visit the institution to gather evidence that the self-study is thorough and accurate. The team will recommend to the Commission a continuing status for the institution; following a review process, the Commission itself will take the final action.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding Bryant University to: Public Comment on Bryant University Commission on Institutions of Higher Education New England Association of Schools and Colleges 209 BURLINGTON ROAD BEDFORD, MA 01730-1433 E-mail to: cihe@neasc.org

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Written, signed comments must be received by no later than the final date of visit, which is April 14, 2010 to be considered. Comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person providing the comments.

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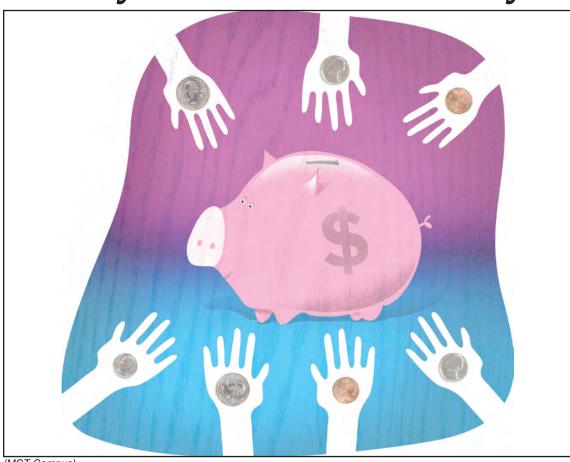
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Credit Craze: How you can save money



(MCT Campus)

By John-Paul Sullivan Contributing Writer

In this day and age many college students have problems with saving money. It is very easy for us to spend a couple bucks on a daily coffee or soda. How about all that Poland Spring bottled water? That certainly adds up at \$1 a pop. You started with a hundred dollars in your wallet and in just a blink of an eye all that money is gone.

all that money is gone.

So how quickly do some of these items add up? Well let's say you buy a coffee every day. Whenever I purchase coffee it is at least \$3 dollars. After one year that three dollars a day adds up to be \$1,095, and after 10 years that daily coffee ends up costing \$10,950.

Now let's say you invested it into a certificate of deposit or a United States Treasury Bond. You can expect that value to be at least

Bond. You can expect that value to be at least double to about \$22,000 – that could buy a fully loaded Honda Accord or Toyota Camry, or you could even use the cash as a down payment on a house. How about a Corvette or an Audi TT roadster? You could purchase one with the money you saved if you invested it into a little more risky investment like some mutual funds. The simple alternative: just get coffee from Salmanson or try brewing your

Another way to save money is to budget. Know how much you can spend and try not to purchase things on your debit or credit card that you know you will not be able to pay back. The interest rates on the cards can be as high as 25% and the bank fees as high as \$30 for purchases that overdraw your checking account. In order to keep track of your spending, sign up for online banking at your bank.

One more easy way to save money is to buy all your books online. For example an accounting book that sells for about \$200 in the Bryant bookstore sells for about \$50 online on sites like half.com and textbooksrus.com, so next semester before you buy any of your books from the Bryant Bookstore be sure to check out those sites first.

The basic idea is to keep track of your weekly spending, try to write down every-thing in a small notebook or maybe keep track of it through your bank like I do and try to eliminate unnecessary items. Maybe you do need your \$3 coffee, but maybe you cut out other things like buying a bottle of water or a soda from vending machines. Anyway you can cut back is a step in the right direction.

Annies' CEO on what makes a company successful

By Matt Jusczcyk Contributing Writer

Mr. John Foraker, CEO of Annie's, Inc. visited Bryant and spoke about his company's philosophy of continuous improvement and social responsibility. Annie's offers a variety of organic and all-natural products to consumers without sacrificing on the company's established core values. According to Mr. Foraker, Annie's began with the "desire to give families everywhere healthy alternatives to traditional comfort foods." Annie Whitney, the company's founder wanted to "show by example that a successful business can also be socially responsible," and Annie's has ensured that all of their products illustrate the importance of companies that focus on goals beyond that of overall profitability, margins, or EPS. By being socially responsible, Annie's has increased revenue from \$12 million in FY 2002 to \$100 million in FY 2010 and has risen to "the number one company in ten natural and organic food categories,"

according to Mr. Foraker.

Annie's is successful for many reasons, but one specifically is establishing and following strong principles consistent with social responsibility. Annie's mission and values clearly demonstrate the company's belief that social responsibility is a cornerstone of the company. According to Annie's, the company "spreads awareness and acts as a positive role model for consumers and encourages other businesses to do the same."

'Annie's mission and values clearly demonstrate the company's belief that social responsi-bility is a cornerstone of the company.'

Furthermore, the company's consumers, customers, suppliers and shareholders are treated with "the same high degree of respect, fairness, and honesty" that they expect of others.

Acting responsibly is important to the company, and Mr.

Foraker mentioned that Annie's believes that their role in the

Foraker mentioned that Annie's believes that their role in the world includes "nourishing communities by providing healthy food, promoting sustainability and supporting organizations motivated by [their] same intrinsic purpose."

Any company can have a clearly defined value system or philosophy, but Annie's is a company that implements these convictions readily. For example, Annie's funds school and community gardens throughout the country (more than 30 schools supported in 2009). The company has also offered "Sustainable Agriculture Scholarships" to help the "next generation of organic farmers meet their dreams" and has made numerous corporate donations to funding organizations that make a difference in their industry. make a difference in their industry.

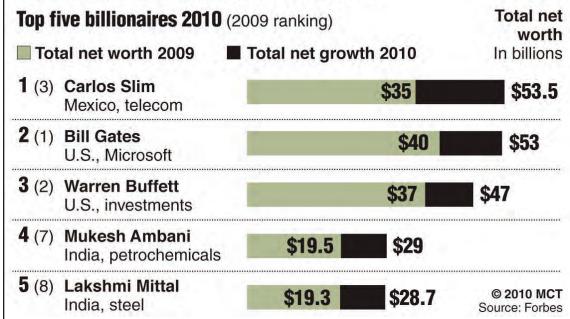
Annie's attributes much of their success in business to their strong belief in social responsibility, but also to continuous improvement. Mr. Foraker stated that "doing the 'right thing' is a journey, requiring ongoing diligence and improvement." In an effort to foster a philosophy of continuous improvement, Annie's has consistently introduced new products and ex-Annie's has consistently introduced new products and explored new product categories. The company has enhanced existing items, pushed their internal and external partners for improvements, moved to 70% post-consumer recycled cardboard for their packaging, and has updated their recycling and energy-savings systems throughout the supply chain.

If any conclusions can be drawn about what makes a com-

cany successful, it can certainly be concluded that responsibility and continuous improvement are key. Responsible companies create an aura of transparency and commitment to societal progress, not just that of shareholders and key company executives. A belief in continuous improvement allows a company to adapt and change to the demands of the market and become a leader in the market and nearly make the competition irrelevant. As the global marketplace continues to change, and external pressures increase in many industries, Annie's truly seems to be one step ahead.

World's richest

The world's wealthiest saw their fortunes swell in 2010 and for the first time since 1994 an American does not top the list.



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(MCT Campus)

Bryant squash: The best season ever

By Yohan Sachdev and Nick Raho

The Bryant Squash Club enjoyed its best season ever in 2009-2010, with organizational and administrative achievements off court matched on court by key victories at the College Squash Association's national team championships, held in February at Yale.

At New Haven, Bryant won matches against Bucknell and longtime rival Bard, a team they beat twice this season, to claim a spot in the finals of the Hawthorne Division against Lafayette. Victory in that match proved elusive, but the overall good showing guaranteed a final national ranking of No. 50 (out of 64 teams), the Bryant club's best finish ever and one especially meaningful because of the club's final positioning above two well-established varsity-level programs and several spots ahead of rival Notre Dame.

Bryant rolled early in its opening match on Friday against Bucknell, with Dave Zastrow ('12), Dan Cournoyer ('12), and Hart Callahan ('11) recording victories at the number 9, 6, and 3 spots respectively. JP Sullivan ('11) and Maurice Abitbol ('11) also won for Bryant. The team celebrated the day's triumph at a dinner hosted at their home by the parents of Brent Besch ('11).

The Bard match on Saturday was very close. Cole Rochon ('12) played big, winning at No. 8. At No. 2, Raho took a hard-fought victory in five games. With the match standing 4-all, Sachdev, playing No. 1 as he did all season, shouldered the pressure and avenged an earlier loss to his opponent by clinching the team win with his 3-1 victory.

Sunday's Bryant-Lafayette



The Bryant Squash team completed their best season ever in 2009-10. (Courtesy of Bryant Athletics)

Hawthorne Division final—played on Yale courts immediately adjacent to the overall national championship matches between Trinity and Yale (you probably heard about that brouhaha on ESPN and watched the video that went viral on YouTube)—was supercharged with energy. Play was close, back and forth, but in the end, Lafayette won, 6-3. A real highlight for Bryant was the superior play of Besch, who won his match in five very strategic, very poised games. Callahan, Sullivan, and Rochon all pushed their opponents to five games.

Last week, the Bryant Squash Club presented its annual awards recognizing individual achievements and contributions made to the team in the preceding season. The team also saluted its four graduating seniors—Yash Agarwal, Himanshu Bahadur, and co-captains Yohan Sachdev and Nick Raho. Coach John Wilson presented the Most Valuable Player

Award to Dan Cournoyer, who was undefeated this season. Cole Rochon received the Hardest Worker in Practice Award and, not surprisingly, the Most Improved Player Award.

The Leadership Award went to Yohan Sachdev. Nick Raho, who tore his ACL last year, received the team's Comeback Player of the Year Award. Big Win Awards went to Raho, Sachdev, and Besch. Callahan, Sachdev, and Cournoyer were congratulated for their exemplary—and loud—vocal encouragement during the team's matches. And Yash Agarwal and Pablo Madera were thanked for stepping into the lineup several times when other teammates were unable to play their matches.

The Bryant Squash Club was started in 1998 by Sameer Kanodia ('99, MBA '02). The team found success playing in the Rhode Island squash league, winning the D division in 2002 and reaching the

semifinals of the C division in 2003. In 2001, Mohammed Khakwani ('02) won RI Squash's D individual championship. In 2002, Rajat Agarwal ('03) also won the D individual tournament; the following year, he claimed the league's C individual title. In 2003, the team tested the waters of collegiate competition. In 2005, the club participated in the CSA's 5-Man Team championship. Last season, the club played an entire season of intercollegiate squash. This year, the club had 23 playing members, the most

After graduation, Yohan Sachdev will become the new head of the Friends of Bryant Squash, the club's alumni and parent support group. Key alumni include Kanodia, who now is a Bryant trustee, Khakwani, Agarwal, Steve Parry ('09; he started a squash club in Dubai), Steve Lamb ('09), Rich Duda ('10), Andrew

Wolfer ('10), and Tim Irving ('10). Projects include fundraising to meet expenses for trips next season to the round-robins at Navy and at Yale and to raise money for the eagerly anticipated conversion of a racquetball court into a squash court, a project for which the club has received a pledge of matching funds from US Squash, the sport's national governing body.

The team also plans to petition the College Squash Association for a grant to help defray expenses for participation in the 2011 national team championships scheduled for February 2011 at Harvard. Sachdev and Coach Wilson are also working to establish a Career Advisory Board to assist squash-club members with summer internships, career advice, and business relations.

Central to Bryant's success this season has been the continuing support from Bryant's president, Ron Machtley, a longtime player and fierce competitor who frequently entertains the challenges of the club's top players; Bryant's men's varsity tennis coach, Ron Gendron, who appreciates the sport's physical demands; and Bryant's club-sports coordinator, Mark Caruso, who helps out in numerous ways every season with matters fiscal and logistical. Key squash technical advisor to the team remains Matthew Munich, a former Men's 5.5 U.S. national champion who holds a Level 2 coaching certificate from US Squash and is presently a US Squash coaching instructor.

Bryant Squash Club coach John Wilson, who holds a US Squash Level 1 coaching certificate and is a long-time nationally ranked masters player, is in his 11th year as

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Figure skating ends season with gold

By Hilary Cartwright *Contributing Writer*

The Bryant University Synchronized Skating Team competed at the New England Challenge Cup on Saturday, February 27th at Boston University, winning their second gold medal of the season.

Led by Coach Danielle Hames of the Warwick Figure Skating Club, the team has had their most successful season yet. They placed first at the Cape Cod Synchronized Skating Classic back in December and third at the Eastern Regional Sectional Championships in Lowell in January

The team competes as a nationally recognized team in the open-collegiate division of synchronized skating. Some competitors include Princeton, Northeastern, The University of Maryland, and the University of Delaware.

With the recent excitement of the Olympics, many students have shown an interest in the sport. For this reason, the team hosted a free open skate for the entire Bryant community. There was an overwhelming positive reaction from the students.

"We're really trying to get our name out there," said team member Julie Hight. "Most students at Bryant don't even realize there is a figure skating team. Our goal of the semester is to spread awareness."

There will be another free open skate at the Smithfield Rink on Sunday, April 25th from 2-4pm.

The team will also be hosting a Skate-a-thon to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in memory of Chris Sawyer, the brother of Keri Sawyer '08 (a founding member of Bryant's Figure Skating Club). The event will take place on April 11th from 4-7 pm at the Smithfield Municipal Ice Rink.

The team's next perform-



Bryant Figure Skating ended their season with gold. (Image courtesy Hilary Cartwright)

ance will be at the William H. Thayer Arena in Warwick, RI on March 27th at 1 and 7pm. For more information about

the team and their upcoming events, contact Hillary Cartwright at hcartwri@bryant.edu.





Brittany Hart

Year: Freshman

Sport: Softball

Hart allowed only five hits, and two runs in Bryant's win against Holy Cross, earning the victory after pitching 4.1 innings.



Peter Kelich

Year: Freshman

Sport: Baseball

Kelich was named the NEC Rookie of the Week after earning a win over Virginia Tech last week in his first career start. He allowed only two runs and five hits over eight innings.

Two weeks worth of rants

By David Niles Staff Writer

On February 28 the United States lost to Canada in hockey's gold medal game at the Olympics, captivating millions of households across both countries. The word is that the NHL will build on the popularity.

On March 1, the NHL season resumed. No one cared. I don't understand why this was a surprise. I think people forget that Americans were on the edge of their couches watching curling and ice dancing beat American Idol in ratings. Americans would cheer for anyone wearing a USA jersey even if it was in a grass-growing competition. On March 2 a sports radio

afternoon segment consisted of a debate about what the Red Sox playoff rotation will be. How about they play an exhibition game first?

I listened to a week-old podcast in which radio hosts discussed Kobe Bryant's lategame heroics. Common opinion was that most would rather have Kobe taking the last possession shot rather than Lebron James. It turns out that since 2003, Lebron

has taken fewer game-win-ning shots and actually made more. The more surprising thing is that Lebron makes the shot only 34% of the time and Kobe makes the shot a meager 25% of the time.

On March 3 ESPN bracketologist Joe Lanardi promoted the Notre Dame vs ÚConn game as an "elimination" game, with each team "needing" to win to keep tourney hopes alive. Uconn lost, and on March 4, Lanardi had UConn in his bracket. At least he was a "company man", promoting an ESPN game. Come selection Sunday, however, none of this mattered.

From the too much information department, ESPN is putting not only the results of the spring training games in the ticker and the pitching lines of the starting pitchers, but a pitch-by-pitch breakdown (30 pitches, 21 fastballs, 6 changeups, 2 sliders, 1 splitfinger) for all the games today. I'm sure we will look back at this in August and realize how important this information was.

Lastly, we don't need expansion to 96 teams in the NCAA tournament. As it stands, with the exception of



Jim Calhoun and the UConn Huskies missed the NCAA Tournament this year and had to settle for the NIT. But if the field was expanded to 96 teams, it would be easy for teams like Uconn to still make the tournament; but is this good or bad? (MCT Campus)

the Ivy League, every conference has a tournament with an automatic NCAA tournament bid on the line. This means every team in the country is already in an expanded NCAA tournament of sorts. Keep winning and keep advancing. And don't tell me this will eliminate the "bubble teams". No. It will just be that we will have the 97th and 98th ranked teams complain-

ing about being left out.

Do we really need to hear Morehead State grumbling about being left out instead of St. Louis? None of the bottom teams have a realistic chance to go deep in the tournament right now. In its current format, only two of the ninetytwo teams to make the Final Four were seeded in the bottom half (9-16) and only 3 teams seeded 7 or 8 have reached.

Why do we need even more mediocrity? One word. Money. The complaining about being left out infuriates me. Why should you be given the chance to play Syracuse when you couldn't beat Hofstra in your own conference tournament? Please

Lacrosse scores at monthly NEC awards

Courtesy of bryantbulldogs.com

Bryant University took two of three monthly awards in the first-ever Northeast Conference men's lacrosse in-season recognitions, as sophomore goalkeeper Jameson Love (Darien, Conn.) took home NEC Defensive Player of the Month while attackman JK Poirier (Coatesville, Pa.) wrapped up Conference Rookie of the Month as announced Tuesday afternoon.

Since the start of the 2010 season, Love has been the backbone of the Bulldogs' success, starting all six games while playing all but one minute in goal for the 4-2 Bulldogs, earning him the first-ever NEC Defensive Player of the Month honor. He has been showing no

signs of a sophomore slump with 11 games still to play, and currently leads the nation in both goals against average (4.85) and save percentage, posting a .698 mark despite facing 167 shots already on the year, allowing just 29 goals.

Love was stellar between the pipes in the season-opener against No. 4 North Carolina, posting a career-high 20 saves and holding one of the nation's top scoring offenses to just five goals while facing a whopping 42 shots, including 30 in the first half. The Darien, Conn. native posted a .800 save percentage against the Tar Heels while making a number of impressive saves en route to being named LAXnews.com's Player of the Week and helping the Bulldogs earn a No. 20 ranking from LAXnews. He came up big again 10 days later in a key 7-6 win over an Army side that was receiving votes in the national polls, making

'JK Poirier picks up NEC Rookie of the Month for making an immediate impact on the Bulldog squad just six games into his freshman season.'

> 13 saves on 37 shots faced and holding strong in the final minutes to preserve the win.

> Love made nine saves in wins over both Vermont and Bellarmine, allowing just four goals in each matchup. He also recorded nine stops in a close loss to Fairfield and has

not allowed more than six goals in any contest, collecting 67 saves (11.2 saves per game) to anchor the Bryant defense. The sophomore has 17 ground balls on the season,

> good to knot him for second on the team. He has also forced four caused turnovers, also tied for second on the squad.

Poirier picks up NEC Rookie of the Month for making an immediate impact on the Bulldog squad just six games into his freshman season.

He leads all rookies in scoring with seven points off two goals and five assists, good to tie him for fourth on the team overall. The attacker has appeared in every game this season, starting in the last four.

In his first career start, Poirier recorded his first colle-

giate point, coming in a hardfought 7-6 win over Army on the road. The point came on an assist on a Bulldog goahead goal in the third. He then notched his first collegiate goal against Bellarmine on Mar. 10 and has scored goals in each of the last two games. Another of the Coatesville, Pa. native's goals was the game-winning tally Saturday against Presbyterian, also chipping in a pair of assists for a career-high three points in the 9-5 win. Against Army, Poirier collected a career-best four ground balls and has seven on the season. He also forced caused turnovers against Vermont and Fairfield and has ripped off 14 shots on the year, including seven against Presbyterian, with seven shots on goal.

Bryant squash

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Bryant's only squash coach. Wilson teaches the game, with its intense physical and mental demands, as a sport for a lifetime. In college, squash, with its demands for the development of technical skills and physical fitness through diligent practice, is played as a team sport that relies on individual efforts on court in every match; played later in life, the game offers a foundation for physical fitness, healthy competition, and camaraderie. The Bryant Squash Club welcomes new members with or without

prior experience; contact club president Sachdev to set up a hit. Check out the club's Facebook page.

Next year, Bryant will play 20 collegiate matches, many of them at round-robins that provide more bang for the club's funding buck. Matches are planned with MIT, Connecticut College, Notre Dame, Fordham, Bard, Lafayette, Boston University, Boston College, Brandeis, and Vermont.

For a Full **Sports Schedule Check Out** BryantBulldogs.com

Bryant On Tap

Friday, March 19th:

Baseball, at Northeastern, 3:30 pm

Saturday, March 20th:

Softball, HOME vs Boston College, 12:00 pm Baseball, HOME vs Northeastern, 1:00 pm Men's Lacrosse, HOME vs Wagner, 1:00 pm

Sunday, March 21st:

Softball, HOME vs Maine, 12:00 pm Baseball, at Northeastern, 1:00 pm Women's Lacrosse, at Sacred Heart, 1:00 pm

Tuesday, March 23rd:

Softball, at Harvard, 3:00 pm

Season high 13 hits lead to win over Virginia Tech for Bulldogs

Courtesy of bryantbulldogs.com

Behind a season-high 13-hit attack, the Bryant University baseball team picked up a 5-3 win over Virginia Tech at English Field. Dylan Stone (Portsmouth, R.I.) had four hits on the day and the Bulldogs got a big lift with a strong pitching performance by newcomerPeter Kelich making his first start in a Bulldog uniform.

dog uniform.
With the Bulldogs looking to bounce back from a tough 5-4 loss to the Hokies Tuesday, Bryant sent Peter Kelich (Jackson, N.J.) to the mound for his first start of the year against a tough Hokie lineup and the freshman responded.

After Virginia Tech (9-3) took a quick lead with a run in the second, the Bulldogs' bats came alive in the top of the third, scoring three times to take a 3-1 lead. Connor Carignan (Norwich, Conn.) led off the inning with a double. Stone followed with a double of his own, his third of the season to put runners at second and third with no outs. Senior Nick Campbell (Raynham, Mass.) came up with the big hit, tying the game one batter later with an RBI single to make it 1-1.

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But the Bulldogs (2-7)
weren't through just yet. Jeff
Vigurs (South Windsor,
Conn.) followed with a sacrifice fly to center to score Stone
from third. Campbell would
move up to third following a
single by Jordan English



Senior Dylan Stone came up big for the Bulldogs with his four-hit performance against the Hokies. (BryantBulldogs.com)

(Windsor Locks, Conn.) and would eventually score on a sacrifice fly to left by Jim Skagerlind (Holden, Mass.).

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Kevin Brown (Northborough, Mass.) would give Bryant a 4-1 lead with an RBI. The Bulldogs led by the same score against the Hokies Tuesday but couldn't hold on as Virginia Tech would rally with two runs in the seventh and eighth.

This time, the Bulldogs would finish strong, closing out the trip on a high-note. After Virginia Tech cut the lead to 4-2 with a run in the fifth, David Soltis gave the Bulldogs a little breathing room with an RBI single in the eighth to make it 5-2.

With closer Mark Andrews (Hillsborough, N.J.) on to

pitch the ninth, the Hokies threatened, putting two runners on base and after Andrews got Luke Padgett to strike out for the second out of the innings, leadoff hitter Andrew Ryan came up with an RBI single to make it 5-3. But Andrews would settle down, striking out Andrew Rash on a 3-2 count to end the game and pick up his second save of the season.

Kelich pitched very well, going eight innings allowing just two runs (one earned) on five hits and striking out five.

A day after English's fourhit game, Stone came through with his own four-hit game in leading the Bulldogs to the win. Carignan was 2-for-4 with two runs scored.

Bulldogs down Blue Hose in 9-5 Victory; improve to 4-2 on season

Courtesy of bryantbulldogs.com

Juniors John Truscello (Holbrook, N.Y.), Matt Larson (Cheshire, Conn.) and senior captain Bryant Amitrano (Valley Stream, N.Y.) chipped in two goals apiece to lead the Bryant University men's lacrosse team to a 9-5 win over host Presbyterian College Saturday afternoon in Clinton, S.C.

Clinton, S.C.
The Bulldogs (4-2) never trailed in a game that featured just one tie; and the Black and Gold outshot the Blue Hose (1-4), 41-22, on the day.
Rookie JK Poirier (Coatesville, Pa.) led Bryant with three points off a goal and two assists.

Amitrano got the scoring started for the visiting Bulldogs at the 8:09 mark of the first frame with an unassisted goal, a play he would repeat less than two minutes later to put the visitors up, 2-1. Goals from Truscello and Gary Crowley (Scituate, Mass.), divided by a tally from Presbyterian's James Cupo, drove the score to 4-2 in Bryant's favor before the closing of the first session.

Bryant would do all the scoring in the second quarter, recording four goals – bookended by Larson scores – to gain an 8-2 advantage entering the halftime break. Poirier and Truscello would also record scores in the stanza.

But in the final 30 minutes of play, it was the Blue Hose who did most of the scoring, collecting three of the four goals in the third and fourth periods. Still, it wouldn't be



The Bulldogs never trailed against Presbyterian College in a game that featured only one tie and out shot the Blue Hose 41-22 on the day. (bryantbulldogs.com)

enough to catch up with the Bulldogs.

Tyler Melnyk got second-half scoring going with 9:41 to play in the third, taking a feed from Andrew Athens and putting it home past Bryant sophomore netminder Jameson Love (Darien, Conn.). Love would make seven saves on the day.

Sophomore Travis Harrington (Vestal, N.Y.) got the goal back for the Bulldogs 1:02 later off a feed from Poirier to make the score 9-3 in Bryant's favor. But Melnyk closed the gap to five with less than two minutes to play in the frame, making the score 9-4 entering the final 15 minutes. Sean Mulford scored the only tally of the closing session, the

unassisted goal coming with

just one minute left on the clock for the 9-5 final.

Bryant was led by 11 shots from Crowley while junior Evan Roberts (West Cornwall, Vt.) picked up six ground balls and went 7-for-17 on faceoffs on the day. Senior defenseman Matt Murnane (Rockville Centre, N.Y.) scooped up four ground balls and forced a game-high five turnovers on the win. The Bulldogs were nearly perfect on clears, completing 27-of-28 attempts, and turned the ball over 18 times to Presbyterian's 25.

Bryant returns to Smithfield, R.I. for its next two matchups and will take on Wagner College on Saturday, March 20 at 1 p.m.

Top 10 ...

By Jackie Ammirato Assistant Sports Editor

...teams to watch in the tournament

This is it. What every team plays for, a chance in the tournament. Sixty-five teams get in, but only one is left standing. Here are ten teams who should be interesting to watch.

10. Robert Morris

Who remembers when our Bulldogs played Robert Morris President's Day weekend? It was an exciting game during which the Bulldogs had a lead for much of the first half and Robert Morris's coach received a technical. Unfortunately the Bulldogs struggled in the second half and Robert Morris took the win and went on to win the Northeast Conference Championship. They take on St. Mary's of California in the first round.

9. Notre Dame

Notre Dame surprised a lot of people with its performance in the Big East tournament, putting up big wins over Seton Hall and Pittsburgh. Led by senior captain Luke Harangody, considered by some to be the best center in the country, the Irish will take on Old Dominion in the first round.

8. Marquette

Marquette also made some noise in the Big East tournament defeating St. John's and Villanova. Lazar Hayward is a game changing player and should help this team go far. The Golden Eagles face Washington in the first round.

7. Houston

Houston is led by Aubrey Coleman who leads the nation, averaging 25.6 points per game. Houston takes on Maryland in the first round. It will be a battle between Coleman and Maryland's Greivis Vasquez, the ACC Player of the Year.

6. Syracuse

Syracuse was thought of as a top team in the nation for most of the season. However, the Orangemen lost their regular season finale to Louisville and were knocked out of the Big East tournament in the quarterfinal to Georgetown. Star center Arinze Onuaku hurt his knee during the Georgetown loss and his playing status is unclear. Syracuse reached the fourth number one seed and will face Vermont in the opening round.

5. Ohio State

Anyone who saw Ohio State take on Michigan last week in the Big Ten tournament has to want to see this team continue to win. Down 66-68 with 2.2 seconds left, player of the year hopeful, Evan Turner drained a 37 footer to give the Buckeyes the win. They went on to defeat Minnesota for the Big Ten Championship. They take on UCSB in the first round.

4.Georgetown

Georgetown looked very impressive in the Big East tournament. They recorded wins over South Florida, Syracuse, and Marquette, losing in the Championship to West Virginia by two points. Led by Greg Monroe, Austin Freeman, and Chris Wright, the Hoyas put up big wins during the season over Butler, Villanova, and Duke. They take on Ohio in the first round.

3. Kentucky

Kentucky has won 2020 games in the program's history, the most in NCAA history. Yet, the Wildcats failed to make the tournament last year. Kentucky is led by its two freshmen stars, DeMarcus Cousins and John Wall. Receiving the number two seed overall and the number one seed in the East Region, Kentucky takes on East Tennessee State in the first round.

2. Kansas

Kansas received the number one overall seed having just defeated Kansas State for the overall Big 12 title. They were picked in the preseason to win their second title in three years. However, Kansas is in the Midwest Region and will have to face teams like Ohio State, Georgetown, and Maryland to get to the final four. They take on sixteenth seeded Lehigh in the first round.

1. Duke

Duke was won 12 of their last 13 games, was the ACC regular season champions, and won the ACC tournament. The Blue Devils were led all season by big three John Scheyer, Nolan Smith, and Kyle Singler. But look for senior Brian Zoubek, and brothers Mason and Miles Plumlee to step up in the tournament. Duke takes on the winner of the play-in game between Ark.-Pine Bluff and Winthrop. Look for Duke's season to extend into April.

Have an idea for a sports top 10? Email archway@bryant.edu

Dear Bryant community



By Drew Green *Opinion Editor*

Though I am sure that not everyone reads my column on a weekly basis for various reasons, I ask that if you have made it this far that you continue reading this particular article. You see, there are few things that impact everyone on this campus. And as long as you have read at least one

Archway article since you have been here, then this

Let me start by telling you a little story. Every Wednesday I sit down in the Archway office sometime after lunch to put together the weekly opinion section. And as a person of habit I sit at the same computer each week. I have been doing this for a while now and have spent a good amount of time in that office. However, I was unaware of the contents of a certain framed Archway front page that hangs just to the left of where I sit.

This mounted piece of Archway memorabilia commemorates the time, 40 years ago, at which The Archway separated itself from Senate and the budgeting process to be fully funded through other means – namely the administration. As of this year we are back to partially being under Senate constraints. More accurately it is essentially a 50-50 split between Senate and the administration. To put it lightly, I have an issue with this.

I will admit I am biased and that my views come from a person who is obviously deeply involved with the on goings of The Archway. Moreover, my goal, and not to mention the goal of every other member of this paper, is always to put the best paper possible out to the campus on a weekly basis.

As the most readily available news source that this campus has, I find it disconcerting that our budget is subject to the same constraints as every other group on campus. I will acknowledge that The Archway is not the only group that serves a distinct purpose. However, we are the only group that will cover all events and promote the happenings of our fellow organizations tirelessly through the best articles we can write.

My main issue, as you may have already inferred, is that I do not want to see this paper constricted in its ability to educate my fellow students about everything this campus offers. More importantly, I do not want this paper to be subject to cuts that may jeopardize the integrity of the depth and breadth of its content. I am also never keen to hav-

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ing the content of our paper possibly be compromised by an association with Senate.

As a person that likes to question authority I find it necessary to indulge in poking and prodding those that make the decisions. And while The Archway does not particularly print articles that controversially disagree with motives or actions by the administration or other groups, I would not want such articles to be kept from appearing if need be. Although I am optimistic that Senate does not hold grudges, I do not think that students in charge of being the voice of Bryant's activities should ever be beholden to other students for any reason, or to any extent.

I know that this all seems somewhat fearful of

things that may not happen, and I would not argue that point. However, it goes beyond what I have already said and beyond my own personal fears. For as much as those of us who work on The Archway on a weekly basis consider this our child and the product of our concerted efforts, in reality it is your paper. The fact that your paper is one which potentially cannot provide you with the necessary quality or amount you deserve because of budgetary issues is one which is unacceptable in this editor's mind.

In totality I want to ensure that The Archway remains a newspaper and not a blog. If we just told you when something would happen we would be nothing more than the Bryant Announcements. Remember that this is a newspaper and as such it is our responsibility to report the news of this campus and our world in general. It should never be a prerogative to compromise depth of news for brevity

and ease of digestion.

While my responsibilities as an Opinion Editor and my weekly musings do not necessarily stem from that which is directly associated with this campus, I still feel a responsibility to the readers of this paper to acknowledge what I recognize as an issue. I especially harbor this sentiment when that issue is with regards to the persistence of quality of this news source. The Archway is a newspaper for you, the reader, first. Moreover, the opinion section is here not just for people like me who write columns, but for all members of this campus. We at The Archway welcome letters to the editor with open arms.

I, for one, would willingly give up my space to fill the opinion section with your thoughts and comments. Whether those comments are with respect to this article about The Archway and Senate or any other topic, please let your voice be heard. I cannot advocate it enough. This paper is meant for you, the readers, and we love to hear what you are thinking about with regards to this campus and this paper.

Dance, dance, de-evolution



By Michael Adams *Assistant Editor-in-Chief*

I thought that maybe, just maybe, we as a nation were moving in the direction of acceptance of homosexuals into our culture. Apparently not. Just last week, Constance McMillenin, a student at a Mississippi high school was denied attendance to her school prom because of her sexuality—oh, and she wanted to wear a tuxedo. To put the cherry on top of this sundae, the prom has now been cancelled for the entire school. Very quickly, the school deprived McMillenin access to the prom with her girlfriend or to wear a tuxedo, stating that there was a provision in their student handbook proclaiming that dates to the prom must be of the opposite sex. Hold on—that's in their student hand book?

A student handbook serves

as a wasteful booklet of treekilling material to convey policies and procedures to students, faculty, and staff of the institution. Yes, no one reads it. It's the truth. Maybe it's why students were caught off-guard with this policy of no same-sex couples at school-sponsored functions.

How can this provision be printed? Girls attend the prom as a group all the time. Does that mean they're all lesbians and they are all going to engage in "lesbian" things? What does that even mean? I'm not one to jump to conclusions, but I'm confident that I have seen some girl-on-girl action on the dance floor. Pretty sure they weren't lesbians. It's not like they have an identifier on them like tagging a fish to see when it swims upstream.

How this issue has not come up before is beyond me. I'm not going to say that because Mississippi is located in our southern regions that homosexual discrimination is alive and well, although it does seem to resonate from this area.

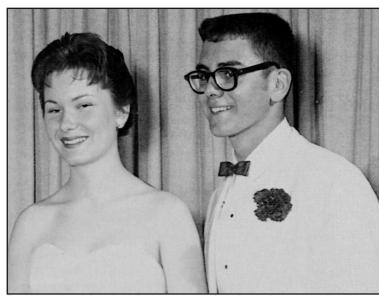
You can go ahead and disapprove of homosexuality, but will you at least respect a human's right to individuality and their sexual preference? Who cares if they kiss a guy at

the dance or a girl? We're all human. Are the chaperones going to pull them apart and separate them like on the elementary school playground? Give me a break.

One problem with high schools, or any institution of higher learning for that matter, is that they are run by people who cannot seem to grasp the concept that students are out-spoken individuals of society who demand a hand in the growth and development process of the institution they are educated in.

stitution they are educated in.
We question authority,
challenge the status quo, and
are motivated to achieve our
wants and desires. I give this
girl tons of props for at least
asking to attend the prom
with her girlfriend. That takes
a lot of courage for an 18 yearold. Why wouldn't the administration listen? Instead, they
put the ax down fast and basically decapitated all student's
hopes of a fun prom night.

Why would the administration cancel the whole prom? McMillenin stated in an interview early this week that the issue was no longer about her, but about the school denying students an event that they look forward to for their entire high school career. I'm sure we all remember our proms—I had a date



Prom was old school years ago, but has the sexual orientation of students and their attire made schools rethink their antiquated policies?(MCT Campus)

to one, and went single to my senior prom—but they were both great experiences. Why take the experience away? Maybe it's because the ACLU is on the school's case for this provision.

Regardless of what happens, I hope that McMillenin is able to enjoy her prom with her girlfriend. All of the uproar about this landed her appearances on Ellen and other radio and television talk shows—it's great exposure for

other high school students that may be experiencing the same thing during the upcoming prom season. Let the students be themselves, regardless of sexuality, and be thankful that she wasn't showing up to prom inebriated out of her mind—all she wanted to do is hold a girl's hand through the doors into the ballroom. Is that too much to ask?

The Opinion pages of The Archway feature the opinions of the identified columnists and writers, which are not necessarily those of the newspaper or Bryant University.

Battle of the sexes

DEAR KD,

So I'm tired of being single. I really want to meet someone and I'm really looking to start a relationship. I'm tired of people on this campus, but I've heard such mixed reviews about starting a relationship with someone you meet at a bar or a club. What do you think?

Single, but do you know how to mingle?



By Kaleigh Durkin PR Manager

Well I've been thinking a lot about what my opinion regarding this situation is, and I've decided that it has two parts. I want to start that by saying that a bar or a club seems like a very viable place to meet someone.

With the music bumping and the 'liquid courage' flowing, it seems like a perfect opportunity to put your game face on and go out and meet the person you've been eyeing all night long. Now I know that Cosmo magazine tells you that any guy you meet at a bar is a scumbag, and any girl is just looking to get a little action, but think about how you'd react if someone made that judgment about you. The person you've been

talking to or dancing with may or may not be in the same exact situation you are. They might be tired of the people at their usual hangout spot, and are interested in meeting someone new and exciting, which would make the two of you a perfect

Now comes the second part of my opinion. There are definitely a few things to consider when sparking up a conversation or a flirtation session with the Ken or Barbie who seems to be just as into you as you are them. Though it seems obvious that if you're drinking, you're bound to find the couth to walk up to someone and make yourself known, there are still a few things to keep in mind: do not get so drunk that you embarrass yourself in front of other people. No one likes 'that kid' at the bar who in his head is as smooth as Rico Suave, but is actually a drunk mess who can barely keep his or her head on straight.

Another thing to consider is something that I think Mr. Nelligan and I were found to have disagreed on, and that is the after-bar activity. As a college student reading this, I'm sure you can attest that when you meet someone really attractive, there are a few things that you can't wait to do when no one is around and the lights are turned off, but my piece of advice, is DON'T. As tempting as the situation may be, and as raging as your hor-mones are, I truly think that if you're honestly looking for a seriously relationship, you would wait until you actually know someone well enough to know if you would CON-SIDER a relationship with them before you jump into his or her bed, assuming they

So while I do believe that there are relationships that start out of your typical trip to a local bar or club, take into consideration the few things I mentioned. There is nothing wrong with making friends and starting to broaden your relationship-prospect pool; there is also nothing wrong with stopping at simple fun and an exchange of numbers (or even Facebook names if you're that desperate for new "Friend Requests"). Good luck out there, but be safe and maintain your standards!

Love at the Bar



By David Nelligan Staff Writer

Welcome back you lovesick students of Bryant. I hope you all had a fun and disease free spring break. After being cooped up throughout the winter months and getting a taste of the beach, it is now time to shed those bulky clothes and start enjoying the nice weather back at Bryant. Maybe it is the spring season or the fact that the semester is ending soon, but for some reason or another now is when people start to pick their relationship hunt back

up. However, since everyone has been on campus since September, and if you are older than a freshmen you have probably met everyone you have wanted too, and now the question is where to look for that special person.

To answer this week's question on if bars are the right place to meet someone and start a successful relationship the simple answer is of course it is. People are everywhere and a bar is a great place to meet someone new. You are there with friends, most likely drunk, and there are plenty of prospects. Now the only question is how to approach it all and where to take it. This is where Kaleigh and I start to differ. Her 1950's version of the situation is going to tell you to be distant, cautious, and basically unfriendly. This way you will not get "burned" by someone. I however say just have fun.

Of course, we are talking about the hook up upon meeting someone for the first time. I think by this point just by talking to someone for a little while you can tell what they are looking for at the bar or club. There are a wide range of people from those just looking to have fun to the ones looking to meet someone for a serious and meaningful relationship. There is no rule though that states getting together with someone on the first night cannot bring good things. Either way, you are both getting something out of being together, so whether it is just for a one time deal or something more just have fun and see what life brings you.

As you long as you are smart about it you will not be getting "burned", but instead using each-other. So the message is be smart, have fun, and mainly to the ladies, please leave the "we gotta go girl" at home. NO ONE can have a good time with her around.

Do you have a question about relationships, sex, or dating in general? We want to hear from you! Send The Archway your questions and check back each week to see Dave and Kaleigh battle it out over your question!E-mail Archway@bryant.edu

Profit & Loss

Formerly Observations. Equally as Funny.

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New Webpage Format

There are a lot of different opinions about the new layout for Bryant's webpage so we are calling this a push. It may be new, but really how new is it compared to what we had before. Ooo, bigger pictures. Then again it does look cleaner than the one we had before.



No Tomatoes

Apparently due to the weather there was a lack of tomatoes in Salmo when we all returned from Spring Break. I never knew tomatoes could cause an uproar, but it turns out lots of people like their tomatoes.



Construction in the Townhouses

Since when does it make sense to start construction on the only main exit from a point on campus the day that everyone on campus is trying to leave? Not only can it be confusing, but it makes us wonder if it could not have been fixed during the time no one was here



Emergency! Watch Where You Walk

The emergency tape that has been on the steps in the Rotunda seems to be out of place. On the other hand, it adds a bit of flair to the Rotunda and now I will be less likely to trip because the stairs are clearly

E-mail Profits and Losses to agreen1@bryant.edu.

Bryant Said What!?

Compiled by Bryant Students

"If I started studying on Thursday I'd be royally screwed. I just want to be screwed."

Person 1:"Extension till Monday! I've never heard of

anything better!"
Person 2: "Even better than anal sex?"

"Why do you ask drunk people to remember things?"

"Was that a good woody?"

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What's your carbon footprint?



By Michael Cohen Staff Writer

United States citizens have a propensity to consume. The majority of American's only save roughly 5% or less of their disposable income (the money one has to spend after taxes). As a result, Americans have a disproportionate impact on the global environ-

A carbon footprint, in regards to an individual, represents the amount of carbon dioxide emitted because of an individual's lifestyle. Carbon dioxide is a greenhouse gas. Since greenhouse gases cause global warming, carbon footprints are an important measure of the effect individuals have on the environment.

If you are interested in your impact on the environment, there are plenty of carbon footprint calculators you can find on the internet. These calculators can vary in their specificity, but most total your household, air travel, and driving emissions in a given year. You can generate the

carbon emissions of a host of other things though, such as a weekend rager or your spring break trip to Mexico.

The average carbon footprint worldwide is approximately 4 metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions per year. Comparatively, the average for U.S. citizens is 20.40 metric tons. Although the U.S. population represents only 5% of the world populace, the U.S. as a whole emits about 22% of the world's carbon. Driving accounts for roughly 20% of the average per capita U.S. carbon footprint.
A high GDP per capita

tends to correlate with high carbon emissions. This is because citizens with more money have a greater valence to consume than those with less. For instance, Qatar, an oil rich nation, has the second highest GDP per capita in the world and has the highest carbon emissions. Qatar's emissions in 2006 were 56.2 metric tons per person. The U.S. ranks ninth in terms of carbon emissions per capita and eleventh in terms of GDP per

If you feel bad about monopolizing the world's resources, don't worry, there are some simple ways you can lessen your carbon footprint without jeopardizing your lifestyle.

One solution is to turn off electrical items, such as the lights and your TV when you go to sleep. You can also in-



Power plant in Monroe, Michigan (MCT Campus)

vest in a drying rack. Instead of spending \$1.50 to dry your laundry, you can hang your clothing to dry. Additionally, you can turn down the central heat temperature, wash a full load of clothes, clean a full load of dishes, recycle, reduce your consumption of bottled water, buy local foods that are in season, and trim down your consumption of meat.

Also, in the long term you can save money through energy reducing initiatives. Home improvements, such as energy efficient light bulbs, energy efficient appliances, and new insulation, which can better maintain heat, can save you money in the long run. Öften it takes less than 4 years to recover the cost of these investments, while significantly reducing one's carbon footprint.

Ultimately nearly all human activities cause carbon emissions. Merely breathing emits carbon into the atmosphere. However, there are many simple ways to lessen your environmental impact without making significant

changes in your behavior.
If you are interested you can browse websites such as begreennow.com, carbonfootprint.com, bp.com, or greenstudentu.com. These sites have a plethora of useful information that allows you to calculate your carbon footprint and they provide tips for reducing your carbon emissions. Join the effort to combat our hazardous habits; the buzz for 'going green' is brewing and it is as easy as ever to make a difference.

Cellphone application that guides illegal border crossers to water sends the wrong message

Courtesy of MCT Campus

Almost 6,000 mithe Arizona desert since the mid-1990s,

when border enforcement in California was tightened and migration routes shifted east into barren, deadly territory. Today, migrants are 17 times more likely to die while crossing the border than they were in 1998. Despite the difficulty of making a successful crossing, people take the "Devil's Path" because the mathematics of opportunity have not changed significantly: An immigrant with a job in the United States can earn in one hour what would be a full day's wages in Mexico.

Various groups have tried to address this danger-ous new reality. Borstar, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency's excellent search-and-rescue program, saves hundreds of people _ including 351

since October _ as does Mexico's Grupo Beta, which patrols the Mexican side of the border. And civilian groups such as Border Angels and Humane Borders leave water along the most common routes. These efforts, which skirt the politics of illegal immigration, deserve praise and additional resources.

But aiding desperate migrants who already are in the desert is one proposition, and offering assistance before they begin their trek is another. That's why the creation of a new cellphone application that uses the global positioning system to guide migrants to caches of water that have been left for them is troubling. The Transborder Migration Tool, developed by three professors at UC San Diego and a colleague at the University of Michigan, will be installed on phones distributed by Mexican nongovernmental organizations and churches to those about to set

Our concern is that the new technology will give migrants a false sense of security about the horrors ahead of them. What will happen, for instance, if the cache is found, but there is no water left because another group got there first?

The best app would be one that warns migrants not to cross. It would tell them that when the temperature soars to 115 degrees, dehydration sets in within minutes. It would say that first the body stops producing urine, sweat, saliva and tears in an attempt to conserve water. Muscle spasms and nausea follow before the victim slides into a coma. It would say the body needs 1 liter of water an hour to survive. Already the migrants who dare the crossing often find that they have been deluded. A better way to save them would be to spend time, energy and resources on telling them the truth.

The Archway Top Ten: All About March Madness

- 10. Bryant Men's basketball, oh wait...
- 9. That the tournament would start on Wednesday this year so the Fighting Irish could have played on Saint Patrick's Day...
- 8. Actually winning a bracket challenge...
- 7. The players having to compete in their mascot's outfits...
- 6. Teams in the Midwest Region playing on Thursday in Providence, but none of the East Region playing in Providence. Hmm, someone never passed Geography?...
- 5. Using class time on Wednesday to finalize your brackets...
- 4. Skipping class on Thursday to watch the games...
- 3. Skipping class on Friday to watch the games...
- 2. Will this be the year a #16 seed beats a #1 seed...
- 1. Does anyone know the spread on tonight's basketball games?



Kansas is the top overall seed this year (MCT Campus)

Bulldog flicks: The Crazies 'better than average thriller'

By Coburn Childs *Staff Writer*

Ogden Marsh is the kind of place you want to raise a family. Dubbed "the friendliest place on earth," the small lowa town is home to less than 1500 people and everybody knows each other. It's the kind of place where all your neighbors turn out for the Little League game, your coworkers are your family, and your nosy neighbors know every detail about your life. Unfortunately, it soon becomes the most dangerous and horrific place on earth in The Crazies, a stylish and truly scary remake of George Romero's 1973 film of the same name.

The trailer for The Crazies features Gary Jules' "Mad World," a song title that certainly sums up the premise of this film. Unbeknownst to the town's population, Ogden Marsh's water supply is contaminated in a freak accident, and every resident is quickly going mad. Not just mad. Murderous. In a town like Ogden Marsh, the mysterious sickness is quick to spread, and the violence escalates immediately after it starts.

Local sheriff David Dutton (Timothy Olyphant) and his pregnant wife Judy (Radha Mitchell), the town physician,



A scene from The Crazies, now in theaters.(Celebrity Wonder)

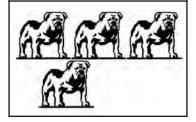
are the first to realize what is going on, but they are too late. The military attempts to quarantine the residents, and David and Judy must escape their beloved hometown—now overrun with violent friends and neighbors—if they hope to survive.

I'm not much of a horror fan, and it is very rare for a film to successfully combine horror with action. Director Breck Eisner succeeds, though, in crafting a film that keeps you on the edge of your seat with an overwhelming amount of suspense, while still frightening you with a terrifying portrayal of a small-town apocalypse. While there are too many jump scares to count, the movie does not

simply rely on those types of cheap thrills to scare the audience.

As a matter of fact, one of the largest strengths of the

This movie earned 4 out of 5 bulldogs



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Two buds and a microbrew

A review of five cheap beers

By Bryan Regele and Justin Andrews Staff Writers

As we alluded to in the last issue, we've devoted this week to the Archway readers that for whatever reason dabble in the bottom shelves of the beer fridges. While we apologize to those who are beer connoisseurs, we hope you understand that it is unrealistic to think we could convert everyone to microbrews, and therefore should at least point them in the right direction in their preferred lighter beers. For this we've decided to keep our commentary to a few positives and negatives for each option, and in the end crowning a winner. We've chosen one contestant from each of the major brewers as well as a smaller player and a local favorite. As always, please remember that you must be 21 to drink, and if you choose to do so, do it responsibly. So let's begin...

Keystone Light

The positives: Rumors have it that Keystone Light is simply the dented cans of Coors Light. At first glance you may think it is true as it

tastes similar, is made by the Rocky Mountain Brewing Company, comes in the same type of can, and usually they are indeed dented. We never really bought it, but on one clever night we proved the rumor false by cutting into the can and finding a clear liner that is different from those of Coors Light. However, the simple fact that the taste was close enough to Coors Light that we had to go to these lengths to disprove the rumor does pay some credit to it.

The negatives: The price has inflated quite a bit over the years as the brewers caught onto the growing demand among people who were not just hunters. Keystone also carries the most "watered down" taste out of the contestants. Though this makes it easier to drink, a little more flavor would never hurt anyone.

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Busch Light
The positives: Simply said, we love the \$10.99 Busch
Light longneck bottle 20packs from Anheuser Busch.
Any good man knows that beer tastes fresher out of a bottle and when you do it at such a great price how could

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Bulldog flicks: Alice in Wonderland does not live up to expectations

By Luke Stankiewicz Staff Writer

Tim Burton has a reputation for being a unique directors in Hollywood, able to take strange source material and make a visually exciting, emotionally complex, and wholly fulfilling film. Some of his greatest films, Ed Wood and Edward Scissorhands among them, exemplify Burton's unique style and ability to craft a film that is both critically acclaimed and enjoyed by audiences. His latest venture, Alice in Wonderland, is not among Burton's finest; it's rather a decent film that is entertaining enough, but falls short on several technical lev-

Our protagonist Alice Kingsleigh (Mia Wasikowska) is a strongly independent girl living in 19th century male-dominated England. She in-herited her ferce independence from her father, a well respected and eccentric business man in his day. Her mother wants what is best for Alice, sometimes at the cost of

her being able to live her own Her good looks will fade, Alice is told, which is why she must marry the undesirable Lord Ascot while she still has them. For a girl like Alice, though, rushing into such a life changing decision has to be her own choice and not so-

ciety's, so when she spots a strange white rabbit running by, she decides to chase it and leave her fiancée stranded on

one knee.

The rest of the story is history...down the rabbit hole we go. There we meet the Mad Hatter (Johnny Depp), who, along with other well-known characters such as the Cheshire Cat and the White Rabbit, is working to overthrow the tyrannical red queen (Helena Bonham Carter) after she staged a coup d'état against her younger sister, the White Queen (Anne Hathaway).

Crazies

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Johnny Depp, Mia Wasikowsa, and Anne Hathaway prepare for battle against the Queen in Alice in Wonderland. (MCT Campus)

If I don't say much about what happens in the movie, it's because it doesn't really matter. The plot is rather mundane and uninteresting, generic in the basic story arc to the point that you needn't see the movie to know what

What does make this movie good, however, is the performance by Mia Wasikowska as Alice. She is so endearing and charming on screen that the rest of the movie melts away as you watch her float through the plot. She really was the only good part about this movie, even beating out Depp for on screen presence. Depp as the Mad Hatter never seems to hit his stride, half the time playing the character as outrageously insane, the other half channeling his cool Jack Sparrow swagger.

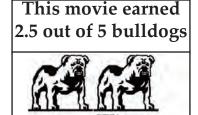
The other characters are mostly irrelevant plot devices, although I did enjoy Alan Rickman as the Blue Caterpillar. There is much to be said about Helena Bonham Carter, who, while not outstanding in this movie, does carry many of its scenes and injects a good dark sense of humor into her dialogue. Anne Hathaway's White Queen comes off as more of a druggy than the counterpoint to the vile Red Queen. The scenery is in

keeping with what one would expect, quaint yet fantastical, and never overdramatic like some other movies in 3D.

The biggest disappointment of this movie is that it failed to live up to its name and its director's reputation. Alice in Wonderland is nonsense literature and Burton is a master of taking what seems to be nonsense and making it into something deep and meaningful. Here, though, he has made it so simplistic and logical that it becomes boring, for lack of a better word. There's nothing really

wrong with this movie, it's just that it's so mundane – and coming from Burton any degree of normalcy is magnified tenfold when up against his other works.

For an average film from an extraordinary filmmaker, this movie only deserves 2.5 out of 5 Bulldogs.



movie is the fact that it is well written and every jump serves a part of the story as a whole. In-

stead of buckets of blood and gore, the scare factor is ratcheted up by our connection to the characters and our hope that they get out of the situations they are in. While there is definitely a lot of blood, it serves as a backdrop to the story and not as the main focal point.

Additionally, the breathless action is well-written and filmed with incredible style. As soon as the film begins and the action has barely started, you are gripped with an immediate sense of

tension. I will warn you now that the solid 100 minutes never once lets up to give the audience time to breathe, as our heroes face one horrific situation after another and must rely on all their strength to escape the madness. Whether it be hiding from the frantic military who start taking irrational measures to contain the sickness, or running from a crazed local hunter who decides to "hunt" in the streets, our heroes use all their wits to survive, and we buy into it because of the simple fact that our characters are just as horrified.

Not one single character is a stereotype, but instead they are real people – people you feel like you've known for years. Indeed, what makes The Crazies so terrifying is the fact that it feels very raw and real. While this sort of premise has been done many times before in countless zombie movies, something about this film is different. The violence is not typical "slasher" style, as there is no masked killer or nameless chainsaw-wielding maniac. In fact, it is quite the opposite, as the horror takes place in a small town where, just days earlier, the residents were loving and harmless. It is this realization that makes the movie so grounded in an incredibly harsh real-

Amidst the chaos, the character development comes together very nicely, thanks especially to the two lead actors, who have a very real portrayal of love and commitment to one another during a very traumatic situation. Danielle Panabaker is also good as Becca, a nurse in Judy's office who is also uninfected and joins the Duttons in their escape effort. However, the show is stolen by Joe Anderson (remember him from Across the Universe?) as David's deputy, Russell. A close friend of David's, Russell is the most compelling character in the film, as he is crazily determined to go to any lengths to ensure survival.

The Crazies is so much better than your average horror/thriller. From the filming style to the performances to the writing, everything is a cut above the normal fright flick. This film is excellent proof that with the right sort of tone established from the very beginning, a horror film can be well told and incredibly scary without relying on too many genre or character clichés. Even though it is a remake, The Crazies feels completely fresh. If you have the stomach and the stamina for a movie that grabs you by the throat and never lets go, I recommend venturing into this mad world. I give The Crazies 4 out of 5 Bulldogs.

Beer contest

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you refuse? Not to mention you also look a tiny bit classier with glass.

The negatives: No matter what you bottle it in, Busch Light still is one of the lowest class offerings from a behe-moth brewery famous for its bland offerings. This brew also lacks much of a culture beyond NASCAR, which isn't exactly always the image you're trying to convey.

Miller High Life

The positives: Dubbed the "Champagne of Beer" not due to exclusivity but rather its high level of carbonation, High Life is the only nonlager of the group. This beer fits the warmer days thanks to all its bubbles so it may be something to keep in mind over the next few weeks. We also must admit that Miller's advertising campaign for their High Life line is spot on hilarious.

The negatives: While we applauded Busch Light for offering their product in bottles, our feelings are not the same for the way Miller went with clear bottles for High Life. We get the whole play on the champagne bottle, but we just think that we should reserve those for more obvious beach beers like Corona, Bud Light Lime, or any imported pale

Pabst Blue Ribbon

The positives: The resurgence of PBR should be a Harvard case study as it has been fun to watch the Pabst team subtly adapt to the emerging anti-mainstream crowd after seeing a surge in sales amongst the hipsters of Portland, Oregon. Grab one of these retro red, white, blue, and silver tallboy cans in almost any bar and you'll be sure to make a statement about "the system" all while paying a mere \$2.

The negatives: While the image that PBR's leaders have been able to take on is interesting, you may not like it if you are actually mainstream. Its taste is also noticeably heavier than most other cheap beers, which could be a put off to many of those who stay in this category. Also, it is still pretty difficult to find PBR 30-packs despite a surge in sales.

Narragansett Lager

The positives: Once the number one beer in all of New England, Narragansett restarted operations in 2005 after a nearly 25 year hiatus from beer coolers all over. Even today 'Gansett remains one of the few regional beers that finds itself in the discount price point at just \$4.99 for a 6-pack of tallboys at most package stores. We love the new logo, applaud the creative marketing strategies that their team employs, and don't even mind the comparably flavorful taste. Also, make sure that you look under the cap on your 'Gansett bottles for additional fun with their recently reintroduced puzzle

The negatives: Though originally founded and operated right here in Rhode Island, Narragansett has yet to achieve the level of success that they need to rebuild their actual brewing operations here in the Ocean State. Instead they have been contracting their beer making through Genesee Brewing Company in New York while keeping their corporate offices right down on Ship Street in Providence. They do hope to build their own brewing facility in New England once they sell 7.5 million cases but they're currently only at 360,000 – so it could be awhile.

And the winner is...

Since we understandably were unable to judge each beer on our usual criteria, we tried to compare these five beers on a combination of taste and image and work backwards to the winner. The most obvious loser was Keystone Light due to its real lacking of flavor and style. Next we decided that there was nothing noticeably great about High Life other than their advertisements so we crossed that off the list leaving us with Busch Light, PBR, and 'Gansett.

Though we personally like Pabst Blue Ribbon due to their storied background, we felt that its status as a niche player despite its longstanding national exposure itself is indicative that it is not truly the best balanced brew in the category. We then decided that even with Busch Light's cheap bottle prices, we could not name such a generic powerhouse company as them the winner over a comparably fun and flavorful brew in Narragansett Lager.

The Two Buds therefore name Narragansett Lager the winners of the cheap beer challenge and hope that you pitch in towards their goal of reestablishing their brewing operations right here in New England in hopes of one day going national.

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"Do you have a tattoo? If so, what does it stand for?"

