

Velocity Dance-A-Thon a success!

By Brigit Clancy
Variety Editor

On Friday, March 20th, the Velocity Dance Team danced their way to success with their first dance-a-thon. The event benefited the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Kelly O'Connell, the coordinator of the event and co-captain of Velocity, said that she wanted to raise awareness about multiple sclerosis (MS) in the Bryant community after discovering a family member's diagnosis with this disease.

The dance-a-thon was a sensation raising over \$4,000 total for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. "We greatly exceeded our expectations!" said O'Connell. Over 220 people participated in the dance-a-thon.

Mr. Thomas Eakin, the Vice President for Student Affairs and the Dean of students, and his wife as well as Mrs. Kati Machtley attended. "We were so happy to have them there and it meant a lot to have their support," said O'Connell.

Two of Bryant's own students told their personal stories about MS during the event. Alicia Haelen, a member of the senior class, spoke about her personal experience with MS. Haelen described what she has gone through since being diagnosed. Maria Fontana, a member of the freshman class, spoke about her mother's diagnosis and what her mother has been going through for years.

"Both of their speeches talked about the pain that is caused by this disease," commented O'Connell. "They were very moving and they are very hopeful for the future, which was truly inspiring to hear."

The Bottom Line also appeared at the dance-a-thon. They performed a set of three songs. "We were so grateful to have them there," said O'Connell. "They did a wonderful job, and it was really a special performance for everyone that was there."

The Velocity Dance Team performed two times throughout the night to get the crowd dancing.

O'Connell said they also played games, such as musical chairs, three-legged dance, limbo, and freeze dance. Prizes were given out for each of these games.

At the end of the night, superlatives were given out to the dancers. The team Movers/Shakers won "Best Dressed"; Sigma Sigma Sigma won "Best Dancers"; Greased Lightning won "Most Energetic"; Most Movers/Shakers won "Most Fundraised" with total of \$584; Diva Dancers won "Most Creative Team Name"; Delta Kappa Epsilon won "Best Signature Dance Move"; Delta Zeta won "People's Choice"; and the "Most Valuable Dancer" was Kevin Dunn.

"I was incredibly pleased with the outcome of our first Dance-A-Thon and I know it is an event that will be carried on in the future of Velocity!" commented O'Connell. "The response from students, faculty and staff is greatly appreciated, and I think that everyone really enjoyed themselves! I would definitely say that the Dance-A-Thon was a great success and I cannot wait to see what happens with it for next year."

O'Connell stated, "I am so proud of what Velocity was able to accomplish with this event and I could not have done it without them."



(Eric Boudreau)

Poet, Nikki Giovanni captivates audience

By Brigit Clancy
Variety Editor

Distinguished poet, author, and professor at Virginia Tech, Nikki Giovanni, spent an evening at Bryant University on Thursday, March 19th. Giovanni has won countless awards for her poetry, books, and multiple NAACP Image Awards. She received the Best Spoken Word Album given by the National Association of Radio and Television Announcers and was also nominated for a Best Spoken Word Grammy for her album "The Nikki Giovanni Poetry Collection." Giovanni's honesty, in her writing and during speaking engagements, has earned her accolades and many admirers. She has inspired students, readers, and audiences across the United States. This event, sponsored by the Student Arts and Speaker Series, the Women's Center, and the Multicultural Student Union, drew in students and faculty alike to listen to a gifted and motivating writer.

Giovanni's lecture at Bryant was both entertaining and captivating. She spoke of her life experiences and recited poems that she wrote to convey those feelings. One enthralling poem that she read was about her mother. Giovanni expressed her heartfelt love, affection, and respect for her. When she shared her experience of watching her mother pass away, Giovanni described her feelings and actions—such as sitting on her mother's bed, typing

on her laptop—in such detail that the listener could virtually see and feel the moment; as though you are intruding and sharing her pain.

Giovanni also spoke at length about civil rights and equality. In addition to being an author and a poet, she is an activist. The Civil Rights Movement inspired her early poetry that was later published together in *Black Feeling*, *Black Talk* (1967), *Black*



(Cristine Cox)

Judgement (1968), and *Re: Creation* (1970). She has since written more than two dozen books including volumes of poetry, illustrated children's books, and three collections of essays. Giovanni's writing was heavily inspired by

African American activists and artists. She has a tattoo with the words "Thug life" to honor rapper Tupac Shakur, whom she admires.

Her book *Love Poems* (1997) was written in memory of him, and she has stated that she would "rather be with the thugs than the people who are complaining about them."

Giovanni is a memorable speaker. She emphasized several points throughout her lecture

that really stay in one's mind long after her lecture ends. "No one has a right to tell me what makes me happy," Giovanni firmly stated. She also stressed, "All you need [in life] is trust and balance—like riding a bicycle. Love is like riding a bicycle."

Cristine Cox, a Student Arts and Speakers Series committee member, said that Giovanni is her favorite poet. "Nikki Giovanni is a wonderful woman. Her contribution to this society spans decades, from the civil rights movement to her presence at Virginia Tech. For everyone who attended this event, I hope that they took away an important message, and that they enjoyed Dr. Giovanni's lecture. Her freedom in her speaking was like none other than I have ever seen. She inspired me to look at my life from a different perspective; how often do we take a step back and think of ourselves the way we want to be defined at that moment? And also, as a writer, the way she uses writing to channel her feelings and deal with whatever life throws at her was also amazing to hear."

Toby Simon, the Director of the Women's Center, expressed that Giovanni is a true inspiration and a gifted writer. "I love her poems," commented Simon. "She is a brilliant and talented poet. Her poems speak to me and I am sure that all her devoted followers feel the same way. She is an inspiration. I also loved her commentary between the poems. And I love, love, love her politics."

Simon commented, "I thought she was absolutely wonderful. She knows how to engage the audience. [She] is a gifted story teller and is totally up on her current affairs. [She] just makes you listen carefully when she speaks. I could have listened to her for hours more!"

Giovanni was nothing less than inspirational when she spoke to the Bryant community. Her individuality and expression were extremely refreshing and encouraging. Giovanni is truly a remarkable and lively speaker as well as a brilliant writer. Cox said, "[Giovanni is] a different kind of speaker that, I believe, truly brought a diverse and different perspective on this campus, one that allowed for the free-thinker in all of us to come out."

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Hillel engages community in holiday events

By Jessica Miles
Campus News Editor

A new year marks a makeover for Bryant University's Hillel, as they walk the campus in blue t-shirts featuring the Hebrew "chai" on their backs. This is Hillel's latest means to get the word out about the organization. I sat down with Jessica Beck, Treasurer of the Bryant chapter, and spoke with her about the message Hillel is sending to the Bryant community.

"We are trying to get people to ask about Hillel. We're gaining momentum and we really want to make a big push to let people know that they are welcome," says Beck.

Hillel is made up of several members of the Bryant community, including President Jared Koreff, Vice President Jenn Sherman, Treasurer Jessica Beck, Program Director Ellen Boise, Secretary Andrew Youman, Bryant's Jewish Chaplain Navah Levine, and Hillel's faculty advisor Wendy Samter.

While Hillel hosts several events throughout the year, the Passover Seder is one of the highlights. This year, the Seder will take place on April 9th at 5pm in Gulski where Hillel members will conduct a traditional Passover religious service and a kosher Passover dinner featuring the Seder plate.

"We want people to come that are interested. It's an informational [event] with a focus on the religious aspects of the holiday," says Beck.

The history of Passover is representative of the Jews' migration from Egypt to escape slavery and is known as the Spring Festival, the Festival of

Matzahs, and the Time of Our Freedom. During the holiday, which begins at sundown on April 8th this year, the Jews remove major grains from their diet, including wheat, spelt, oats, barley, and rye, also known as "chametz." This represents the Jews' rush to break away from slavery in Egypt, preventing their bread from

with parsley, both representing the spring season and the cycle of life. The parsley is dipped in salt water during the Seder to embody the tears shed by the Jewish slaves. Lastly, "maror" or bitter herbs and a shank bone, representing a sacrificial lamb; symbolize the struggle for freedom in Egypt.

Hillel's Seder will include all of

nity that are unfamiliar with our customs," said Hillel President Jared Koreff.

In the past, the Passover Seder was attended by numerous students and faculty members, including President Machtley and several people from the Center for Student Involvement, as well as other Jewish members of the Bryant community.

Salmanson Dining Hall is also recognizing Passover, providing students with traditional Passover foods, including matzah and hard boiled eggs. Bryant's Jewish Chaplain, Navah Levine is working with Salmanson to broaden the choices for students and expand the holiday menu to include more options in terms of kosher Passover food.

As Hillel prepares for Passover they would also like to invite the Bryant community to attend events for Holocaust Remembrance Day, taking place toward the end of April. Hillel will feature Tim Lagarce a Bryant student who will speak about his experience studying the

Holocaust in Germany. Also in honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day Hillel will present information about survivors and the Holocaust in the Rotunda during the day.

For more information about Hillel check out www.bryanthillel.org for upcoming events and holidays or e-mail Hillel at hillel@bryant.edu. Meetings are held every other Tuesday at 5pm in the Women's Center.



Members of Hillel prepare for this year's Passover Seder.

(University Relations)

rising. Instead of chametz, Jews eat unleavened bread made from flour and water called "matzah."

Along with matzah, Passover is also centered on the Seder plate, which contains five foods, each with its own meaning to the holiday. The first is "haroseth," a mixture of cinnamon, apples, walnuts, and wine signifying the mortar Jewish slaves used to assemble bricks. A "beitzah" or egg is also featured on the Seder plate along

these traditional Passover aspects, while also delving deeper into the meaning of the holiday and why it is celebrated.

"Hillel is flourishing this year to become a strong and recognized religious organization on campus. As a result, we welcome all Bryant community members to attend our annual Passover Seder. We would love to use this as an opportunity to share our culture with members of our commu-

Student-made films showcased in Bulldog Film Festival

By Jessica Komoroski
Assistant Editor-in-Chief

Since the Student Arts and Speaker series (SASS) started this fall, the committee has worked to bring student-centered arts and cul-

tural events to campus. First born from the Student Involvement fee, the committee has brought a wide variety of speakers, artists and performers to campus such as Frank Warren, Tedy Bruschi and Nikki Giovanni.

On Friday, April 3rd co-sponsored with The College of Arts and Sciences, the Department of Literary and Cultural Studies, the Department of Communications and SASS, the festival will be a showcase of a selection of shorts and films directed by high school and college students throughout New England in the "Bulldog Film Festival." The festival will include films made by Bryant students and there will be a cash prize for the best films.

The event's planning committee includes faculty members Tom Dooley, Elizabeth Walden and Tom Roach who served as liaisons to schools in the surrounding area; these individuals sought the help of their colleagues to

bring in work from college students throughout New England. Beyond that, SASS co-chairs sent out posters and flyers with information about the film festival to a detailed list of high schools and additional colleges encouraging their students to submit work to the festival.

'The event allows Bryant students, and students throughout New England, to present their artwork to an audience of their peers.'

Although currently the Bryant students participating in the festival have not yet been chosen, the co-sponsors hope the event will encourage the student body to explore the many different art forms the campus now offers.

The showing of the best films will take place in Janikies Theater. The event allows

Bryant students, and students throughout New England, to present their artwork to an audience of their peers. The festival is sure to be a presentation of visual skills that will bring a new type of cultural experience to Bryant's campus.

Want to know which Bryant students will be in the Festival? Join us April 3rd at 7p.m. in Janikies Theater.

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Phunk Phenomenon hits a beat



(Jenna Marzec)



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On March 23rd Lil' Phunk and the Phunk Phenomenon Dance Troupes danced their way across the Janikies stage promoting community, empowerment through the art of dance. As the official junior dance team of the Boston Celtics, Phunk Phenomenon also uses their talent to encourage change on an individual level, as well as within local communities and worldwide.

Bryant student to commission as US Army infantry officer

By Bryant Army ROTC
Contributing Writers

Ryan Allen, a Bryant senior and cadet in the Army ROTC program here, will commission in May as an officer in the United States Army. Currently Mr Allen serves as the Battalion Commander, the highest ranking cadet position, for the Patriot Battalion at Providence College, the organization to which Bryant Army ROTC is linked. Instead of joining the civilian work force, Mr Allen will become an Infantry officer. As an Infantry officer, Mr Allen will lead a platoon consisting of about

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50 soldiers in training at US Army installations across the globe, as well as possibly in combat, protecting the US from its enemies. Thus Mr Allen is an example of how effectively the ROTC program turns college students into well-prepared, knowledgeable officers for the US Army.

Mr Allen joined the ROTC program in his freshman year, committing to the program because growing up, he had always dreamed of being in the Army. When he learned of all of the leadership and networking opportunities that are available to US Army officers, he felt that it was a perfect fit for him. As a result of ROTC and his Army experiences, Mr Allen has been able to dra-

matically increase his leadership skills, undergo a great variety of training that has enhanced his abilities, and instilled a sense of discipline in completing the sometimes difficult tasks faced as a cadet, while balancing the normal academic workload with the commitments of ROTC.

During this time he was heavily involved and extremely active in the program, participating in strenuous Physical Training (PT) sessions, Field Training Exercises (FTXs), and instructive Leadership Labs. Mr Allen also competed as part of the Ranger Challenge team, ROTC's extracurricular activity in which cadets undergo demanding physical training and learn new skills. During this event cadets travel to Fort Devens, Massachusetts, to compete with other cadets from across the Northeast in events such as the Obstacle Course, Land Navigation, Rifle Marksmanship, the Army Physical Fitness Test, and the Hand Grenade Course.

He also had the occasion to join cadets from the US Military Academy on their summer Cadet Field Training, held throughout the US. During this training session, Mr Allen learned about leadership in the field, weapons proficiency, and the various functions of the Army. Mr Allen has also been to Airborne School, where he learned how to successfully jump out of an airplane and land under a deployed parachute

in order to surprise the enemy.

This past summer, Mr Allen successfully completed Warrior Forge, the trial by fire that all prospective cadets must pass in order to commission. Finally, he had a most unique internship. He went to Germany and served as the platoon leader of a combat arms unit for four weeks, leading them on field exercises, qualification tests, and in simulated battle conditions.

So what is next for the soon-to-be Second Lieutenant Allen? Well, after graduation Mr Allen will remain in the area for six months assisting the Patriot Battalion in instructing cadets and training them in their quests to become Army officers. After that, he will debark for BOLC II, a five week course in which newly commissioned officers learn about the lessons gained from experience in Iraq and Afghanistan.

This training includes urban combat, battlefield leadership, and advanced weapons employment.

After that comes the Infantry Officer Basic Course, where he will learn the skills and knowledge that an In-

fantry officer must have. After that, he hopes to attend Ranger School, a session that pushes soldiers to the limit, and prepares them for future operations. In conclusion, if you happen to see Mr Allen around campus, take a chance to ask him about ROTC and all that it has done for him, and what he plans to do as a future US Army officer!



Ryan Allen

(Geoffrey Ensbj)

Green Pitch another step in campus-wide initiative

By Emily Murphy
Copy Editor

Last Tuesday Bryant University's Global Entrepreneurship Program hosted its first Green Pitch competition. The competition took the place of the annual Elevator Pitch competition. Students in the Introduction to Business classes were expected to pitch a business idea featuring either a green product or service or a strong social responsibility plan that would benefit the environment. The Best Overall Pitch was awarded to Don't Forget Greetings, represented by Robert Zysk and Courtney Rammunno. The Most Likely to Succeed was determined to be TempText, headed up by Samantha Nappi. Finally, the Crowd's Favorite was Tupper's Totts, delivered by Kyle Rudden.

The event itself was green—the food was served in eco-friendly containers, and the judges did not use the typical paper rubrics to grade the pitches. Instead, each competition room had a Google account, and they were all synced to display scores that the judges inputted into their own computers. The only paper used was the program booklets and signs—which were all recycled.

John Ready, the co-founder of Catch a Piece of Maine, a lobstering company, and the Green Pitch's

keynote speaker, told students about his experiences in the industry. Final Round judges included Craig Powell, the President and CEO of Connect-EDU, Troy Hatlevig, the creator of Monster Lab at Monster Worldwide (owners of Monster.com), and

Michael Cohen, the Executive-in-Residence and Partner at Wilson Alan LLC. Joining them was Ron Mondillo, the Principal of RAM Marketing, Dave Potter, CEO of Momentum Venture Associates and COO of Previser Health Solutions, Dean Jack Trifts, Ken Pereira, the founder and CEO of Healthcare Automation, INC., and John Jaddou, managing partner and co-founder of Veraxia Management Advisors. Keynote speaker John Ready also took part in the final round judging.

The event was coordinated by the Global Entrepreneurship Program with support from the Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization.



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MAR 17 2009-Tuesday at 17:07

Location: RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: A student came into DPS to report the theft of items from her room.

ACCIDENT (MVA) Motor Vehicle Accident

MAR 18 2009-Wednesday at 01:04

Location: ENTRY CONTROL STATION

Summary: A report of a minor accident with no injuries.

DISORDERLY Disturbance

MAR 18 2009-Wednesday at 01:10

Location: RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: A report of a fight in the Residence Hall Village.

DRUG ACTIVITY

MAR 18 2009-Wednesday at 01:38

Location: ENTRY CONTROL STATION

Summary: One student was arrested by the Smithfield Police after DPS found marijuana in his vehicle.

FIRE ALARM

MAR 18 2009-Wednesday at 20:55

Location: RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: A smoke detector was activated.

DISORDERLY Dispute

MAR 20 2009-Friday at 02:18

Location: RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: A reported dispute between 2 males. The involved students did not want to file any charges with the Smithfield Police.

FIRE ALARM

MAR 20 2009-Friday at 22:26

Location: UNISTRUCTURE

Summary: An activated smoke detector. System was reset.

LARCENY (Over \$500)

MAR 20 2009-Friday at 22:41

Location: RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: A report of a stolen safe from a room.

VANDALISM TO AUTOS

MAR 21 2009-Saturday at 15:19

Location: SENIOR APARTMENT ROAD

Summary: A report of three vehicles being damaged.

DRUG Possession of Marijuana

MAR 22 2009-Sunday at 02:16

Location: RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: Three students were arrested by the Smithfield Police for possession of marijuana.

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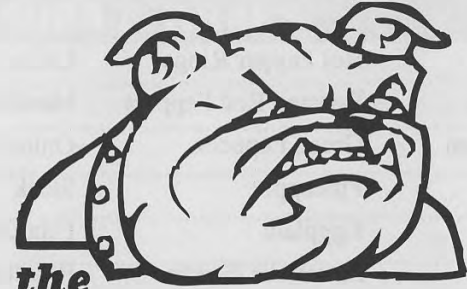
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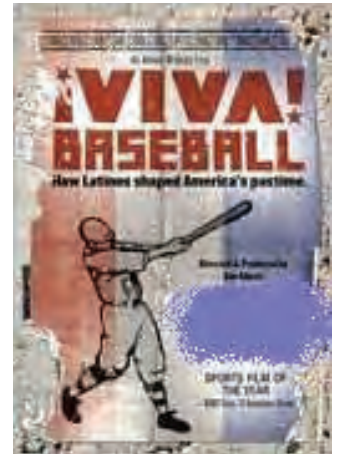
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Spring Art Exhibit

The Bryant Center will host the Spring Art Exhibit in Papitto beginning Monday, March 30 from 12-2pm

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Study Abroad Spotlight: Sam Schultz

Name: Sam Schultz
Class of: 2009
University: Jawaharlal Nehru University
Location: Delhi, India
Partner: IES Abroad

one with a phone and I lost it on the way back. Our taxi driver had passed out in the car in a drunken stupor, so, with nothing else to do, one other girl and myself had to hoist ourselves on the first then

had woken up the hotel manager, but he apologized to us in the morning for locking us out and made us all omelets for breakfast.

Reason for going:

Growing up in a Sikh community, I've always been fascinated by India. I always knew I would go there at some point in my life, so I figured this was the best way I could make the most of a trip out there.

Best experience/memory:

We had a week break between our orientation and when classes began, so a few of us took a 10-day tour up through Northern India. Our first stop was to the Golden Temple in Amritsar, which is the capital of the state of Punjab. Since I first learned about India as a kid, I've always wanted to go to the Golden Temple, and I finally got the chance to see it during the day and at night, walk around inside, offer Prasad, and listen to the scripture. It was absolutely breathtaking.

Funny cultural experience:

During that same trip, we stopped in Dharamsala, most famous for being the hometown of the Dalai Lama, and stayed at this hotel about 3km north of the main downtown. We went out one night and got back to our hotel pretty late only to discover the doors were locked because it turns out every hotel in the town has a curfew. I was the only



second floor terrace, climb around to the back of the hotel, and break into the window of our room. We

How was the school different from Bryant University?

Unlike Bryant, JNU is a very politically active campus, which is not too surprising since it's located in the heart of the nation's capital. It was really surprising for me to walk in to class at least a few times per month and discover that class was cancelled because either the students or professors were on strike or protesting. One week we didn't have class at all because all the student government groups were protesting the Supreme Court's attempt to regulate the student group elections.

How did this experience change you?

Having the opportunity to study Hindi, a language very different from English, gave me some great perspective on everything I've ever known about slang, grammar, and how we communicate. The tremendous diversity in India as far as ethnic, religious, linguistic, and economic differences, to name a few, has also helped me become a lot more tolerant and open to so many different ideas and perceptions.

Would you study abroad again given the opportunity?

Absolutely! Travelling abroad during college as a student is one of the best times to get out there. I think everyone should!

Bryant Held Hostage

It's that time of the year again! WJMF will be holding their annual fundraiser for Meeting Street School in Providence, Rhode Island. For over 60 years, Meeting Street has provided education for children with special needs. Over the past few years, the school has served over 3000 children of all ages. This telethon Fundraiser runs 36 straight hours from Friday April 3rd at 10am to Saturday April 4th at 10pm. During the 36 hours faculty, staff, students, and advisors can come in to the WJMF studio located in the Koffler Communication building to donate as well as go on the Air for interviews. I would like to extend an invitation to everyone, feel free to stop by the station and say hello.

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Greek Corner

By Rachael Hylan

The Order-of-Omega, the National Greek Honor Society has been having a very eventful spring so far. We started off the semester with our first annual New Member Induction ceremony and dinner. We initiated 11 new members, bringing our chapter size to 21 members. We installed a new executive board, composed of President, Rachael Hylan, Vice President, Alyssa McLaughlin, Treasurer, Amanda Aarons, Secretary, Kerry Moriarity and Academic Chair, Arielle Purcell. At the annual 2009 NGLA Conference, the Order of Omega was recognized with an Honorable Mention for the Outstanding Chapter Award, the only chapter in the Northeast to receive recognition!

Beginning for the month of February, we created a Scholar of the Month award to distinguish a member of the Greek Life community that has excelled academically. Any nominations for the award are accepted and anyone in Greek Life is eligible to win. The winner receives a certificate, points towards his or her chapter, and a Ronzio's gift certificate! Delta Chi Senior, and Order-of-Omega initiate, Gergely Nemeth received the first award for his various academic achievements including his acceptance to Duke's graduate school.

In addition to our current events and activities, we have a lot more planned for the rest of the semester to look forward to, including participation in the Relay for Life and the addition of a mentor program to connect upperclassmen with new members.

RELAY FOR LIFE UPCOMING EVENTS!

Purple Out! Men's Lax vs. Brown Tuesday March 31st 7pm on the turf! First 200 fans receive a free purple out t-shirt!

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Archway applications are now available!

Editorial and Executive Board applications for 2009-2020 will be accepted until **Friday, April 3rd!** Act now and become a part of one of Bryant's Major Organizations!

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Geithner seeks expanded power over financial firms

By William Douglas
MCT Campus

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner called Tuesday for new powers to regulate giant non-bank financial companies, such as insurance titan American International Group, whose failure would endanger the U.S. economy.

In a rare joint appearance before the House Financial Services Committee, Geithner and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said the AIG experience underscored that the Treasury needed to be able to take over failing financial institutions expeditiously, remove their bad assets and sell their good assets to competitors. The powers that Geithner seeks are similar to what the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. has over national banks.

"The proposed resolution authority would allow the government to provide financial assistance to make loans to an institution, purchase its obligations or assets, assume or guarantee its liabilities and purchase an equity interest," Geithner said. "This proposed legislation would fill a significant void in the current financial-services regulatory structure with respect to nonbank institutions."

Geithner said, "AIG highlights broad failures of our financial system," and that it underscores why action must be taken to ensure that such dangers never menace the nation again.

The Obama administration will lay out more details of its proposed revisions for financial regulation Thursday. It will do so in advance of a G-20 meeting of leaders from the world's 20 major economies, at which Europeans will push hard for stronger regulation of global financial markets.

The White House has voiced wariness over ceding too much authority over U.S. markets to international institutions. However, President Barack Obama said Tuesday that he would push at the G-20 meeting for greater regulation of hedge funds and other nonbank financial institutions that, like AIG, could af-



Timothy Geithner (MCT Campus)

fect the world economy.

Geithner said he'd give more details of the administration's regulatory plan Thursday when he testified again before the committee.

House Financial Services Committee Chairman Barney Frank, D-Mass., appeared supportive of the administration's call.

"We need to give somebody somewhere in the federal government ... the authority to do what the FDIC can do with banks," Frank said. "It's called resolving authority, but giving somebody ... a form of bankruptcy power given under the Constitution ... allows us to avoid the choice of all or nothing: Nothing in the case of Lehman Brothers, all in the case of AIG."

Lawmakers grilled the two senior officials anew about the \$165 million in bonuses paid to AIG employees. Geithner and Bernanke restated their displeasure over AIG's retention bonuses and vowed to work with Congress to prevent excessive bonuses or rewards going to the employees of firms that receive federal bailout money.

Bernanke testified Tuesday that he had considered suing to block the AIG bonuses but his legal counsel persuaded him not to. Bernanke said that if the Treasury had the power it now sought, "the bonus issue would not have arisen."

"I share the anger and frustration of the American people, not just about the compensation practices at AIG and in other parts of our financial system, but that our system permitted a scale of risk-taking that has caused grave damage to the fortunes of all Americans," Geithner said.

However, while Geithner said he found the bonuses repugnant, he said that there was no choice but to pay them because they were part of legally binding contracts.

"We need to strike the right balance between encouraging investment and prudent risk-taking to get our financial system moving again, and, on the other hand, placing limits on executive compensation to avoid taxpayer-funded rewards for failure," he said.

Understanding the Madoff Mess

By Michael Slafsky
Staff Writer

The name Bernie Madoff will forever be infamous for the largest "ponzi" scheme ever carried out by a single person. In December of 2006, Mr. Madoff was arrested after it was uncovered that he had defrauded his investors out of more than \$50 billion. It was amazing that he was able to get away with it for as long as he did, and a shame that he was not discovered sooner.

A "ponzi" scheme is a way that an investor will defraud others into believing the business is successful. It was named after Charles Ponzi, one of the most crooked men in US history. After defrauding investors, Ponzi was arrested and deported. The name Ponzi continues to describe a type of fraudulent investing firm in which the investor rips off his or her clients.

Madoff began his investment firm, Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC, in 1960. He worked there as its chairman until his arrest. His firm was a very successful one; they even created the technology that later became the NASDAQ. The company did exceedingly well, being listed as the sixth largest business on Wall Street in 2008. It wasn't until much later that the public found out that all of his earnings were falsified. Basically, what Madoff did was he would take money from his clients' accounts. He would pay off some investors using money he received from other investors. Meanwhile, he would take money for himself.

Madoff had client lists that included some of the wealthiest men and women in New York and around the country. Madoff, being Jewish, had strong connections to Jewish investors as well as local Jewish organizations. Mort Zuckerman, Elie Weisel and Steven Spielberg are just some of the victims of Bernie Madoff. Other reported celebrity victims include baseball star Sandy Koufax and New York Mets owner Fred Wilpon. Actors Kevin Bacon and his wife Kyra Sedgwick, as well as John Malkovich and Zsa Zsa Gabor were also among the many believed to be defrauded. One organization hit hard by Madoff's scheme was the Robert Lappin Foundation, which helped fund many Jewish organizations throughout the North Shore of Massachusetts. These organizations worked with Jewish families all over the North Shore and the lack of funds will cripple their impact on the lives of thousands of people.

In December of 2008, Madoff told his sons he would be giving millions of dollars in bonuses much earlier than originally believed. When his sons questioned where the money was coming from, he admitted to them that he had been running a "ponzi" scheme. After some deliberation, the sons talked to their lawyers who later contacted authorities, ending Madoff's run as a fraudulent investor.

Bernie Madoff recently moved from his penthouse apartment to a jail cell in New York City, where he is likely to spend the rest of his life. Madoff hurt his clients financially in ways people never thought possible. Billions and billions of dollars will never be seen again. He has also hurt his family, who will forever be connected to the most underhanded white collar criminal in history. Madoff has also hurt the general public's view of Jewish men and women, who now have to live with the actions of Madoff. In this tragedy, many people were hurt by the actions of one man.

Do you agree with the Treasury's pursuit for expanded powers?

Tell us what you think. Comment on this story at www.bryantarchway.com

Should Twitter build a business plan?

By Joe Pelletier
Online and Business Editor

Is it time for Twitter to build a business plan? A recent article by Chris Dannen, a blogger at Fast Company, notes that Twitter may be reaching its "tipping point". Dannen points to a graph that shows unique visitors at Twitter.com growing from 750,000 per month in January 2008 to nearly 6 million per month by January 2009.

For those who may not know what Twitter is, the company describes their service as a "free social messaging utility for staying connected in real-time." Like Facebook, Twitter allows you to build up a friend list (known as "followers") so you can communicate short messages (known as "tweets") back and forth throughout the day. Pretty simple idea, right?

Perhaps the greatest challenge for Twitter is proving its long term viability. Though the service appears to be a good idea, given its enormous momentum, the question still remains: can it be a profitable idea as well?

There are several ideas out in the blogosphere suggesting ways for Twitter to turn this growth into cash. One of the more viable business models is allowing Twitter users the option of monetizing their tweets through textual advertising. Of course, Twitter would assume

a fraction of this revenue so they could build up their own bottom line as well.

Others think Twitter could be the next alternative search engine. If you can't find something on Google, try Twitter Search. Regardless, Twitter must be sensitive to the fact that growth can slow or even reverse if they impose too many barriers on their broad user base. Charging users directly, including corporate entities, could certainly encourage substitutes and new entrants in the marketplace.

According to Dave Winer of the blog *Scripting News*, Twitter should be careful about biting off more than they can chew when they do unveil a business plan. Comparing Twitter to Netscape, Winer's point is clear: narrow the focus on a niche that is valuable and defensible. Maybe this is why Twitter is holding off.

Investors are not in a hurry either. Fred Wilson, a VC from Union Square Ventures has this to say: "Eventually Google was going to make money and they figured out how to do it and they figured out a great business, and I think the same thing is true with Twitter."

But at the end of the day, maybe Twitter wasn't meant to be a business at all. Could we see a buyout on the horizon?

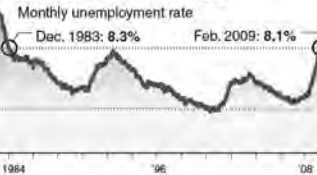
What history shows us

One way the depth of the economic crisis can be measured is by looking at the historically low levels of some major indicators.

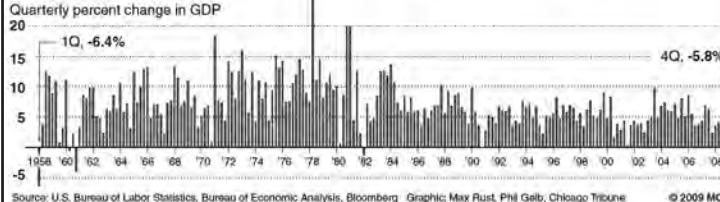
Back to '97 - The Dow



Back to '83 - Jobless rate



Back to '58 - Growth



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Archway Investment Fund (AIF)

Returns as of March 23, 2009

AIF YTD Performance
-8.25%

S&P 500 YTD Performance:
-11.08%

Bulldogs split series against Monmouth

By Jackie Ammirato
Staff Writer

The baseball team traveled to New Jersey this weekend and split a four game series with Monmouth 2-2. Dan Lozeau and Kevin Cobb picked up wins for the Bulldogs as the team improved its record to 13-7 in its first season at the DI level.

The series started off roughly for the Bulldogs on Friday afternoon as the team committed four errors and left eight men on base in losing to Monmouth 8-1. The team did have some success offensively as Jeff Vigurs and Dylan Stone extended their hitting streaks to 16 and 13 games respectively. Also in the game, junior Nick Campbell recorded his 200th career hit on a double down the right field line.

Things picked up Saturday morning as Dan Lozeau went the full nine innings and allowed just three hits as he picked up his second win and led the Bulldogs to a 5-1 victory. Pat McKenna led off the game with a single for the Bulldogs and was driven in on Pat O'Connor's fifth homerun of the year. Bryant would never relinquish the lead as O'Connor went 2-for-3 with three RBI's and two runs scored and McKenna had two hits to go with two runs.

In the Saturday afternoon game, Bryant took a quick 2-0 lead thanks to two



The inaugural Division I season has provided the Bulldogs with an opportunity to show critics that the squad is truly ready for the challenges at hand, and the club has certainly proved their worth thus far. (Athletic Dept.)

Monmouth fielding errors. A costly Bulldog error in the bottom of the fourth helped Monmouth score three runs in the inning and gave them the lead for good. Bryant was held to just three hits all game and fell 5-3.

Kevin Cobb took the mound for the Bulldogs in the final game of the series and picked up his fourth win of the season leading the team to a 2-1 win. Facing a 1-0 deficit for most of the game, freshman Jimmy Skagerlind led off the seventh inning with a single up the middle and with two outs Stone drove in the tying run. The Bulldogs rallied again in the top of ninth as Jordan English and Scott Merritt singled and Dan Mello drew a walk to load the bases. Tom Norton drove in the winning run with an infield single. Reliever Mark Andrews entered the game in the bottom of the ninth and kept Monmouth scoreless to pick up his fourth save of the year. Skagerlind and English led the Bryant offense with two hits apiece.

The Bulldogs head to New York this weekend to take on Long Island University in a four game series starting Friday.

Welcome to Club 200

Junior Nick Campbell (Raynham, Mass.) hit a double down the right field line in the sixth inning in the first game against Monmouth on Friday, giving him 200 hits for his career. Campbell is just the sixth player all-time in the history of the program to register 200 hits for his career, and he is only in his junior season.

Men's Lax rallies vs. Penn, 15-11

Courtesy of BryantBulldogs.com

A 4-1 deficit to open the game wouldn't deter a comeback for the Bryant University men's lacrosse team, as sophomore Matt Larson (Cheshire, Conn.) and freshman Travis Harrington (Vestal, N.Y.) lit up the net with a combined nine goals in the Bulldogs' breakout win over the University of Pennsylvania, 15-11, Sunday afternoon at the Bryant Turf Complex.

Harrington netted a career-high four goals and added a pair of assists to lead the game in points scored while Larson scored five tallies - three of them unassisted - leading five Bryant scorers in the win, four of them recording multi-goal outings.

Freshman Jameson Love (Darien, Conn.) also came up huge between the pipes for the Bulldogs, making a number of bigtime stops en route to a career-high 16 saves, anchoring a defense that faced 45 Quaker shots.

Bryant (6-4) got off to a timid start, putting little pressure on an offense that ripped off 14 shots in the opening frame. Craig Andrzejewski opened the scoring for Penn (1-5) at the four-minute mark with an unassisted goal before teammate Terry Kennedy made it 2-0 in the away team's favor with 8:45 to play in the first period.

Larson scored his first tally just over a minute later off a feed from Gary Crowley (Scituate, Mass.) to cut the deficit to just one goal, 2-1, but Andrzejewski answered with back-to-back tallies just 38 seconds apart to get the Penn advantage up to 4-1 with five minutes to play.

Senior attack Bryan Kaufmann (Putnam Valley, N.Y.) cut into Penn's lead with 4:21 to play with his first of three goals on the afternoon, turning enough momentum toward the Bulldogs for Larson to send Bryant into the first break with a 4-3 deficit after he scored wraparound goal under heavy pressure with 46 ticks left on the clock.

"When we were down 4-1, we just started to play with a lot of heart," said Bryant head coach Mike Pressler. "I was disappointed that we didn't begin the game at that emotional level, but then we became who we are and we became more physical instead of sitting on our heels and watching them play. It was a

hard-fought Division I win for the Bulldogs today."

Frosh Tim Clinton (Darien, Conn.) hooked up with longstick middle Anthony Iannello (Lake Ronkonkoma, N.Y.) six minutes into the second with a perfect feed from the defensive half, knotting it at 4-4 after Iannello took the ball to the cage for a bounce goal from eight-yards out. And the Bulldogs would never look back.

"Tim is one of our freshman stalwarts in the defensive end," said Pressler. "I thought he played his best game today. We've seen him do it in practice, and it's great to see him perform on game day too."

Harrington scored the go-ahead tally with 7:23 to play before the half and Bryant would never again trail for the remainder of the contest.

"When we went up 5-4 early on, the momentum shifted," said Pressler. "We were taking the play to them and that was the difference. We were more aggressive, more physical, tougher on the loose balls. And that was something we had to do."

But that didn't mean Penn wouldn't make it interesting.

A triple-teamed Max Weisenberg (Long Beach, N.Y.) dished off a quick pass to Harrington in close, allowing the frosh to deposit his second-consecutive goal with 5:42 to go to give Bryant a 6-4 edge before Penn threatened the lead with a goal from Garvey Heiderman.

But Kaufmann answered immediately, making good on a pass across the cage from leading scorer Zack Greer (Whitby, Ont.), who started the play by picking up a key contested ground ball near the sideline.

And just as Penn seemed to have gotten the last push before intermission - Drew Collins scored with 45 seconds left - Harrington made it his first career hat trick on an identical goal, again from Greer, to take an 8-6 advantage into the halftime break.

"We were certainly glad we were back in the game, but we knew that we had to come out and regain the momentum that we finished the half with," said Pressler of the feeling at halftime. "They cut it to one twice but we never let

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Top Dogs



Nick Campbell

Year: Senior

Sport: Baseball

After Wednesday's win over Boston College, the senior notched his 200th career hit against Monmouth. He is currently third on the team with a .350 batting average.



Casey Fenwick

Year: Senior

Sport: Outdoor Track

Had an outstanding opening outdoor track meet last Saturday at the Husky Invitational, finishing third overall in the women's 5000 meters in a time of 19:13.63. The track team hosts the Bryant Invitational all day Saturday.

NFL has no plans to change overtime rules

By Adam Teicher
MCT Campus

Last season's Super Bowl was seconds away from being the first to reach overtime. If not for Ben Roethlisberger's touchdown pass to Santonio Holmes in the final minute of Pittsburgh's 27-23 win over Arizona, the Steelers would have opted for a game-tying field goal.

That would have set up a scenario where a coin flip could have determined the result of football's ultimate game.

Never has the result of the coin toss had such influence over the outcome of overtime as it did last season. Almost half of the league's overtime games (47 percent) were won on the session's first possession of the sudden-death session.

Since the NFL instituted overtime in 1974, 30 percent of overtime games were decided on the first possession. The accuracy and range of the league's kickers is higher than ever and could account for the increased percentage.

The league will not act on the matter for at least another year. There's nothing regarding overtime on the agenda for NFL owners, who on Sunday began four days of meetings at a seaside resort in California.

"It does concern me, but it also is a system that everybody knows the rules of and everybody does have an opportunity to play defense," said Falcons president Rich McKay, co-chair of the NFL's competition committee. "It's not as though the coin flip decides the game. The accuracy of the kickers and the length of the field goals I thought was going to be a big factor. But when you look at the numbers, it's amazing that . . . I think the average (overtime winning) field goal was something like 37 yards. So it means the team had made it all the way to the opponent's 20-yard line and obviously had a real drive, not a 55-yard field goal, which would be my fear.

"I think that we are comfortable with that in the sense that I think people inside the league like the system, the system is built for excitement and we have an opportunity to play defense. So I think for now that's the system we're

going to stay with."

When Carl Peterson was their president and general manager, the Chiefs on more than one occasion sponsored a proposal that would provide each team at least one possession in overtime. The proposal

it breaks ties. We think it achieves a second goal, which is it is extremely exciting. Our current system does resolve ties. This year is the first time we had a tie probably in about five years, and our system works well from an excitement standpoint.

"There are some statistics that I say otherwise concern some of us, but at this time there will be nothing proposed and I don't expect there to be much discussion about the topic, other than I'm sure we'll have a little open discussion for that topic of overtime."

The NFL's concern in moving to a system where each team gets at least one overtime possession is in turning games into marathons. NFL executive vice president Ray Anderson said league surveys show players to be against a change because of concern for injuries.

"I myself was a little surprised at how adamant the players were about not wanting to change the current overtime system and agreeing with Rich's assessment that they say, look, the excitement is there, everyone has got an opportunity to win this thing in regulation," Anderson said. "They were pretty adamant that extended play time, when you're playing 20 games, exposes you to injury risk, and they'd just as soon say, let's battle it out during regulation, and if you can't win it in regulation, you take your chances in overtime."

SCHEDULE: The NFL has no plans to alter the 20-game format currently in use (16 regular-season games, four exhibitions). However, the league could eliminate one or two preseason matches to accommodate more regulation games.

The owners will be given information this week by the competition committee regarding competitive issues with a 17-game or 18-game regular season, but NFL executive vice president Ray Anderson contemplates no action until a collective-bargaining agreement is reached.



Critics used San Diego's upset over Indianapolis on wild card weekend as fuel for the fire to change the overtime rules, but the owners still aren't buying.

(MCT Campus)

failed each time, and the Chiefs made no effort to change the rule this year.

"No club proposed a change," McKay said. "I think overtime still achieves its major goal, which is

utive vice president Ray Anderson contemplates no action until a collective-bargaining agreement is reached.

Bulldogs able to rebound against tough D-I foe

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them tie the score. I thought that was critical. For our confidence and psyche, that was a very positive thing for us."

A pushing call shortly out of the break on the Bulldogs allowed the Quakers to narrow the lead to one goal for the third time, 8-7, as Alex Weber converted the extra-man opportunity 2:10 into the third

session. But the Bulldogs' top scorers of the game connected to bring the advantage back up to two with 9:10 to play when Harrington assisted on Larson's completion of his own hat trick with goal No. 3 on the day.

"Nine goals for those two guys," said Pressler. "Were we planning on that? Absolutely not. But we knew Larson was due for a breakout game soon. I inserted Travis because we needed a little more

toughness on offense, to get those goals.

"We scored 11 goals before Zack [Greer] scored his first," added Pressler, "that's a big confidence builder for the guys."

Collins brought Penn's deficit back to one goal, 9-8, minutes later, but Harrington, Larson and Greer exploded for a trio of goals to bridge the third and fourth frames.

But down 12-8 with 13:57 left in the game, the Quakers weren't counting themselves out yet.

Corey Winkoff scored an unas-

sisted goal just 32 seconds before Rob McMullen drew the score to 12-10 with a man-up goal of his own. It would take Collins under a minute to make it three-straight and complete his own hat trick with a goal that brought the game to just one, 12-11, in Bryant's favor.

But the Quakers wouldn't be able to put a stop to the Bulldogs' potent and driven offense, who tacked on three more goals for good measure in the final 10 minutes of the contest, from Greer, Kaufmann and Larson, respectively.

"We kept our composure when they came back and cut it to one and that's something we haven't demonstrated yet," Pressler said. "They made their run, we made ours and we just had a little more in the end."

Despite the 15-11 victory, the Bulldogs were out-shot, 45-40, and did not have their usual luxury of possession on every faceoff. Junior Andrew Hennessey (Wading Rive, N.Y.), who has been stellar from the X so far this season, faced his biggest challenge yet in Justin Lynch, and won 14-of-29 opportunities, well below his usual success rate.

"Andrew Hennessey had his toughest battle of the whole year today," said Pressler.

The Bulldogs dominated on ground balls, winning 45 to Penn's 33 but struggled again on turnovers, suffering 26 miscues. Love made 16 saves, outshining the six made by Joe Hegener in the loss.

"Jameson easily could have been our Player of the Game," said Pressler. "He was great between the pipes and his clearing game was outstanding. He ignited some of those goals in transition and I think today might have been his best day yet."

The Bulldogs now take their back-to-back wins on the road for their next contest, the last road game of the season, Saturday, March 28 when they take on Lehigh University at 3 p.m.



Bryan Kaufman(above), Matt Larson and freshmen Travis Harrington led the Bulldogs' attack to rally back from a halftime deficit.

(Athletic Dept.)

From madness to mayhem, thoughts from a busy sports week

By David Niles
Staff Writer

Some thoughts from a busy sports world.
- When the Yankees' centerfield battle is coming down between Melky Cabrera and Brett Gardner, you realize 200 million dollars doesn't buy what is used to.

- And times have changed since the days when troubled malcontents used to be on their best behavior when they first go to a new team. Now you have TO mandating he gets "his" number,

then doesn't show up to the team's first workouts. And then there is Manny taking time off to rest his "hammy" the first week back.

- JD Drew is day-to-day if you haven't heard.

- Brett Favre is STILL retired.

- The worst part of a Curt Schilling retirement is that he can now be a full time bag of hot air.

- Matt Cassell is going to make over 14 million dollars this year, has the status of a franchise quarterback and is known around the league as a potential Pro Bowler. A year ago, he was making close to the league minimum, was a third-stringer hoping to keep his job, hadn't started a game since high school and was known around the league as "Who"?

Here are the statistics for three pitchers from last season. How would you rank them?

- A- 2.90ERA, 18-3, 1.32whip
- B- 12-11, 4.02ERA, 1.19whip

C- 10-11, 4.13ERA, 1.18whip
I bet you wouldn't have guessed player A (with clearly the best numbers) is Daisuke Matsuzaka, who continues to be criticized for pitching style and failure to live up to expectations. Players B and C (with very comparable numbers but vastly different salaries and reputations) are Josh Becket and Tim Wakefield, respectively. Given the success of Jon Lester in addition to this, I fail to understand why we continue to label Becket as the staff ace.

- The recent 4-6 stretch the Celtics went through without KG showed how overrated Paul Pierce is (sorry only a borderline top 20 player in my book) and exposed Ray Allen's defensive deficiencies (he doesn't look quite as quick without KG bailing him out when he gets burned).

- Here are the statistics for two basketball players:

- A- 28.6PPG, 7.6RPG, 7.3APG, 33.3% on 3PGA
- B- 31.2PPG, 4.9RPG, 5.3APG, 13.2% on 3PGA

Player A is LeBron James, whose main identified flaw is outside shooting. Player B? Michael Jordan at the same age. I think his game rounded out ok.

- Dumbest argument I heard this week: Is it harder to pick all

the winners or all the losers in the first round of the NCAA tournament? If you don't understand why this argument is so stupid I will have completely lost all faith in our country's education system and the intelligence of humanity.



Perhaps the LeBron-MJ comparisons aren't early; just take look at the stats. (MCT Campus)

Greer named semi-finalist for Lowe's Senior CLASS Award

Courtesy of BryantBulldogs.com

Bryant University graduate student Zack Greer (Whitby, Ont.) has been named among the 30 Division I men's lacrosse semifinalists for the 2009 Lowe's Senior CLASS Award, as announced by the award committee earlier this month.

An acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School, the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award focuses on senior student-athletes who strive to make a difference in their classrooms, their communities and on their field of play. The award focuses on the total student-athlete and encourages those leaders to use their platform in athletics to make a positive impact on their circle of influence.

A three-time All-American and two-time first team selection, Greer is again a preseason First-Team All-American in his first season with the Bulldogs. Greer, the NCAA's all-time leading goal scorer and a 2009 captain elect, joined the Bulldogs for his final season of eligibility after graduating with an undergraduate degree from Duke University.

A cornerstone of the Bryant offense, Greer has given the Bulldogs added experience and leadership.

A 2009 National Player of the Year candidate and 2008 finalist for the same, Greer has recorded a nation's-best 29 goals so far this season, bringing his NCAA record to 235 career tallies.

Greer leads the team in all offensive categories, adding a team-best 15 assists and a squad-high 44 points just past the halfway point of the season.

The 2008 Turnbull Award winner as the nation's top attackman, Greer recorded an 11-point outing in Bryant's 22-8 win over Sacred Heart (6 goals, 5 assists) and notched another

six-goal game against the University of Detroit Mercy.

And off the field, Greer has contributed just as much as he has on the field - as a member of the Bryant community, as a dedicated student in pursuit of his Masters of Business Administration (MBA), and as a resource and role model for other Bulldog student-athletes.

"Zack Greer epitomizes all of the essential qualities for which the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award stands," said Bryant Director of Athletics Bill Smith. "He is a standout, not only on the field, but also in the classroom and in the community. He has been a stellar example of what we look for in our Bryant student-athletes and we are proud to have Zack as a member of our Bulldog family."

Greer showed the ultimate act of loyalty at the end of the 2008 season, proving his true character when he forwent the MLL and NLL drafts to spend his extra season of eligibility - granted by the NCAA to members of the 2006 Duke lacrosse team - giving back to the coach who gave him an opportunity at Duke, current Bulldog head coach Mike Pressler.

"In all my years of coaching, I couldn't pick a more fitting candidate for one of the most prestigious awards in the NCAA," said Pressler, who recruiting and coached Greer for two seasons at Duke and is now in his third year at Bryant. "Zack has represented Bryant University with class and dignity since the first day he arrived."

An MBA student in Bryant's Graduate School of Business, Greer earned his undergraduate degree in sociology with a certificate in MMS studies from Duke in 2008, being selected as a Duke and ACC honor roll student as a senior as well as earning Duke's male senior student-athlete of the year award.

Bulldog Bites

Amundson named Stonehill Head Coach

Former assistant coach Lauren Amundson was named head volleyball coach at Division II Stonehill College Monday afternoon, as announced by Stonehill Athletic Director Brendan Sullivan. Amundson spent two seasons with the Bulldogs, helping the program transition into the Division I ranks in 2008. The Bulldogs compiled a 48-32 record with Amundson on staff, including a 16-19 mark this past season against all DI competition. Amundson takes over a strong Division II program in the Northeast-10 Conference, a place she is familiar with. The Bulldogs were NE-10 members from its conception through 2007, when they played their final DII season. In Amundson's first year with the Bulldogs in 2007, she helped the program to a 32-13 mark, finishing a perfect 14-0 in the Northeast-10 en route to an NCAA Regional Championship appearance. Amundson replaces Eric Snyder who resigned earlier this year to take the head coaching job at the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota. A native of Stanwood, Wash., Amundson came to Bryant in 2007 after a stellar four-year career as a standout setter for Christian Brothers University in Memphis, Tenn. Amundson set six Buccaneer single-season and career records from 2003-2006, including breaking the school's all-time career assists record (5,506) as a senior. She also holds the program mark for career assists per game, averaging 11.26 per outing. Amundson also holds the school's single-season assists record, set with her 1,552 assists as a junior, breaking her old mark of 1,390 set as a freshman in 2003. Along with setting a record with 134 games played as a sophomore in 2004, she holds the CBU mark of 37 matches played, set in 2005. Valedictorian of Stanwood High School in 2003, Amundson led her volleyball team to the Washington state championship tournament as a freshman, junior and senior. She was named an All-Wesco Second Team selection as a senior and was a member of the National Honor Society. Lauren's younger sister, Megan, is a member of the Western Washington University volleyball team. A 2007 graduate of Christian Brothers with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Amundson is currently pursuing her MBA at Bryant and will graduate in the summer of 2009.

Football Opens Spring Practice

The Bryant University football team will return to the practice field for the first time since last fall this Wednesday afternoon when the Bulldogs begin spring football practice. Wednesday's practice, set to begin at 4 pm, will be the first of 15 total practices this spring leading up to the annual Black & Gold Spring Football Game set for Sunday, April 19 at 1 pm. The Bulldogs, under the direction of sixth-year coach Marty Fine, are coming off a successful 7-4 season in 2008, the school's first year competing at the Division I level (Football Championship Subdivision). This will be the sixth spring practice for Fine as he welcomes back 56 letterwinners this spring including 17 starters from last year's squad. Of those 17 starters, 10 are on defense. In 2008, Bryant's defense allowed a stingy 99.4 yards rushing and were ranked nationally in the top-10 for much of last season with 30 forced turnovers. Senior defensive end Don Smith (Attleboro, MA) and linebackers Andre Whyte (Bennington, VT) and Paul Polomski (Franklin, MA) will be ones to watch along with talented senior defensive linemen Peter and Patrick Gauthier of Woonsocket, RI and junior nose tackle Andrew Regan (West Newbury, MA). Polomski led the team with 67 tackles in 2008 while Smith, one of the team's top pass rushers, had a team-high 11.5 tackles for loss and 8.5 sacks. The only loss on defense is at strong safety with the graduation of co-captain Bryce Martins who was second on the team last year with 61 tackles and three interceptions. On the offensive side, the Bulldogs return seven starters but the one big spot to fill will be at quarterback where Fine will need to replace last year's starter Jay Graber who graduates this spring. Graber had a fine senior season in '08, starting all 11 games for the Bulldogs and completing 150 of 259 passes (57.9 percent) for 1,676 yards and 13 touchdowns. The team has two scrimmages planned leading up to the Spring Game which will take place at Bulldog Stadium on April 19. There will be a post-game BBQ immediately following the Spring Game with a cost of only \$6.00. Season tickets will also be available for purchase at the game.

Bryant On Tap

Friday, March 27:

Baseball at Long Island University, 3:00pm

Saturday, March 28:

- Softball HOME vs. Maine, 12:00pm
- Track & Field at Bryant Invitational HOME
- Baseball at Long Island University, 12:00pm, 2:00pm
- Men's Lacrosse at Lehigh, 3:00pm

Sunday, March 29:

- Baseball at Long Island University, 1:00pm
- Softball at Wagner, 12:00pm, 2:00pm

Tuesday, March 31:

- Men's Lacrosse HOME vs. Brown, 7:00pm

Students Speak Out

"What is the strangest thing you have ever eaten?"



"Pigeon... it's huge in Hong Kong."
-Jason Gilmartin '11



"A guinea pig in Panama."
-Jose Maldonado '11



"I ate a dry grub once.. oh, or I swallowed a bumblebee. I was riding my bike and then I swallowed a bumble-bee."
- Alec Rosenbruch '11

"I ate a penny once."
- Anthony Iannello '11



"I had a BBQ sauce and banana sandwich once... and I enjoyed it."
- Marisa Bono '11



"I ate a hot dog from the movie theatres... it seemed like a good idea at the time."
-Pat Helmas '11

Students fighting? Let them cage fight!



By Michael Adams
Opinion Editor

I need to set the scene before we really get going here. Remember in high school, when two kids would shove each other against lockers, fighting over their girlfriend or trying to steal their lunch money? While this did not happen much where I went to high school, I'm sure this happened at one of your high schools. Now, what would happen to these students? Generally, they would be detained by a teacher passing by, and they would sit in the principal's office waiting for their parents to be called. In some cases, the school resource officer would also get involved. That might involve some tazing. We all know how that can really mess some people up!

A Texas high school has been accused of putting students in a steel cage in the boy's locker room and letting them "duke it out", as the former principal stated. Administrators would watch the stu-

dents fight. The principal has since resigned amidst other allegations against the school.

When I first read this article, all I was getting were images that I probably should not be getting. I was picturing this dark, dirty cellar in a circa 1970's boys locker room. I mean, I didn't have steel cages in the locker room of my high school gym. It's like a freaky round of UFC-esque fighting.

The article does not state how many times this fighting actually went on, but I can only imagine it was a daily occurrence, given the lovely high school environment these days.

One thing I want to know is why did these students agree to beating the pulp out of each other in a steel cage? Was it a last resort? Did they even try talking it out? I know in guidance, in middle school, we learned about how

berries. I would like you to stop, and please give me my strawberries back". While, this may sound like the most mundane way of solving a problem, it actually worked, as we developed our interpersonal skills throughout middle school and into the beginning of high school. What all of a sudden makes students switch to a vulgar, more physical way of solving problems in high school? Not to mention the fact that administrators suggested they battle in a steel cage.

Just the mere fact that students were asked to hurt each other is incredibly barbaric and inhumane. It's almost impossible to laugh at such a story, yet this is the life we live in, and the people that choose to mess with society, truly do mess with society, by way of teaching students that problems can be solved via a steel cage "death" match. I know we had celebrity jousting, but just imagine Bryant cage fighting! Yep, that's what I thought—horrible idea.



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to solve conflicts with our fellow students. You know, it went something to the effect of "Dan, I really dislike when you steal my straw-

Simon Says: Don't stand by your man



By Toby Simon
Staff Columnist

The Rihanna and Chris Brown situation got Oprah up in arms. Recently she did a live broadcast which was dedicated to all the Rihannas of the world-- a show to all the women and girls who take their boyfriends/husbands back despite the abuse.

How many women have desperately wanted to believe their partners when they say it will never happen again? Rihanna is not alone and sadly some of her young fans are blaming her for provoking his violent attacks against her.

Violence in any relationship is NOT normal and it is not acceptable. Hitting someone, pushing, shoving, putting your hand through a wall is NEVER ok. No matter how much you may feel provoked or ticked off or irritated, violence is not an acceptable response. Period.

Rihanna is no different from any other woman who hears her guy pleading, "Baby, I love you. I wouldn't do anything to hurt you. I just snapped that one time and I'll never touch you again." Ask most abused women about a comment like that. They've heard it before and they have been swayed by those sentiments to take a man back, to stand by their man. Rihanna, like many others, decided that Chris Brown deserves a second chance. And to listen to some of his fans, Rihanna brought this on herself. That's the most disturbing part.

Rihanna is the most recent public face of dating and domestic violence, but her story is no different from any other woman hurt by intimate partner violence. The most recent statistics from the Centers for Disease Control state that each year 1200 women die and 2 million are injured because of intimate partner violence. And one in three teens are involved in some sort of intimate partner violence. That's huge. And scary.

So here's the problem I have. This is not just celebrity gossip. The number of tweens and teens who watch what's going on with Rihanna and Chris

is staggering. And we now have a huge group of children and teens thinking that violence is ok behavior in a dating relationship. If someone as beautiful and successful and rich as Rihanna can't get rid of her violent boyfriend, then what kind of a message does it send to teens and tweens in similar situations?

She is the best proof we have that no one is immune to dating abuse and domestic/partner violence, and talking about it can only help to get it out in the open.

To students and others reading this column: it's not healthy to stay in a relationship that involves abusive behavior of any kind. And I know that we have students on this campus involved in extremely unhealthy relationships. In light of the latest discovery about Rihanna and Chris, I'm going to list the warning signs of an abusive relationship. Watch out for a partner/boyfriend/girlfriend who

- Tries to control or manipulates the other
- ridicules or engages in name calling
- dictates how the other person dresses

- criticizes the other's friends
- is fearful of the other's temper

•is overly possessive or gets jealous about ordinary behavior

•makes the other person feel bad about her/himself

•uses physical force or threats to prevent the other from leaving

•feels stifled, trapped, and stagnant

•forces you to have sex or you have had sex when you don't really want to



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If you can think of ways in which your boyfriend or girlfriend is trying to control you, makes you feel bad about yourself, isolates you from the rest of your world, or harms you physically or sexually, then it's time to get out. Right away. It can be tempting to make excuses or misinterpret violence as an expression of love. But even if you know that the person hurting you loves you, it is not healthy. No one deserves to be hit, shoved, or forced into anything he or she doesn't want to do.

Don't forget that one of the strongest signs of a healthy relationship is that both people involved feel good about themselves. Bryant has several on campus resources to help you if you're concerned about your relationship. Don't hesitate to contact the Counseling Center at x 6045, the Women's Center at x 6855, Health Services at x 6220 or the Chaplain's Office at x 6119. As Oprah said to Rihanna, "If he hits you once, he will hit you again."-- words that need to be heeded by Rihanna and all the others in abusive relationships.

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National optimism uniquely American

By Frida Ghitis
MCT Campus

When people outside the United States

ask me to tell them about this country, I describe one aspect of it that I have always found extraordinary and strikingly different from the rest of the world. America, or more precisely, Americans, are the most optimistic people on Earth. That's what I told an Iraqi refugee last year in Amman, Jordan, as she eagerly awaited the papers that would allow her to move to America.

Success, of course, is the mother of optimism. Success has marked American history, and optimism has moved into America's genes. Conversely, failure is the father of pessimism. A past filled with disasters teaches you to see the glass half empty, or to worry that it will break when it's full.

The greatest danger the United States faces in this time of economic crisis is permanently losing that sense of optimism; that edge it has enjoyed over the rest of the world. America's outlook is key to its willingness to take risks. It is the secret ingredient in its achievements and it's an essential element in that most American of ideals: the pursuit of happiness. It is the reason why the country is a magnet to ambitious and talented people everywhere.

In Europe, true optimism went out with the catastrophes of two world wars and the failures of utopian ideologies. Even the idealists there seem tainted with dark suspicion. America's sunny outlook is quietly mocked in the continent, with Europeans sounding like the mature adults who smile knowingly at the naive enthusiasm of dreamy young ones across the sea.

In Latin America and much of the developing world, the odds of dramatically changing one's station in life are so remote that poor people often believe they are condemned to a life of unrewarded struggle. In Asia and Africa, the idea that government is inevitably corrupt puts a limit on national confidence. I was in Moscow when the Soviet Union was collapsing. I remember thinking then that the Russians' seemingly congenial cynicism would prove the greatest obstacle in their

post-Soviet life. After all, time and time again their attempts at a better life had brought ruin

For all the troubles the United States has seen — and every country has its share after more than 200 years — America's past has escaped some of the most devastating experiences that have befallen the world. It's easy to see how disaster has a way of sapping the sweet syrup out of optimism. The experiences of Sept. 11 and New Orleans after Katrina showed us we can wake up one day and find our world tragically transformed in a few hours.

My friend from Iraq has now arrived in this country. The America she has come to is not exactly overflowing with good cheer. (She must think I was lying when I swore this was the land of optimism.) The latest measure of

consumer confidence shows that when we squint into the horizon all we notice are storm clouds. The economy is shrinking, and the markets are suffering from free-floating anxiety. The new president, who described himself as a Hope Monger on the campaign trail, spent his first month in office trying to push us into despair so he could convince Congress to pass his rescue legislation.

After Bill Clinton told him he'd gone too far, his rhetoric soared again, and he promised America will be great again.

This economic crisis will end. There is no question about that; ask any economist. We don't know how long it will last or exactly how much it will hurt. But it will end. One day, we will need to replace our cars and our stoves. One day, what economists call pent-up demand will spark commerce and industry back to life. When that happens, some of the people who are taking risks now will be rewarded with extraordinary success. Dynastic fortunes will be made. The great-grand children of those people will recount how their ancestors built their fortunes during the Crisis of 2009.

My Iraqi friend has arrived at a time when the country's confidence is being tested. I still believe she will be amazed.



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Observations

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Do we really need those extra windows?

On each floor of Hall 17, there is an extra section of floor with windows. We think that that is wasted architectural space. Windows in the stairwell would have been awesome, though.

It was in the 50's last week...

We reported on the sunshine last week, but now we're back to the brisk whip of the wind once again! Protective eyewear may be necessary.

Erik Schlosser makes us think

The author of *Fast Food Nation* spoke on campus Tuesday afternoon. It was a great talk that made us all rethink the reasons why we actually eat fast food.

The Uni is getting packed!

Everyone and their mother is starting to study in the Unistructure after classes get out. It used to be the alternative to the "quiet" floor in the library, but now we need to hunt for the next study hot spot.

C-lot parking absurdities

The students that park on the opposite sides of the islands where no true parking spaces actually exist, should either get their butt to campus earlier, their brain re-configured, or DPS needs to enforce this better.

Bribery accepted for Senate elections

We were big fans of those senators running for election that passed out candy during the lunch and dinner hours in Salmo. You got our votes!

Have you found anything new or interesting on campus? If so, send it to madams@bryant.edu.

Bryant Said What!?

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"Well...I'd like to have sex this weekend."

"Are you naked? Are you naked? ...Well get naked."

Person 1: "I'm just going to swallow this and pretend like I never ate it."

Person 2: "That's what she said!"

"See how I slipped that in there?" (haha)

E-mail funny quotes to madams@bryant.edu. We seriously need quotes...we're not kidding.

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NO FOOLING!

Celebrate April Fools Day with a few unsuspecting friends

1. With the kitchen-sink sprayer facing forward and the water off, wrap a rubber band tightly around the trigger so it is locked in the "on" or "fire" position. When the victim turns on the faucet, they'll get soaked! Ha! (Just remember not to forget that you've done this or you'll blast yourself!)



2. Glue a couple of realistic-looking fake quarters to your driveway or other non-public property. It works better with real quarters, but we hear that's illegal. Your call. Then sit back and watch your kids drive themselves batty trying to pick them up. You'll fall off your porch laughing.

3. Stuff tissues or toilet paper into the toes of your family's favorite shoes, then watch them struggle to get them on in the morning. "Dang, Mom. Have your feet swollen that much?"

4. After everyone's asleep, set all the clocks ahead one hour. Then wake everyone up (at the usual time) screaming about how they overslept, missed the bus, are going to be late for school or work, etc. As they're all scurrying about, frantic and worried, just lie back and laugh. You stinker.



5. Glue a pen cap on, then ask someone if they can get it off for you.

Here's the thing about reading the paper. If you do it, it gives you an advantage over those who don't.

How can you best use this advantage to show non-readers what fools they be?

We have a few ideas.

Now let's be clear here. We're not telling you to play April Fools' Day jokes on non-readers. We're just saying, hey, these classic gags are going to be played on somebody. What you do with the following information is entirely up to you.

6. Two days before April Fools' Day, start telling someone how badly you're going to get them on the big day. Then tell them again. And again. Tease them. Laugh at them. Tell them there's nothing they can do about it. When April Fools' Day finally arrives, just sit back and relax as their paranoia grows with each passing minute. Yep. You got 'em all right, and there wasn't anything they could do about it.

7. If your kids eat apples for lunch, carefully core a thin deep hole in the fruit and retain the plug. Stuff several Gummi Worms deep inside, then replace the end of the plug to conceal your handiwork. If done right, the first-bite reaction is priceless!



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8. If your family eats cereal for breakfast, remove the plastic bags from the boxes and switch them up. When they go to pour Raisin Flakes, they'll get Cocoa Booms! And if you really want to be mean, replace the milk with a mixture of flour and ... Wait, that is too mean. If you use milk in a cardboard container, just drop some food coloring in it. Pink milk anyone?



9. If you work in an office, leave a note on a manly co-worker's desk saying he has flowers to pick up at the front desk. Have someone who has a voice the target won't recognize leave a similar phone message. Then watch and laugh as he tries to convince the front desk to give him flowers that just aren't there.

10. Buy a fake video security camera (available in joke shops and online for around \$10). The camera looks real and even moves and turns on a red light when it detects motion. Install it in your bathroom, then have a party. The first time a person uses the restroom, have the rest of the guests gather round your TV and laugh loudly enough for the person in the restroom to overhear. When the person returns to the room, they'll see everyone watching a pre-recorded video tape of the empty bathroom, thinking they were just being watched in there. Caution: Make sure your friends have a good sense of humor. Until the joke is revealed, this one can be embarrassing!

— James Fussell, McClatchy Newspapers

Great pranks throughout history

At the Web site www.museumofhoaxes.com, the greatest April Fools jokes have been catalogued. It really is amazing what people are gullible enough to believe. Let us help you prepare to be suspicious by recounting a few of the great pranks of all time.

● In 1933, the Madison Capital-Times reported that the Wisconsin Capitol had been destroyed by a number of mysterious explosions, attributed to "large quantities of gas, generated through many weeks of verbose debate in the Senate and Assembly chambers." Along with the story



A doctored Madison Capital-Times picture shows the Capitol's collapse.

was a doctored picture showing the Capitol as it collapsed. The readers were fooled and shocked.

● In 1949, a New Zealand deejay for radio station IZB announced on the air that a mile-wide swarm of wasps was headed toward Auckland. He warned listeners to protect themselves by suggesting they wear their socks over their trousers when they went to work, and that they leave honey-smeared traps outside their doors. Hundreds of people took his advice.

● In 1957, the BBC news show "Panorama" announced that thanks to a mild winter and the demise of the harmful spaghetti weevil, Swiss farmers were enjoying a bumper spaghetti crop. The report included footage of Swiss peasants pulling strands of spaghetti down from trees. Large numbers of viewers were fooled, with many of them calling in to find out how they could grow their own spaghetti trees.

● In 1962, Sweden had only



The BBC show "Panorama" fooled viewers with a story on spaghetti crops.

one TV channel, which broadcast in black and white. The station's technical expert appeared on the news to announce a recently developed technology that would allow viewers to easily convert their existing sets to display color reception. All they had to do was pull a nylon stocking over the screen, and they would begin to see their favorite shows in color. Reportedly, hundreds of thousands of people tried the conversion process.

● In 1976, a British astronomer announced on BBC Radio 2 that at 9:47 a.m. an unusual astronomical event

would take place that listeners could experience in their own homes. He said the planet Pluto would pass behind Jupiter, which would lessen the Earth's gravity and allow listeners to float in the air if they jumped at that exact moment. When the time arrived, BBC2 received hundreds of phone calls from people claiming to have felt the floating sensation.

● In 1982, the Connecticut Gazette and Connecticut Compass, a pair of weekly newspapers, announced they were being purchased by Tass, the official news agency of the Soviet Union. Their front pages stated this was "the first expansion of the Soviet media giant outside of the Iron Curtain." Readers were fooled, with one caller informing them that he had always suspected them of harboring communist tendencies.

● In 1993, a deejay at KGB-FM in San Diego announced that the space shuttle Discovery had been diverted from Edwards Air Force Base and soon would land

at Montgomery Field, a small airport in a residential area. Thousands of commuters immediately headed to the landing site, which caused huge traffic jams that lasted for almost an hour. Police had to be called in to clear the traffic and tell people with cameras, camcorders and folding chairs to go home.

● Corporate types like to have a little fun, too. In 1996, Taco Bell announced that it had bought the Liberty Bell from the federal government so it could be renamed the Taco Liberty Bell. Hundreds of outraged citizens called the National Historic Park in Philadelphia to express their anger. And in 1998, Burger King published a full-page ad in USA Today announcing the introduction of a menu item — a Left-Handed Whopper, uniquely designed with all the condiments rotated 180 degrees. Thousands of customers went to BK to request the new sandwich.

— Neil White, McClatchy Newspapers

Bulldog Flicks: *Watchmen*

By Luke Stankiewicz
Staff Writer

Watchmen had the potential to be a poignant social commentary in the form of an allegory involving not quite superheroes set against an all too familiar, yet different, world. Sadly, this fell apart after the first hour as the film slipped into the oblivion of pretentiousness disguised as high intellect. The film isn't terrible, but is damaged so heavily by its ridiculous running time that it was doomed before it started.

The plot is both very simple and utterly complex. There is a group of masked crime fighters that call themselves "Watchmen" who have been working hard to protect society over the past century. The movie takes place in an alternate 1985 where, thanks to the help of the Watchmen, victory was achieved in Vietnam and President Nixon was re-elected five times. I guess there is no constitution in this alternate reality. At some point during the latter 20th century, there was a bill passed by Congress banning masked vigilantes, forcing the Watchmen to disband. Now as the threat of nuclear war with Russia grows ever more imminent, the world looks to the Watchmen as their last chance for salvation.

There's more to it, but it's mostly useless back stories and meaningless side plots. One of the most annoying things about this movie is that nearly every plot twist and development is later revealed as inconsequential, leaving you wondering why the filmmakers decided to show you 20 minute scenes that end up having no relevance to the final product whatsoever. But before I start in on the bad, let me give you the good.

Watchmen is a visually striking film, to say the least. The violence is a la Tarantino, and the director Zack Snyder (*300*) has always had a flare for the strange that was at least engaging. One scene where a giant Dr. Manhattan strolls through the Viet-

namese jungle blowing up Vietcong was one of the more interesting I've seen in a while. At times the film can be quite engaging, and offer genuinely clever and insightful lines of dialogue. When Nite Owl looks out at a dirty, crime-infested Manhattan street where a riot had just taken place, he asks what happened to the American Dream. The Comedian aptly points out that "It came true, you're looking at it."

Maybe it's because of all the hype, or maybe it's because I'm sick of filmmakers capitalizing on the latest trend (in this case graphic novel based movies), but I feel inclined to be quite harsh on this film. With a movie that is nearly three hours I expect something extraordinary, such as *Lord of the*

in disgust. This, along with a completely useless part where the two aforementioned lovers rescue victims trapped in a burning building added up to a half hour of wasted time. What's worse is that this length arises not out of necessity, but out of a pretentious need to include as much as possible from the original comic and the flat out arrogance of the director.

As much as a filmmaker must believe in what he is doing and be confident in his efficacy, there is a very fine line between genius and arrogance. *Watchmen* seeks to be too many things at once, a piece of history, an action movie, a social commentary (albeit far out of date), and maybe even a romance. Normally I could forgive all of these things and chalk

them up to inexperience. After all, it must be quite tough to take such extensive source material as a 12 issue comic and turn it into a movie.

However, this film crosses all these lines and then pushes it beyond even the furthest limits.

To top it all off, a scene which looks outside Ozymandias' office shows a skyline of



From left: Jeffrey Dean Morgan as The Comedian, Malin Akerman as Silk Spectre II, Billy Crudup as Dr. Manhattan, Matthew Goode as Ozymandias, and Patrick Wilson as Nite Owl II.

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Rings or *Forrest Gump*. Sadly, I got nothing near it.

To start, the plot is quite thin. I won't reveal the ending, but not surprisingly, it turns out to be staggeringly hollow. When you discover what has been driving the whole course of the film, it is a shock that arises not from the brilliance of the writing, but the sheer stupidity of it. Thus, I turn to the film's length, which is usually not an issue for me since; I have no disposition to ADD-like symptoms. However, the movie is at least an hour too long and is riddled with unnecessary scenes of gratuitous violence and sex.

This movie features (dare I say) the worst sex scene I've ever seen. Set against the familiar song "Hallelujah" from countless other films, halfway through Nite Owl and Silk Spectre II's "love scene" I felt the urge to throw my cup of soda at the screen

New York City, featuring the Twin Towers in center view. I'll sum up the whole movie based on the extremely infuriating decision to include this shot. *Watchmen* is an overlong, confusing, and overall average movie that doesn't just cross the line from good intentioned to pretentious, but goes well beyond it. If only I could get my money and more importantly my time back.

If you want to see this movie done right, go watch *Spider-Man 2*. I give this "film" 2 out of 5 Bulldogs, and that's generous.

This movie earned
2 out of 5 bulldogs



Buds and Suds: Harpoon IPA

By Michael Adams and J-Kwan
Staff Writers

We had to call Michael's Dad for a recommendation this week. We decided that an IPA, or Indian Pale Ale, would be the microbrew of choice for this week. Harpoon is brewed in both Massachusetts and Vermont. It's a brightly colored label with a bright red cap. Now, it's time to get down to the details. Here's how these bi-weekly reviews are going to work: we will tell you our first reactions verbatim, and then we will go into appearance, smell, taste, mouth-feel, drinkability, and price followed by the infamous beer mug rating, similar to the bulldog ratings that are done on the movie reviews. Here we go.

Michael's Reaction: "It's OK. Nice, bold flavor."
J-Kwan's Reaction: "It's very crisp."

Appearance: Golden brown, not too much head.

Smell: No fruity smell this week. It's a great, rich,

"thick" smell. The way beer is supposed to smell.

Taste: This is a moderately heavy beer with great flavor and a lingering after-taste. An IPA, we have determined, is quite an acquired taste for those of you trying out your first brewski.

Mouth-Feel: Lots of carbonation with a smooth bubbly feeling.

Drinkability: This is not one those "funnel that beer" beers. You definitely need to take your time on drinking this one and appreciate the craft brewery that it came from. Overall, we loved the taste, and look forward to trying other beers from the Harpoon Brewery.

Price: \$8.89 for a 6-pack

This beer earned 3
out of 4 mugs



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THE BEAT OF BRYANT

Lil' Wayne is 'the best rapper alive'

By Casey Mulcare
Assistant Sports Editor

"I am the best rapper alive."
The crowd responded, chanting
"Weezy! Weezy!" as he walked off
the stage at the Dunkin' Donuts

Center last Tuesday night. Not a single person in the crowd would have disagreed after that performance.

Lil' Wayne has had the music world in the palm of his hand and his I Am Music Tour only tightened his grip. Featuring artists Keri Hilson, Gym Class Heroes and T-Pain, Lil' Wayne played for a packed house on St. Patrick's Day.

Opening act Keri Hilson, a pop/hip hop songstress who has worked with stars like Timbaland and Lil' Wayne, moved quickly through her set. Keri and her dancers were amusing but did not receive much attention as the crowd slowly filed in over the opening acts. She saved her most popular song, *Turnin' Me On* featuring Lil' Wayne for the end of her set, but unfortunately Wayne did not appear early for his verse of the track. Luckily, Keri would make an appearance later in the show.

I felt the show really started with the Gym Class Heroes. The band really spiked the crowd's energy with popular songs such as their latest, *Cookie Jar*, and older favorites like *Cupid's Chokehold*. Although throwing in more of a rock band in a rap/hip hop concert may seem like a reach, Gym Class Heroes has the advantage of having a very cross-genre sound that many people could, and did, enjoy.

As a side note, the stage and music setup crew moved through the band setups very quickly. Some concerts it seems to take up to an hour to switch the setup between acts. Transitions went very smoothly and the crowd waited no longer than twenty minutes for each act to start.

Now T-Pain could hold his own concert and sell out the Dunk by himself, so to have him in this concert was nothing short of a treat. Fun fact: T-Pain can dance. He moves very well and the crowd responded by dancing right along with every song he played. T-Pain has mostly built his fame from appearing on other artists tracks, so he continued with what has worked for him by playing short segments from many popular songs he had been a part of, such as the *2 Step Remix* originally by DJ Unk.

He had the whole crowd singing to old favorites like *Bartender* and *Buy U A Drink* but also worked in new songs off his latest album *Thr33 Ringz*. One of my favorites from T-Pain's performance was off of *Thr33 Ringz* titled *Keep Going* - a song dedicated to his children in which T-Pain was able to show off his piano skills as well as his voice, which most of the time is gargled by the growing Auto tune feature, which distorts the voice of the artists and has become a staple in many of his tracks.

Finally, Lil' Wayne appeared behind one of the many brilliant tracks off of his latest album *Tha Carter III* titled *Mr. Carter*. From that moment on Wayne had the crowd bobbing and singing to every lyric that came out of his mouth. He brought T-Pain back out on stage to do their track *Got Money* and also played with samples of other tracks they appeared on, such as DJ Khaled's *We Takin' Over*. I know T-Pain isn't on that track, but it's Wayne; he can do what he wants.

He brought out Keri Hilson and together they did the full version of *Turnin' Me On*, much to the delight of the crowd. Wayne then proceeded to perform



Lil' Wayne, otherwise known as 'Weezy'.

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other songs off of *Tha Carter III*, such as *Ms. Officer*, *Lollipop*, *La La*, *Phone Home* and *Misunderstood*. He also threw in some of his older hits like *Fireman*, fully equipped with searing flamethrowers mounted on stage. Wayne also performed songs from his multiple mix tapes, such as *Dufflebag Boy*.

The energy level was always sky high, whether the song was meant for the dance clubs or reflecting on life. Just when you thought Wayne was getting tired, he would come back with another high energy hit. I have attended many different kinds of concerts, from hard rock to country to hip hop, but this show took the cake. I am proud to say my section started the mandatory encore inducing chant of "Weezy" and Wayne delivered with one of the singles off of *Tha Carter III* that almost didn't make the album in the first place, *A Milli*.

At that point I left the show drained and completely convinced that Lil' Wayne is one of the best performers in the hip hop/rap genre out there. While St. Patrick's Day may seem like an odd partner for a Lil' Wayne concert, I know that I will always put the two together, as I won't soon forget such a highly entertaining show.

In our own backyard: Spring time in Providence

By Erin Madore
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All around Rhode Island you can hear people cheer as winter's cold and blustery days are over and the promise of tulips, sunshine, warm weather and your favorite flip-flops is in the air. Last Friday was the first day of Spring, and in the spirit of continuing the exploration of Rhode Island I have come up with the perfect Spring outing.

All you need is a pair of comfy shoes (ladies - it's okay if you don't wear heels for a day, guys don't care what shoes you wear anyways), a small supply of cash, and a camera to document all the fun you and your friends are going to have.

When I think of Spring in Providence there is one area in particular that is a favorite of mine - downtown. The area stretches all the way along the water starting near Providence Place Mall and ending at the edge of RISD. Over the past couple of years, downtown has begun to grow into a bustling area that has lots of dining and shopping options. Best part? It's perfect to stroll along with a light spring jacket and witness the changing of seasons. So where do we start?

If you skipped Salmo or ate early you're going to want to start your bright springy day with a filling lunch. The best place to start is an absolute favorite restaurant of mine - Citron, located in the Union Station plaza right across from Capital Grille. Citron has a wonderful atmosphere full of bright colors and a comfy but stylish setup. The reason I literally moan every time I visit Citron? The cheese burgers. Made from organic burger, these cheeseburgers are by far the best I have ever had. In the mood for something a little lighter? The Smoked Turkey Sandwich and Crispy Flounder are also amazing and served with hand cut fries. Between the stunning surroundings and phenomenal food (without atrocious prices) Citron is definitely the best place to start.

After eating a moan-out-loud lunch,

leave Citron and meander under the bridge towards the river, which is in fact where they start Waterfire. With all the construction that has been going around the river, the city is teeming with life and offers a beautiful area to take pictures and simply enjoy the weather. Once you're done enjoying the river and sight-seeing, it's time to go shopping (yay!).

There is one main street in downtown Providence that has a plethora of cool, hip and unique shops that offer clothing and accessories for every taste - Westminster. There are a dozen different stores that offer apparel, jewelry, and goods that you could never find in Providence Place Mall. Butterfield is a quaint little shop offering beautiful home goods, jewelry, and bedding. The most unique store on the street is definitely OOP. OOP is where whimsical meets cute and quirky and lets your imagination run wild with decorations to fill your dorm rooms and apartments.

Looking for contemporary and hip clothing for nights out on the town? Clover offers men and women's clothing for all types of occasions but they're all simply stunning. Another favorite of mine is Elsa Arms, an upscale women's clothing boutique that offers all the newest styles rivaling even the most chic shops on Boston's Newbury St. Strolling down Westminster and visiting all the unique shops will have you forgetting all about Providence Place and enjoying the beautiful weather.

There is no question that the best way to end a long, but exciting day, is to grab a hot drink and relax. Now, normally I would never suggest you visit a commercial café, however, the Starbucks located in the bottom of the Biltmore Hotel offers a great view of downtown Providence and the park. This is the perfect place to grab a cappuccino, a big cookie and a window seat to watch all the students and young professionals also enjoying the spring day. Surely an ideal way to end a successful day full of shopping and great food all found only 20 minutes away in downtown Providence.

Feeling inspired?

By Katie Hurley
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"In my first memory, I am three years old and I am trying to kill my sister. Sometimes the recollection is so clear that I can remember the itch of the pillowcase under my hand, the sharp point of her nose pressing into my palm," Anna Fitzgerald describes in the beginning of Jodi Picoult's breathtaking novel entitled, *My Sister's Keeper*. The flawless story line portrays an enriching narrative of a family battling cancer along with life's everyday obstacles.

Kate Fitzgerald, the older of the two sisters, was diagnosed with leukemia when she was two years old. A year later, Anna Fitzgerald was born, and since then her healthy body has been Kate's saving angel. Although, Anna is a wholesome child, she has spent nearly as many hours in surgery as her sister Kate through donating bone marrows and other necessary body parts to keep Kate alive.

Anna's life has forever been in the shadow of Kate's battle against leukemia, and as she becomes a teenager trying to find herself Anna realizes that this is not the life for her. She makes a decision that may potentially tear the fam-

ily apart and cause the death of her sister Kate. Through Picoult's talented writing, Anna takes her readers on an inspirational journey filled with numerous twists and turns that in the end will produce an unbelievable outcome.

The success of the novel has promoted Jodi Picoult to one of the *New York Times* bestselling authors. Likewise, *My Sister's Keeper* has caught the attention of several directors throughout the country, and now five years after the publication of the narrative a movie is finally being produced. On June 26, 2009, "My Sister's Keeper," the movie shall be released in theaters.

The film is directed by the pro-found Nick Cassavetes, and it includes a distinguished cast including Cameron Diaz, Alex Baldwin, and Jason Patric. Abigail Breslin who plays Anna Fitzgerald and Sofia Vassilieva who plays Kate Fitzgerald are said to brilliantly manifest the beauty of this bestselling novel.

So if you're feeling inspired I would highly recommend reading Picoult's novel. Likewise, keep an eye out for promotions on the movie. "My Sister's Keeper," will be the perfect film for a rainy summer day that will uplift its audience with such an awe-inspiring plot.



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