

Kinsey Sicks performing Monday

By **Cristine Cox**
Contributing Writer

A capella groups around the world each have their own unique flavor to them, including Bryant's own *The Bottom Line*. However, the Student Arts and Speaker Series (SASS) is pretty sure Bryant has never seen an a capella group quite like The Kinsey Sicks.

On Monday, April 20th, SASS will be hosting the Dragapella Beautyshop Quartet, The Kinsey Sicks, the final event of their inaugural year. With a goal this semester to bring a more diverse and varied group of performances and speakers to Bryant, the committee examined the campus environment for inspiration for their upcoming events. A hate crime on campus that stirred much emotion and response from the Bryant community served as inspiration for one of their events.

The incident "showed a lot of closed mindedness," commented SASS committee member and co-organizer of this event, Brian Waddell ('11). "It bothered us." So SASS decided to speak out against this intolerance and discrimination. "We felt it was important to our mission to address this issue because we are an organization designed to promote arts and culture on campus, and art is a medium which speaks about culture from different perspectives," said Waddell.

The goal of this event is to spark discussion and promote tolerance of different ideas and opinions – NOT to embarrass or single out any part of the community. The committee feels strongly that each and every group and individual that is a part of this community has the right to freely express themselves and that is what this event is all about. The Kinsey Sicks is a great way to bring attention to any issues the GLBT community at large faces and show that the GLBT community here at Bryant has an ally with the SASS Committee. Why not do so with

a fun, energy-filled performance by The Kinsey Sicks?

The Kinsey Sicks began in 1993 as a group of friends dressed as the Andrews Sisters attending a Bette Midler concert in San Francisco. An unexpected invitation to perform at a future event and the musical backgrounds of the members planted the seed for the group to grow. Since their first public performance in July of 1994, the Kinsey Sicks have produced and performed full-length theatrical productions around the country, from San Francisco, to Houston, to Ft. Lauderdale.

The Kinsey Sicks Dragappella group has recorded six CDs and has been profiled on national television and featured in the arts section of *The New York Times*. The founders of the group all hail from successful careers as professionals and activists. Their repertoire includes hilarious songs and parodies that tackle American political, cultural, and sexual realities using everything from revamped classics to original melodies and over the top drag that create a show worth going to see. But more than just a performance, The Kinsey Sicks promote a healthy inclusive environment for all audiences.

They have been noted by *The New York Times* as "the hottest ticket in town," so make sure you grab one in the Center for Student Involvement on the 3rd floor of the Bryant Center – they will go fast!

With back to back events this month and a year full of events, the SASS committee hopes that members of the Bryant community were able to explore a new avenue to arts, culture, and learning. Whether it was through a speaker like Morgan Spurlock or Nikki Giovanni, the performance by Phunk Phenomenon, or the Bulldog FilmFest, the committee worked hard to reach every end of the spectrum to bring an assorted group of events to broaden the community's horizons.



SASS is sponsoring the Dragapella Beautyshop Quartet, Kinsey Sicks at Bryant this Monday, April 20. Tickets are on sale in the Center for Student Involvement on the 3rd floor of the Bryant Center. (Courtesy of Kinsey Sicks)

Bands compete for Spring Weekend opening spot

By **Brigit Clancy**
Variety Editor

On Tuesday, April 14th, the first Battle of the Bands took place at Bryant. The prize: opening for Fabolous and MIMS on Saturday, April 25th at the Spring Weekend concert.

Greg Ritter and Taylor Zink, the co-chairs for the Bands and Concerts committee in the Student Programming Board, ran the event. Ritter said, "The event was thought up by Taylor and I as a way to allow students to perform for other students. First semester we held an open mic night for any students who wanted to perform, and this semester we thought it would be a good idea to make it more of a competition. Also in years past people have asked to be considered to open spring weekend. We combined these two ideas together to come up with a Battle of the Bands with the winner able to open Spring Weekend in an effort to allow student bands to compete."

The band Symmetry was victorious. Senior Mike Brown, a member of Symmetry, said it feels

great to have won. "My group members and I had a lot of fun and are excited to be opening for the two well-known rap artists," said Brown. "The Battle of the Bands had a lot of good performers and we were happy to have been chosen to participate in Bryant's spring weekend concert."

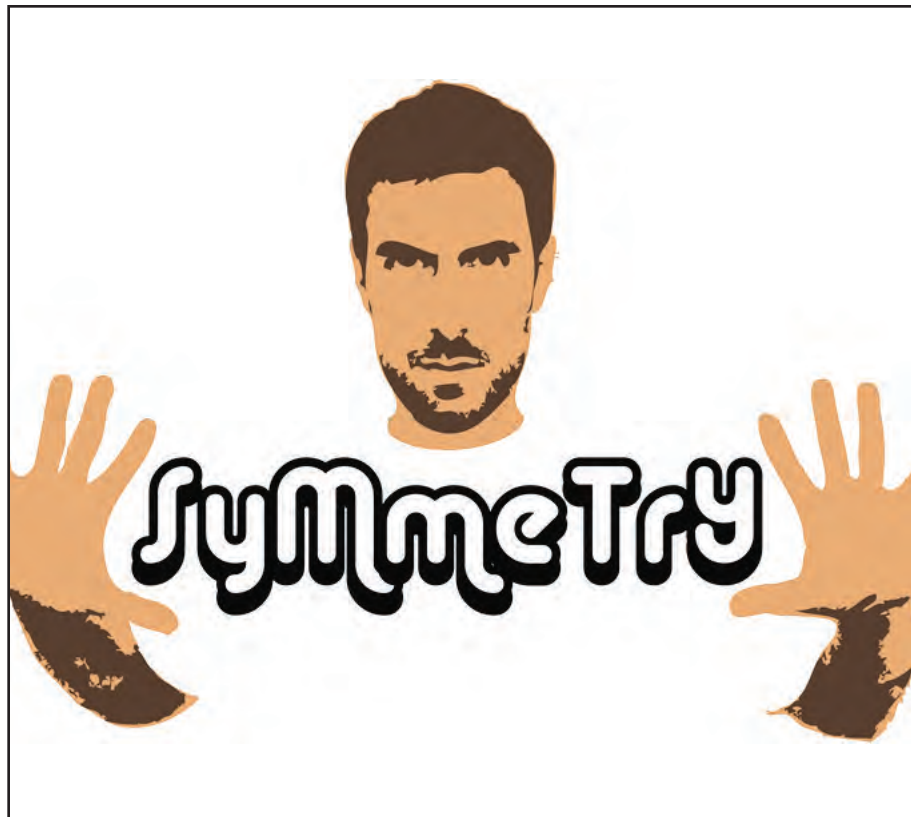
Symmetry is a hip hop group based out of Providence, Rhode Island. "[Our] combination of rock, soul and jazz has separated [us] from other rap acts in the area," said Brown. "Front man Mike Slap is backed by a live band consisting of drums, bass, guitar, Rhodes, and much more. Symmetry is hip hop with heart."

Brown commented, "I would like to thank the Student Programming Board (SPB), especially Greg Ritter and Taylor Zink for putting on a well-run event. The turn out was great, and I'd like to thank

everyone that supported all the performers. My group members and I are looking forward to the concert, and hopefully getting the crowd excited for Mims and Fabolous."

If you would like to listen to Symmetry before Spring Weekend, check out the band's MySpace page at www.myspace.com/symmetryhiphop.

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(Courtesy of Michael Brown)

Management 200 goes international

By Morgan Buell
Staff Writer

Next to Business 101, Management 200 is one of the more tedious group-oriented classes that one will ever take at Bryant. You still may have nightmares of that dreadful team leader or the member who never showed. Whatever the case was, you remember the project. That will be especially true for this year's management classes taught by Professor Eileen Kwesiga, who has spun the service-learning idea into international projects that she incorporated into each of her Management 200 sections.

The dominant focus of this course is to help students integrate management theories into a coherent framework for management practice. It is the intent of this course to provide novice business professionals with state of the art management knowledge to act effectively and think decisively. Students are exposed to the historical classics of Management Theory, as well as the four pillars of managerial behavior: planning, leading, organizing, and controlling. Students finish the course by successfully integrating the coursework leaving a legacy of a service learning project.

Professor Kwesiga admits, "I am encouraging some of the teams to work together just like some-



Professor Kwesiga (Courtesy of Professor Kwesiga)

times departments in organizations collaborate on ventures to take advantage of economies of scale, as well as to share the best practices."

The classes were separated into a "Communication Group," "Logistics Group," "Awareness Group," "Sustainability Group," and "Traveling Group." Each team has responsibilities to fulfill. The Communication group has to establish a connection with the organization. This consists of maintaining contact, creating a website and a video project to share the class's endeavors with the organization. The logistics group is responsible in figuring out how to transport donations to the organization's location. The awareness group is in charge of marketing for the organization and attaining as much media as possible through radio and local area churches. The fundraising group is responsible for fundraising and acquiring donations. The sustainability group is looking for ways to maintain the organization over the coming years. Finally, the traveling group is working with the study abroad office for an opportunity to travel to Kenya to visit the participating organizations.

In one of Kwesiga's sections, the teams are helping a non-profit organization called the Uganda National Women's Shelter located in the Kabale District of Africa. This organization helps women who have suffered from physical, mental and/or sexual abuse. They also hope to provide a safe home for women and their children to return to after they leave the shelter. To support this cause, one of the teams hosted the movie, "Blood Diamond," in Janikies on Tuesday, April 7. There was a donation bin for used clothing, books and money. Raffle tickets and pizza were sold at reasonable prices and all proceeds were donated to the Uganda National Women's Shelter.

Another section is working with the Cana Family Life Ministries in Nairobi, Kenya. Cana is an organization dedicated to helping abused young women, orphaned children, AIDS patients, and soon-to-be mothers. Aside from these tasks, which are large enough to begin with, Cana faces an enormous problem with obtaining supplies such as food, money, and medicine.

Meanwhile, in a different section, teams are helping the Good Hope Orphanage which is located in Nairobi, Kenya. Good Hope is an orphanage that takes care of children but also helps women in need.



One Management 200 group developed a "pen pal program" for Good Hope Orphanage in Kenya. (Amanda Dunn)

Tom Murphy, a leader of a communication team created the website www.goodhope.weebly.com as an outlet so people can find more information about the organization. The Fundraising group is raising money or seeking "treasures" lying around people's houses. They have created an E-bay account in which they will sell all these donations and will send the profit to the organization. They will be giving away a \$300 guitar package to whomever's item receives the highest bid. The sustainability group is organizing a Pen Pal relationship between the organization and a local school. The logistics group is searching for the most inexpensive way to get the contributions to Kenya.

Although Professor Kwesiga's intuitive idea is very different from those of the past it seems as though the teams are being quite successful in their ventures. Brian Chapdelaine, in the communication group for the Cana project, said, "As a team, my management class and I have been working together to raise these supplies for Cana, while learning how to work alongside an organization to achieve a common goal. Teams within our class have been working diligently to raise these supplies. We have held fundraising events that have included a benefit concert, movie screenings, and an upcoming art show. Our project has been very productive thus far, and we hope our success carries into the future."

Professor Kwesiga, hopes the success will carry into future Management 200 sections and that teams do not limit their service-learning ideas to the state of Rhode Island. Everyone could use some help, especially in today's economy.

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Boy soldier, Ishmael Beah tells his story

By Naa Amerley Sackey
Contributing Writer

On Wednesday April 15th, the Students Arts and Speakers Series (SASS) hosted Ishmael Beah, author of *A LONG WAY GONE: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier*. Beah is currently a member of the Human Rights Watch Children's Rights Division Advisory Committee and has spoken before the United Nations, the Council on Foreign Relations, the Center for Emerging Threats and Opportunities (CETO) at the Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory, and many other NGO panels on children affected by war. In addition, he holds a B.A. in Political Science. His book, which is an autobiography, has earned several reviews from prestigious newspapers and magazines such as *The Wall Street Journal*, *Entertainment Weekly* etc.

Now 26 years old, Ishmael Beah has truly come a long way from the little boy forced out of his village in his home country of Sierra Leone because of war. His book is an account of the time he spent as a boy soldier during the Civil War in Sierra Leone. After fleeing rebels at age 12, he was picked up by the government army at thirteen and became a boy soldier. He ended up in the United States after being released three years later by the government and was sent to a UNICEF rehabilitation center, where this boy who had committed atrocities that would make even grown men shudder, fought to regain his humanity. In his book, Ishmael Beah presents us with the picture of war through the eyes of a boy soldier, which he sums up as "This is how wars are fought now: by children, traumatized, hopped-up on drugs and wielding AK-47s."

SASS Committee members Brian Waddell and

Nicholas Poche who organized the event say that student response preceding the event was enormous. Many tickets were picked up from the Center for Student Involvement prior to the event, which gave them hope for the program's success. SASS did a wonderful job of promoting the event well in advance by not only placing eye catching flyers and posters everywhere, but also by the flag display which they put up outside the entrance to the Unistructure. The 3,000 little white surveyor flags that were erected have a deeper meaning than that

mentioned his book and his story at a meeting. Brian said, "I was very excited because Ishmael has always been someone I admired for his courage. It's easy for someone to go through a tragic experience, lose their childhood, witness and participate in atrocities, and then feel sorry for themselves and accomplish nothing. Instead, Ishmael has fought to regain control of his life, and has worked tirelessly to promote awareness of the plight of the child soldier."

After contacting his booking agent, and successfully signing a contract, preparations began for his arrival. Transportation was arranged, hotel rooms booked, the Grand hall which was the venue for the event was also booked, the AV department had to be contacted for lighting and sound requirements. In addition, they worked with the Bryant Bookstore to have books available and ready for signing for interested attendees.

Despite the fact that The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child explicitly states that children should not be enlisted to fight wars, the issue of child soldiers is still a persistent humanitarian one. In Africa, numerous senseless wars are fought and innocent children are made to lose their childhood. This may be through the loss of their families and loved ones, as well as what they see going on around them. However, they are also being made to forcefully partake in the war further robbing them of their childhood. Yet many of us are unaware of the horrors that such children go through, which many of them don't survive. Ishmael Beah who made this journey to hell

and back is a voice for all child soldiers, many of whose stories remain untold. Organizations such as the Coalition to Stop the Use of Child Soldiers are undoubtedly making huge strides in the fight against the use of child soldiers. However, many of us still do not realize the gravity of the situation. Hopefully, Ishmael Beah's touching story will move us all to action; and will make an advocate against child soldiers out of us, no matter how removed and distant we felt from the situation prior to this event.



SASS placed 100 flags in the green outside the Unistructure symbolizing child soldiers throughout the world. The flags are also in honor of Ishmael Beah, author of *A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier*. (Amanda Dunn)

of mere aestheticism. The flags represented the hundreds of child soldiers fighting conflicts around the world and were meant to motivate us here at Bryant to go and hear Beah tell his story, so that we would learn about the predicament of child soldiers and would in turn become advocates against this.

The program, co-sponsored by the Student Programming Board, took an immense amount of planning. The SASS committee felt very strongly about inviting Ishmael Beah to Bryant after Brian Waddell

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APR 6 2009-Monday at 13:48
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A student reports a Residence Hall suite had been vandalized.

FIRE ALARM

APR 6 2009-Monday at 22:40
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: An alarm caused by cooking smoke.

VANDALISM (Residence)

APR 7 2009-Tuesday at 02:33
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: An RA reported an exterior door window had been shattered.

DISORDERLY (Disturbance)

APR 8 2009-Wednesday at 00:53
Location: HALL 15 LOT
Summary: A minor altercation broke out over a parking spot. The issue was resolved.

DISORDERLY (Disturbance)

APR 8 2009-Wednesday at 03:08
Location: TOWNHOUSE VIL-LAGE
Summary: A noise complaint was resolved by DPS.

VANDALISM (School Building)

APR 8 2009-Wednesday at 10:50
Location: UNISTRUTURE
Summary: A report of graffiti in a bathroom stall.

VANDALISM (School Building)

APR 8 2009-Wednesday at 18:23
Location: UNISTRUTURE
Summary: A report of a hole in Unistructure hallway wall.

VANDALISM (School Building)

APR 9 2009-Thursday at 12:15
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: Support Services reports the candy machine in the lobby of a Residence hall had been vandalized.

VANDALISM (AUTO)

APR 10 2009-Friday at 01:00
Location: STRIP PARKING
Summary: A report that the rear

window had been smashed on a vehicle parked on the Strip.

TRESPASSING (Domestic Related)

APR 10 2009-Friday at 02:57
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: A caller stating that her ex boyfriend was throwing things at her window.

INFORMATIONAL (Non-Police)

APR 10 2009-Friday at 11:06
Location: STRIP PARKING
Summary: A student reports a motorcycle tipped over and leaking gas.

VANDALISM (School Building)

APR 11 2009-Saturday at 02:04
Location: UNISTRUTURE
Summary: A report from House-keeping that there is a hole in a classroom wall.

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Study Abroad Spotlight: Shani Bird

Name: Shani Bird
Class of: 2010

University: University of Costa Rica
Location: San José, Costa Rica
Partner: APY
Semester Abroad: Fall 2008

Reason for going:
I wanted a little break from the U.S. and I also wanted to get a lot better at Spanish

Best experience/memory: My worst experience had to be when the roof of my room caved in while there was a torrential storm going on. My camera and my laptop were completely soaked and my room was flooded. My laptop met a tragic end.

Funny cultural experience: One day I was enjoying some fried rice at the mall and a man decided to invite himself to sit with me. He was dressed in all black, spikes around his neck, with black eye-liner and nail polish. He then told me I was “bonita” and proceeded to touch my hands with his nails. Did I mention that his nails were 3 inches long? Awesome!

How was the school different from Bryant University? This school had about 30,000 people. The course work was pretty manageable and enjoyable.

How did this experience change you? I am not the same person I was at this time last year. My outlook on life is so different and I love the way I deal with people and situations now.

Would you study abroad again given the opportunity? Most definitely! I wish I could do another semester abroad. It is a good way to do something different. It is likely that when you are older you might not have the chance to do this. So this is your time! Pura Vida!



Progress continues on campus construction



Construction on Bryant’s new Interfaith Center is nearing completion and the 11,000 square foot structure is slated to be ready for Commencement this May. Additionally, construction continues on the townhouses, which are scheduled to be finished for incoming seniors this fall. Look for updates upon completion of construction. *(Amanda Dunn)*

Greek Corner

By Andrew Pantuosco

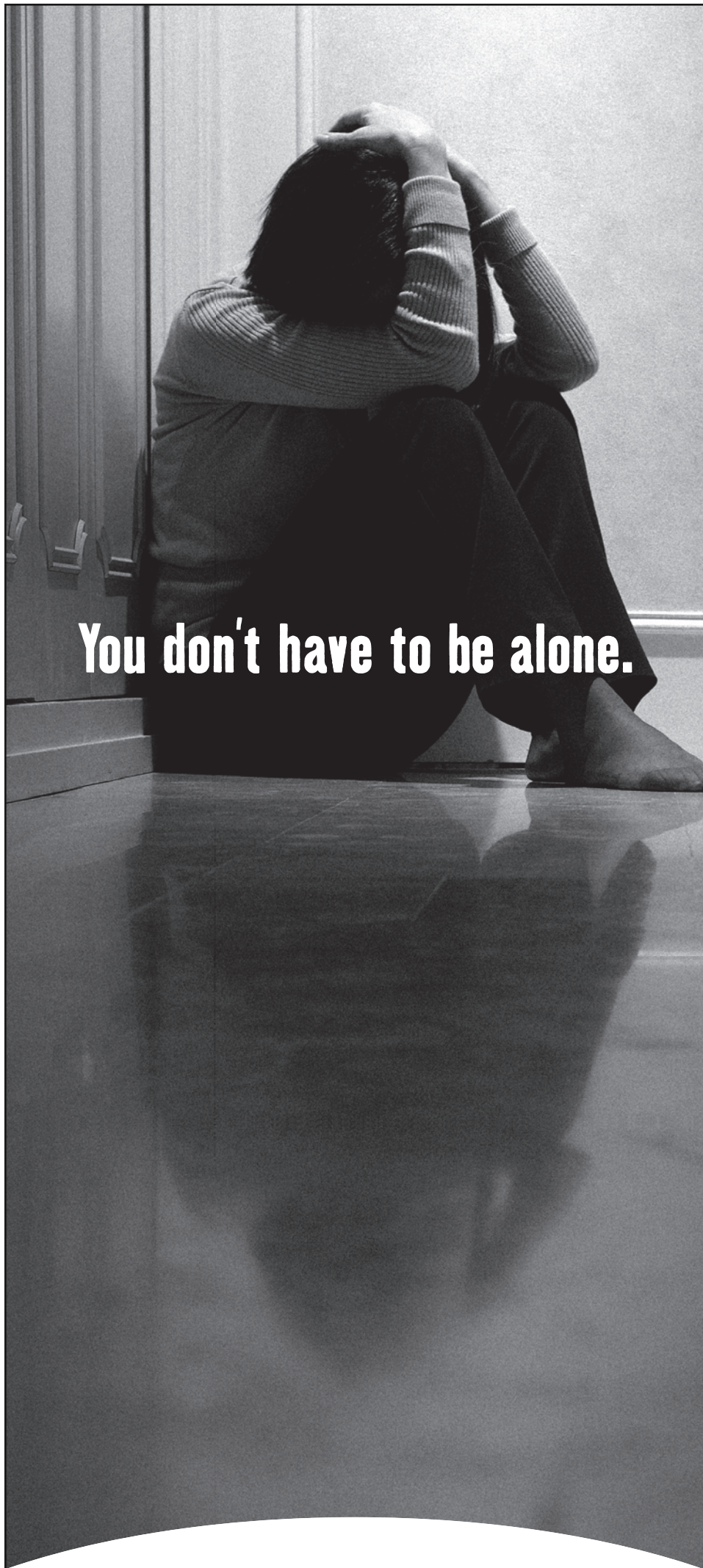
Greek Week kicked off this Monday with the Greek Olympics, an event comprised of a tug-of-war, water balloon toss, three legged race, word puzzle, and pie eating contest. Below, members of Delta Chi, Delta Zeta, Sigma Chi, and Tau Kappa Epsilon bury their faces in pies in an effort to gain points for their respective chapters.



(Andrew Pantuosco)

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Senate announces E-board for 2009-2010 year



(Jessica Miles)

(Left to Right) Jose Batista (2010 Vice President), Robert Harvey (2010 President), Luke Bornheimer (2010 Treasurer), and Amy Angeloni (2010 Secretary) were announced as Senate E-board members for the 2009-2010 year. The 2010 Senate speaker will be announced next week.

Communication Society welcomes Dr. Jon Nussbaum

By Jenna Morris
Staff Writer

On Friday April 17th at noon, Dr. Jon Nussbaum will be speaking to the Bryant community about intimacy and social interaction in older adulthood. Jon Nussbaum is a Professor of Communication Arts and Sciences at Pennsylvania State University. He is an editor of the Journal of Communication and is a fellow in both the American Psychological Association and International Communication Association.

Intimacy and a social life are clearly a huge part of one's overall health, however many social scientists do not consider the impact these factors have on older adults as they age and their lives change. Nussbaum will focus on the importance of social interaction amongst older adults and how one's

social life changes as he/she ages. "Intimacy has been linked to positive well being across the entire life span. Social scientists, however, often do not consider the significance of intimacy as we adapt to the many challenges of older adulthood. The nature and function of intimacy has recently been investigated for individuals entering later life. Strong and vibrant social networks that provide a complex notion of intimacy across a wide variety of relationships is now thought to be an essential ingredient in the process of successful aging," says Nussbaum.

All members of the Bryant community are encouraged to attend this event.

For more information contact Dr. Chris Morse in the Department of Communication at cmorse2@bryant.edu.

CSI Spotlight *A.J. Toto*



The Center for Student Involvement would like to announce the final Spring 2009 CSI Student Spotlight Award Recipient, A.J. Toto. A.J. is a junior and the General Manager for WJMF. A.J. has been a member of many successful Bryant programs such as Helping Hands and Special Olympics, as well as organizing the "Bryant Held Hostage" event that benefits Meeting Street School. A.J. will also be helping to coordinate this year's Springstock Festival. A.J.'s ability to balance all of these commitments and still remain an amazing student at Bryant makes him a very worthy recipient of this week's Spotlight Award! The entire CSI staff would like to congratulate A.J. as being selected as the next 2008-09 Student Spotlight award recipient.

Bulldogs roll past Northeastern, 8-4

If the Bryant University Men's Baseball team hasn't gotten your attention yet, consider this: the team has won 14 of its past 17 contests, and is averaging seven runs per game during that span - all this in their first season in Division I play.

Courtesy of Bryant Athletics

Senior outfielder Pat O'Connor went two-for-five with a home run and three RBI to help Bryant get a big win over Northeastern, 8-4, at Friedman Diamond Tuesday afternoon. Eric Polvani went seven strong innings on the hill, allowing just two runs to pick-up his fifth win of the year and third in his last three starts.

Northeastern (18-12), who came into this game ranked fourth in the NEIBA poll this week behind Bryant, got on the board early, scoring a run on three hits in the bottom of the first to take the early 1-0 advantage. Husky all-time hits leader Mike Tamsin knocked in the run with an RBI ground out to first to score Matt Miller from third. Polvani then worked his way out of a first and second jam with one down, getting a strikeout and ground out to end the frame.

The Bulldogs (26-10) would answer in a big way, scoring two runs in each of the next three innings to take a 6-1 lead. The run started in the top of the second, as Jeff Vigurs drew a walk with one out and Jordan English brought him home with a triple into deep right center field to knot the game up at one apiece. Jamie Skagerlind (Holden,



Junior Jeff Vigurs helped the Bulldogs lock up a win against the Huskies with his team high 50th RBI. (Athletic Department)

Mass.) followed with a slow chopper to second that he beat out for an infield single, scoring English from third to give Bryant the 2-1 edge.

Pat O'Connor tacked on two more in the third, hitting a two-run blast, his sixth of the season, off Husky starter JR Ross over the 375-foot mark in left center field to extend the lead to 4-1. The senior did it again in the fourth, lacing a two-out single to right to bring home his third RBI of the game. O'Connor is now eight-for-21 since returning to the lineup from a leg injury. Vigurs followed with a line drive single to center, scoring Nick Campbell to extend Bryant's lead to 6-1 and giving the junior catcher a team-best 50 RBI on the year.

A Frank Compagnone home run that just cleared the fence in left center brought Northeastern back a little bit, cutting the Bulldog lead to 6-2.

Bryant showed its two-out prowess again this season, scoring four times with two outs in the contest. Skagerlind helped with that number in the sixth, hitting a single to center to score Vigurs, and Dylan Stone did it in the seventh with a two out base knock to score Connor Carignan. Skagerlind had two RBI, going two-for-four in the contest.

Polvani went seven strong, giving up just a run in the first and a run in the sixth on his way to his fifth win of the year and third in his last three starts. The junior got out of back-to-back jams in the sixth and seventh, inducing inning-ending double plays in both innings with runners on first and second to escape without any harm done.

Matt Griswold worked a perfect eighth, striking out the first two Huskies he faced and getting a ground out to finish the frame. Mark Andrews finished the game, allowing two runs in the ninth while working in a game for the first time since April 8 against Harvard.

Bryant takes a trip to Boca Raton, Florida to start a four-game series with Florida Atlantic on Friday (6:30 p.m.).

Bryant jumps to #2 ranking in latest NEIBA poll

A 3-1 week against New England baseball teams, including beating URI for the second time this season, moved the Bryant baseball team up from number three to number two in New England according to the newest New England Intercollegiate Baseball Association poll as of April 13.

#1 Boston College 22-12



#2 Bryant Univ. 25-10



#3 Rhode Island 19-12-1



#4 NEU 17-11



#5 Dart. 11 - 11



Courtesy of Athletic Dept.

Women's Lacrosse falls to Iona on the road

Courtesy of Bryant Athletics

Junior Allison Faiola scored four goals while six other Bulldogs chipped in tallies of their own, but it wouldn't be enough to keep the Bryant University women's lacrosse team from dropping a 20-10 decision to Iona College on the road Tuesday.

Bryant (3-10) jumped out to a 1-0 lead off an unassisted Faiola goal just 36 seconds into the first half before Iona (4-10) responded with seven-straight tallies to take a six-goal advantage within the game's first 16 minutes.

Freshman Mary Green made it 7-2 with her 19th goal of the season with 14:01 showing on the clock, but the Gaels regained the six-tally lead with just 45 seconds to go before the half.

Just 50 seconds out of the break, Casey Scully scored her second of four goals on the day for a 9-2 advantage before Eliza DeMarseilles got the Bulldogs back to scoring with a goal of her own with under 28 to play.

But Iona put the game out of reach over the following seven minutes, netting six more tallies to take a 15-3 lead with 21:30 still to play in the second half.

A goal from Lauren Sheridan followed by back-to-back goals from Faiola put the home side's lead to 15-5, but not for long. The sides traded goals before Iona got two more to go up 18-7.

The Bulldogs' Antoinette Lombardi and Delia Glover responded with consecutive goals for an 18-9 score with 5:25 to play, but two more Iona goals put the game away. Christine Sutherland would slip in one more for the Bulldogs with under a minute on the clock for the 20-10 final.

The Bulldogs were outshot on the day, 43-31, taking seven free position shots to Iona's six. The Bulldogs won 11-of-31 draw controls and picked up 42 ground balls.

The Bulldogs have scored in the double digits in the past two games; both games resulted in losses.

Bryant returns to action Friday, April 17 when the Bulldogs travel to Boston College for a 4:30 p.m. matchup. The squad then heads to LIU-Brooklyn to culminate the weekend, all before hosting Villanova on Saturday, April 25 in the season finale.



The Bulldogs battled Iona evenly after struggling at the outset of the contest. (Athletic Department)

Top Dogs



Kevin Gardiner

Year: Junior

Sport: Men's Tennis

On Monday, the junior earned a solid 6-3, 6-1 win at Sacred Heart to help lead the Bulldogs rally to a 4-3 win. A day later, Gardiner posted a 6-4, 4-6, 12-10 win over Fairfield's Aaron Chan.



Delia Glover

Year: Senior

Sport: Women's Lacrosse

Glover scored eight goals and had one assist in three games last week for the Bulldogs. She scored a hat trick with three goals against Brown last Thursday and had four goals and an assist vs. Columbia. She currently leads the team with 34 goals.

Bulldogs secure winning season with 14-8 victory over Presbyterian Friday

Courtesy of Bryant Athletics

With a goal and an assist on the evening, Bryant University men's lacrosse senior captain Bryan Kaufmann (Putnam Valley, N.Y.) notched his 200th career point as the Bulldogs secured their eighth victory of the year, 14-8 over Presbyterian College Friday night at the Bryant Turf Complex, guaranteeing their most sought-after team goal: a winning season in their inaugural Division I campaign.

"I'm so thrilled we got this win and that's finally behind us," said Bryant head coach Mike Pressler. "We didn't do it in a pretty fashion - it was not our best stuff to say the least - but we'll certainly take it."

Graduate student and first-line attackman Zack Greer (Whitby, Ont.) led the Bulldogs (8-5) with five goals and a pair of assists, while linemate Kevin Hoagland (Glastonbury, Conn.) had a big day of his own with a hat trick and two helpers. Bryant got goals from six different scorers as Kaufmann's two points on the evening put him among just two other four-year Bryant lacrosse alums with 200 or more career points.

"I'm certainly happy that Bryan got his 200th point, but this was certainly not his best effort," said Pressler.

And despite the win, at times, the play wasn't as pretty as Bryant is used to.

In the first quarter, the Bulldogs sat back and watched as Presbyterian (1-10) took a 2-0 edge on goals from Cory Stemshorn and Andrew Athens, who would lead the Blue Hose with six of their eight tallies on the night.

But with 4:45 to play in the opening frame, sophomore Matt Larson (Cheshire, Conn.) sent a pass into the crease from the right side for Greer, who nailed home a low one-timer to get the Bulldogs on the board, 2-1.

Clay Patchen made the score 3-1 in the visitors' favor 44 seconds later before a man-up goal by Gary Crowley (Scituate, Mass.) and an even-strength tally from Hoagland (from Greer) within a minute of each other knotted the score at 3-3.

The Bulldogs didn't see their first lead of the night until the 13:57 mark of the first session, when Bryant Amitrano (Valley Stream, N.Y.) bounced in a goal from the right side with 63 ticks left on the clock. Back-to-back unassisted goals by Athens gave the Blue Hose back the one-goal advantage, 5-4, less than six minutes into the second quarter, but a soft and low finesse shot from Crowley saw the home side get even again at 5-5. Hoagland netted his second of the night 1:29 later to finish off all first-half scoring just seconds after a Presbyterian penalty released to take a 6-5 edge into the locker room at the half.

"We need to understand that we have to, regardless of our opponent, be mature enough to go out there and have the goods to play well, and I didn't

think we had that from the first whistle to the last today," he continued. "And give Presbyterian credit. They played well in the first half for sure, but we weren't as prepared as I hoped we would be for game No 13. After a 10-day layoff, I just thought we would be more ready to go and obviously that wasn't the case."

And in the locker room between halves, the tone was quite different than ever before.

The second-period goals from Crowley and Hoagland jumpstarted an uninterrupted, eight-goal run for the Bulldogs, who dominated the third session, outshooting Presbyterian, 16-3, and holding the visiting Blue Hose scoreless for more than 24 minutes from the middle of the second through the start of the fourth.

Tallies by Greer book-ended Hoagland's third goal of the night, all three goals coming in a 1:23 span to open the third quarter, as Greer would score a trio of third-period goals to put his team up, 10-5, with 8:54 to play in the frame.

Jim Long (Durham, N.H.) made it 11-5 in favor of the home team, slicing through the mid-field and netting a shot from the left side minutes before Matt Tyburski (Mendham, N.J.) scored his first goal of the season after receiving a Max Weisenberg (Long Beach, N.Y.) pass at the far post with 5:28 to play to end Bryant's scoring run with a 12-5 lead.

On the day, the Bulldogs outshot the Blue Hose, 59-23, putting shots on net, 29-15. Turnovers continued to plague the Bulldogs, as they did Presbyterian, who committed 29 miscues to Bryant's 21. The home team dominated the ground game, picking up 50 ground balls to PC's 22, while failing only three of 22 clear opportunities. The nation's top faceoff specialist in junior Andrew



The men's lacrosse team handled a difficult ten day layoff by surviving an early deficit en route to another victory. (Athletic Department)

Hennessey (Wading River, N.Y.) struggled in the first half, regaining his typical dominance in the final 30 minutes to win 18-of-24 faceoffs, including going 4-for-4 in the final frame.

"I just thought at the attack end we didn't do a good job of putting the ball in the cage," he said. "We missed the cage 30 times. There were too many opportunities that we couldn't get there, and that's a result of not getting to the front of the cage. But that's something I believe we can certainly fix, too."

The Bulldogs are off until next Saturday, April 18, when they host Bellarmine in a 1 p.m. matchup at Bulldog Stadium.

Club Spotlight

Racquetball places second in national competition

By Andrew Corndell
Contributing Writer

Three weeks ago, Bryant University's Racquetball team journeyed to Arizona State University in sunny Tempe, Arizona to defend their National Intercollegiate Championship Title earned last year in Overland Park, Kansas. With Co-Presidents Michael Mutrie and Chelsey Rink leading the way, Bryant was able to capture 2nd place in Men's, Women's, and Overall Combined Team Scoring and fell just shy of capturing another National Championship to Clarkson University by only 11 points.

The team was only able to bring a slim 11 members this year in comparison to the previous years, where they were able to fill both the men's and women's team (6 men, 6 women) as well as having the advantage of carrying two alternates (one extra man and woman), in case of unforeseen circumstances, such as injuries or personal obligations. Nevertheless, Bryant seemed determined to win. With the senior leadership of Chelsey Rink and Dana Pepa playing in the 1-2 spot for the girls' team, the girls were able to place second overall, even with lacking a sixth player. Junior Kierney Waldron and Sophomores Mary Sheehan and Andrea Ruotolo really had to step up their game in order to compete at the higher levels.

As for the men's team, the degree of competition was remarkable, but it did not seem to even faze the determined team. With seniors Michael Paradiso and Michael Mutrie leading as their #1 and 2 and inspiring the remaining players to play hard and give it their all, the men captured 2nd place and even beat out the overall National Champions, Clarkson University. However, their victory would have not have been feasible without the help of Junior Andrew Corndell, Sophomore Lawrence Troiano, and Freshmen Michael Ruggles and Chris Nethercote.

Men's Tennis mounts thrilling comeback

Courtesy of Bryant Athletics

After falling behind 3-0 through the first three points of the match, the Bryant men's tennis team rattled off four-straight wins to take down Sacred Heart, 4-3, at the Bryant Tennis Complex on Monday. It was one of the more impressive victories for the Bulldogs, as the Pioneers came into the match holding the second seed in the Northeast Conference.

The Bulldogs lost the doubles point, losing two of the three doubles matches. Jose Rodriguez (Trujillo, Peru) and Zehn Laliwala (Bagalore, India) picked up the lone doubles victory, winning 8-2 over Kirill Kasyanov and Cole Conrad.

After losing the first two singles matches to trail 3-0 overall, the Bulldogs started to mount their comeback. Kevin Gardiner (Powder Springs, Ga.) picked up the first win, grabbing a 6-3, 6-1 victory over Jinal Shah. Nicholai Hill (Ottawa, Ontario) followed suit with a solid, 6-3, 6-3, win over Jacob Miller in number six singles.

Trailing 3-2 with two matches left, all eyes were on the front two courts where first and second singles were in action. The Pioneers boast two of the top five players in the conference in Kirill Kasyanov and Adam Gart, with Kasyanov being arguably the best players overall in the NEC. Rodriguez matched up with Gart in second singles, taking one of the best wins of his career, winning a hard-fought, 6-4, 7-5 match.

A big crowd formed around the first court for the match-up between Cristian Balestrieri (Mar Del Plata, Argentina) and Kasyanov, in what proved to be the match of the day. Balestrieri forced a first set tiebreaker, breaking Kasyanov's serve to tie the set at 6-6. The two players went back-and-forth in the tiebreak, with one gaining the advantage and then the other. Kasyanov came out on top 13-11 to take the first set. But Balestrieri fought back with vengeance, winning back-to-back games in the second set after falling behind 1-0. The sophomore would take the second set, 6-3, to tie the match at one set apiece.

Battling cramps all day, Balestrieri took early command of the third set, winning the first two games before Kasyanov took the third, trailing 2-1. The two opponents stayed on serve for the next two games, and Balestrieri came up with a big break in the seventh game, taking control with a 5-2 lead and having a chance to serve for the match. The native of Argentina did not waste any time, winning five-straight points to take the game and the match for the Bulldogs.

"To come back and win four-straight matches after trailing 3-0 is huge. This is one of the top teams in the conference, and I can't say enough about the character our guys showed," said head coach Ron Gendron.

Bryant improved to .500 on the season with the win, boasting an 8-8 record.

The team will be in for another challenge on Tuesday, as they travel to play a tough Fairfield squad (3 p.m.).

Remembering one of the best

By David Niles
Staff Writer

Two weeks ago I wrote about the disappointment I felt upon hearing fans and local sports pundits claim that Curt Schilling was a Hall of Famer. This past week an athlete actually expressed his disappointment upon hearing he was elected.

That's right a player had actually dreaded the ill-fated day when the Basketball Hall of Fame would come calling. Why? Because it meant it was over. His career that is. Sure he has been retired for over five years and has a new job working in the front office for an NBA team, gets to play golf any day he wants to, and can now attend his own kids' games. However, Michael Jordan, arguably the greatest basketball player of all-time, would rather not be a Hall of Famer. You know what? I can't blame him.

I know how much I miss just playing Little League Baseball or high school sports, as many of you probably do. Magnify that times a million. I can't imagine the incredible let down he must feel; the void that exists, now that his career is over. He didn't just play basketball. He was the best in the world at what he did. He got to feel the rush of competition, see fear in his opponents eyes, play to roaring crowds of thousands, knowing millions were watching at home. He got to hit game-winning buzzer beaters, defy gravity, and win World Championships.

Now what does Michael Jordan do? Sit in an office with a suit and tie, making phone

calls to other general managers. It's no wonder we hear about Jordan's gambling exploits and high-stakes golf matches. He is still searching for that rush that can't be replaced no matter how hard he tries.

Some more quick thoughts from this week in sports:

Brace yourself for one

of the most incredible seasons in baseball history. Kevin Youkilis is on pace to shatter the single season batting average record, with an average of .518. This is my way of pointing out the absurdity of panicking Red Sox and Yankee fans after less than 10 games.

However, I do buy into the demise of David Ortiz.

Just a year ago, whoever thought there would be a question as to who was more valuable to the Red Sox, Pedroia, Youkilis or Ortiz?

The reason the Yankees overspending will work this time around is because they are paying for players in their prime instead of the likes of Johnny Damon, Randy Johnson, Kevin Brown, Bobby Abreu, and Jason Giambi.

The Celtics are

done even if Kevin Garnett comes back. You simply can't sit out for 20+ games and return to form.

If Lebron James doesn't win MVP in a landslide there should be an investigation.

And I would make the case that Chris Paul is more valuable to his team than Kobe Bryant of D-Wade. Aside from making his teammates far better, he will lead the league in assists and steals for the second consecutive year.

Lastly, there is no truth to the rumor John Stockton will wear short-shorts into the Hall of Fame.



The emptiness in Jordan's current sound bites prove his desire to play is still there. (MCT Campus)

Opening Day raises excitement, questions for MLB teams

By Jackie Ammirato
Staff Writer

April 6th marked perhaps one of the most exciting days of the year for thousands of people across the country: Opening Day. Even Salmo got dressed up for the occasion, breaking out decorations, music, hamburgers, hot-dogs, pretzels, and peanuts. And now the season is fully under way. For the next seven months we will cheer, worry, scrutinize, and mock as guys like Jason Varitek, Derek Jeter, and Jose Reyes get paid millions of dollars to live out their dreams on national television. For a Long Island girl like me, it is easy to feel like all of Bryant is cheering for the Red Sox and cursing the very New York ground I grew up on. While it's definitely true that most of Bryant bleeds red and white, there are a couple of good, local teams worth keeping an eye as the 2009 MLB season unfolds.

Let's start with ESPN's Jayson Stark's preseason pick to win it all, your Boston Red Sox. After rain, pushed the Red Sox's opening game back a day, Josh Beckett came out and took care of business, going seven innings against Tampa Bay to get the Red Sox off to a 1-0 start. The Red Sox are going to need good performances on the mound if they want to make it deep into the fall. As of now the rotation includes, Beckett, Daisuke Matsuzaka, Jon Lester, Tim Wakefield, and Brad Penny. But, with John Smoltz, their highest paid player and arguably best pitcher currently sitting on the 15 day DL, there will probably be some competition for the starting spots throughout the season. Left-fielder Jason Bay is the early offensive leader with two homeruns in just the first five games

but Varitek and Kevin Youkilis will have to find their rhythm to help the Red Sox bounce back after a 2-5 start, if they are going to finish atop the AL East.

Then there's that other team in the AL East, the New York Yankees. New Yankee ace, C.C. Sabathia started the first game and lasted just four innings getting rocked for six runs off eight hits. But Sabathia redeemed himself in his second start and went seven innings striking out six to pick up his first win. With A-Rod out of the lineup the Yankees will look to newcomer Mark Teixeira as well as the ever reliable Derek Jeter to help them make a run in the AL East. The question will be can Joe Girardi in the new Yankee stadium, in this new Steinbrenner era get the Yankees back on top?

Then we have the team know best known lately for their September collapses, the New York Mets. In 2007, the Mets lost 12 of their last 17 games. In 2008, they lost 10 of their last 17. So, in the offseason the Mets set out to improve their bullpen and picked up Francisco Rodriguez, who last year picked up 62 saves setting a major league record. And with the Mets playing in the inaugural season at Citi Field, they will look to the likes of Carlos Delgado, Carlos Beltran, David Wright, and Reyes to get them back to the top of the NL East.

Let's not forget the defending World Series champions the Philadelphia Phillies. With players like Chase Utley, Jimmy Rollins, and Ryan Howard the Phillies will no doubt be in contention once again in the NL East. And so the year begins, the homeruns, the strikeouts, the extra innings, and the late season collapses. All we can do now is sit back and hope our team comes out on top. Let the games begin!



(MCT Campus)

Bulldog Bites

Golf shines at New England Championships

Jason Thresher (West Suffield, Conn.) shot a three-over par, 110, to tie for first place at the New England Championships and lead the Bulldogs to a third place finish overall out of 11 teams at Triggs Memorial Golf Course Saturday. Bryant finished with a team total of 455, nine shots back off of the first place finishers from Sacred Heart. Rain caused an early end to the final round, with the teams playing just nine holes on Saturday morning. After standing in second place with a team total of 303 after day one, the Bulldogs shot a 152 on wet and windy day in Providence, led by Thresher's 37. The junior finished in a four-way tie for first place, capturing his first individual title of the year. Scott Congdon (Foxboro, Mass.) finished in the top ten, firing a 38 on Saturday to tie for seventh with a 27-hole total of 113. Alex Daley (Hudson, Mass.) and Eric Tankanow (Worcester, Mass.) placed in the top-25, shooting a 38 and 39 respectively on day two. Daley tied for 16th with a 115 and Tankanow tied for 25th with a 117. Kyle Hoffman (Pawtucket, R.I.) rounded out the scoring finishing 40th with a 123, shooting a 40 on Saturday. Bryant travels to play a tournament at Mount St. Mary's on April 20 in their final tune-up before the Northeast Conference Championships May 1-3.

Softball team volunteers for local charity

The Bryant University Softball team took time out of their schedule to participate in a community service project with the Women's Center of Rhode Island to make Easter baskets for children who are helped by the center. Every player and coach came together to make the baskets, filling them with candy and other Easter surprises in hopes to brighten the children's Easter season. The team hand-delivered the baskets and was able to learn more about what the Women's Center of Rhode Island does for many women and children of the area. The Bulldogs hope to continue to volunteer and work with this great organization in the future. To learn more about the Women's Center of Rhode Island, please visit their website at www.womenscenterri.org. Softball takes up action again Saturday, April 18th at the University of Rhode Island at 1 p.m.

Bryant Football 2009 Schedule announced

Five home games, including the first-ever matchup with Hofstra University, highlight the 2009 Bryant University football schedule, announced today by head coach Marty Fine. Bryant's 11-game schedule will feature three first-time matchups and includes a trip to Albany, N.Y. to face the two-time defending NEC champion University at Albany. "This is a tremendous and challenging schedule for our program heading into our second year of Division I competition," said Fine. "It will be the toughest schedule we have ever had and our fans will have a great opportunity to see some of the top programs in the region come to Bulldog Stadium this fall." The Bulldogs will open the season hosting Division II Southern Connecticut on Sept. 5 at 3 p.m. and will host Hofstra University on Sept. 12. The Pride, members of the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA), are coming off a 4-8 season in 2008, posting wins over URI, Bucknell, Stony Brook and Northeastern. This will be the second year in a row Bryant will play a member of the CAA after playing at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, Mass. in 2008.

Men's Tennis Earn First D-1 Ranking

In their first year competing at Division 1 level, the Bryant University Men's Tennis Team appeared in the Inter-collegiate Tennis Association ranking for the first time ever this week, ranked #167 out of almost 300 division I tennis programs.

Playing a challenging schedule that includes ACC, Ivy League and Big East teams, the Bulldogs earned important victories over Hofstra, Lehigh, Creighton, Boston University, St. Josephs, and recently Sacred Heart, showing they belong in Division I.

There are only three other teams ranked in the Northeast Conference, which are #129 Quinnipiac, #133 Sacred Heart, and #163 Fairleigh Dickinson. Also, this ranking does not include the thrilling victory over Sacred Heart on Monday afternoon at the Bryant Tennis Complex, as the Bulldogs might move up some spots in the next poll.

Bryant On Tap

Friday, April 17:

Baseball at Florida Atlantic, 6:30 pm
Women's Lacrosse at Boston College, 4:30 pm

Saturday, April 18:

Men's Lacrosse HOME vs. Bellarmine, 1:00 pm
Baseball at Florida Atlantic, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm
Track & Field at Holy Cross University
Softball at Rhode Island, 1:00 pm

Sunday, April 19:

Baseball at Florida Atlantic, 1:00 pm
Women's Lacrosse at LIU-Brooklyn, 5:00 pm

The sky is the limit for cloud computing

By Thomas Lee
MCT Campus

The prospects for "cloud computing" now seem a little less ... cloudy.

Once a term confined to the personal-speak of high-minded tech geeks and derided by critics as a bogus marketing ploy, cloud computing today is arguably the hottest trend sweeping the information technology industry sector, investors, analysts and entrepreneurs say.

"It's a real business that has grown in stature enough to have its own fancy marketing term," said Dan Grigsby, a prominent Minneapolis, Minn., software entrepreneur.

The company enStratus Networks (enStratus is derived from Latin words for "in the clouds"), was recently selected to present at the Under the Radar Conference, a prominent Silicon Valley event for tech start-ups. The Minneapolis-based company designs security applications for cloud computing.

The exact definition of cloud computing is still foggy. George Reese, the co-founder and chief of technology at enStratus, who has written several books on cloud computing, calls it all that "stuff that is not my problem. The black box of technology."

Huh?

OK, try this: Cloud computing refers to a distribution-and-pricing model in which companies, large corporations and start-ups alike can purchase services such as software, bandwidth, server space and Web applications over the Internet on an on-demand basis. For example, a retailer needing a little extra computing power during holiday shopping season can rent out additional server space from "clouds" like Amazon Web Services just for that period.

The economic benefits are huge, experts say. By paying only for what you need when you need it, start-ups can quickly and cheaply scale up their business. And corporations don't need to purchase heavy-duty infrastructure to manage their huge data flows.

"One of the important benefits (of cloud computing) is that the resources scale up and down in a flexible manner," said Michael Gorman, managing director of Split Rock Partners, an early stage venture capital firm based in Eden Prairie, Minn. "If a company has major peaks and valleys in their usage, they are able to accommodate the peaks without paying for full, peak capacity all the time. They only pay for what they use, and they get the benefit of never being out of capacity. For emerging companies, this can substantially reduce the costs associated with starting and running their business."

Cloud computing is nothing new. Firms such as Firepond Inc. and IDEaS Revenue Optimization Inc. already sell supersmart software over the Internet that helps companies set prices and manage sales. But such services tended to focus on a specific niche.

What's made cloud computing a reality is Amazon.com, the ubiquitous bookseller, experts say.

Depending on whom you ask, the Seattle-based online retailer was either just looking to rent out some extra server space or deliberately crafted a strategy to conquer cloud computing. In any case, Amazon's giant computers allowed big customers to scale up and generate meaningful cost savings.

Today, major Internet companies such as

Google, IBM and Microsoft are diving into clouds. IDC, an IT market research firm, estimates global spending on cloud computing services will jump threefold to \$42 billion in 2012.

Gartner Inc., another prominent research firm, is even more bullish. The company predicts the cloud services market will grow from \$46.4 billion today to \$150.1 billion in 2013, an annual compound growth rate of 26.5 percent. The boom, Gartner says, will be led by business processing (advertising, e-commerce and payments processing), software-as-a-service

and systems infrastructure (storage and backup services).

Cloud computing also represents a big opportunity for start-ups, investors say. The company calls its core technology "key management," software that protects access to a company's data within a cloud. "It takes the keys out of the cloud and puts in a lock box," Reese said.

The start-up's software can also authorize employees to access a cloud with one user ID but only see information relevant to their jobs.

"They have transformed the use of the cloud by providing a tool that eliminates corporate and security objections," said Dan Mallin, a tech investor whose holding company, Magnet 360, is an investor in enStratus.

The start-up also has technology that monitors a cloud's reliability. For instance, if one Amazon server fails, enStratus will automatically migrate a company's data to another Amazon server. Eventually, customers will be able to switch seamlessly from, say, an Amazon cloud to a Microsoft cloud in real time depending on their needs, Reese said, much in the same way a local utility purchases power over the electrical grid from different sources around the country. A customer's home might be powered by wind in South Dakota in one minute and then a coal plant in Ohio the next. In any case, electrons are electrons. In the IT environment, digital signals are digital signals.

Reese says cloud computing can significantly boost entrepreneurship and innovation by leveling the playing field.

"With this economy, getting access to capital is expensive," Reese said. Now, "everything that used to be a huge capital expense is now an operational expense. Cloud computing will be able to make scale available to companies with no scale at all."

'Cloud computing refers to a distribution-and-pricing model in which companies, large corporations and start-ups alike can purchase services such as software, bandwidth, server space and Web applications over the Internet on an on-demand basis.'

Obama urges patience, lower expectations on economy

By Margaret Talev
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President Barack Obama told Americans Tuesday to brace for "more job loss, more foreclosures and more pain" in 2009, saying the recession isn't over yet despite some early promise from the government's massive spending on bailouts and economic stimulus.

In lengthy remarks delivered at Georgetown University, Obama didn't lay out any new proposals, but sought to justify the steps his administration has taken so far and to make the case for more regulation and spending. At the same time, he urged patience and lower expectations for how quickly unemployment numbers will turn around.

As if to underscore his comments, the Commerce Department reported that retail sales fell sharply in March by 1.1 percent after two months of small gains. The unexpected March drop led by still-falling auto sales sent stock prices down, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average losing 137.63 points, or 1.7 percent, to close at 7,920.18. Other market indexes fell similarly.

While addressing American workers, homeowners and investors, the president's timing also suggests that he wants to frame the debate on his terms as members of Congress return to Washington next week from their spring recess.

Upon their return, lawmakers must reconcile House and Senate versions of a \$3.6 trillion budget. Obama also is asking them this year to overhaul U.S. health care and to enact a "gradual, market-based" program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. By year's end, he said, he also wants Congress to pass legislation tightening the regulation of Wall Street and the financial industry.

Another timing consideration: The Treasury's so-called stress tests for the 19 largest U.S. banks, measuring their ability to withstand worse-than-expected conditions, are due at the end of this month. Obama may be trying to brace taxpayers for requests for more assistance to the banks, as his budget anticipated.

"One of my most frequent questions in the letters that I get from constituents is, 'Where's my bailout?' And I understand the sentiment," he said. "But the truth is that a dollar of capital in a bank can actually result in \$8 or \$10 of loans to families and businesses."

Rebutting critics who want him to nationalize failing banks rather than bail them out, he said that could undermine confidence and end up costing taxpayers even more.

Obama spoke of Washington's typical "impatience," of the 24-hour news cycle and desire for "instant gratification," and said the economy can't be fixed within those confines.

"I know how difficult it is for members of Congress in both parties to grapple with some of the big decisions we face right now," he said. "It's more than most Congresses and most presidents have to deal with in a lifetime. But we have been called to govern in extraordinary times."

Obama told of the Sermon on the Mount, and the house built on sand versus rock. "We cannot rebuild this economy on the same pile of sand; we must build our house upon a rock," he said.

He acknowledged "a criticism out there that my administration has somehow been spending with reckless abandon, pushing a liberal social agenda while mortgaging our children's future."

The president countered: "If we don't invest now in renewable energy or a skilled work force or a more affordable health care system, this economy simply won't grow at the pace it needs to in two or five or 10 years," and "it won't be long before we are right back where we are today."

House Minority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, said in a statement issued after the speech that Obama and Democrats have avoided "tough decisions" in terms of spending cuts "in favor of saddling our children and grandchildren with mountains of debt."



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To sext or not to sext



By Michael Adams
Opinion Editor

or photos electronically, primarily between cell phones (thank you, Wikipedia). It came on the scene a couple of years ago, when a couple of high school students decided to send some lewd pictures of themselves to friends, thinking it was just a harmless act. Well, it turns out, it isn't so harmless. We're in the world of technology now, Mrs. Cleaver. Get ready for a wild ride.

Apparently, some little kiddos did not get the message. It turns out that if you send sexually explicit pictures to someone, then you can be found in possession of child pornography. Yep, bet you didn't know that one. It's true. I recently read a story about a student who is now labeled as a sex offender for the rest of his life, all because of sexting. That one pic-

ture has ruined his life, his chance at getting a solid job, and dating, plus he hasn't even graduated from high school. While I do not condone this odd-ball behavior in anyway, these effects are just far too tough on a high school student.

Now, I can understand if it is some sixty-five year old man receiving these pictures of young kids; that's just creepy, and he (or she) should be spending a lot of time in prison. But, if it is two high school students having "experimental fun", then the punishment should be lessened. They are going to figure out other ways to send pictures to each other. Already, cell phone messages can be tracked and pinpointed to the very location and time the sext was sent. I think that would be enough of a deterrent for someone to stop doing it, but unfortunately, it continues to spread like bacteria in a petri dish. Now, if it's all innocent and consensual, then why aren't any states

crafting up laws and regulations?

I thought states were just letting this go by the wayside, but after some research, I found that my very own home state of Vermont is pushing a law through

please, do nothing else. Only sexting." That's just plain weird. I would hope that parents do not condone this behavior with their children. Apparently, they are just growing up so fast, that they need to use technology to show their "love" for each other. Give me a break.

These trends, in a way, disgust me. What is happening to Generation Y? Where did sexting even come from? Why are people doing it? You could argue that it's because teenagers are exploring who they are and want to get in touch with their sexuality, but do you need to send a text message to your middle school lover detailing your sexcapades? I think not. Whatever happened to holding hands, kissing, and complimenting your significant other? Teens can't communicate in real life anymore? Everything needs to be technologically-based. I'm waiting for the day when Sally says "Ok, from now on, I'm only believing him if he sends me a text message saying I love you, because if he says it to my face, I know he's lying." This whole sexting revolution, unfortunately, is something we are all going to have to get used to, one sexting story at a time.

'Teenagers are exploring who they are and want to get in touch with their sexuality, but do you need to send a text message to your middle school lover detailing your sexcapades?'

Congress that will legalize sexting. Is this law stating that if you are a middle or high school student, sext away? I think so. Health teachers better watch out—you could have a problem on your hands very soon. The bill has already passed the Senate with the rationale that "they don't want to condone the behavior but they don't think teenagers should be prosecuted as sex offenders for consensual conduct". Ok, that's fine and great, but shouldn't we be taking the education of our children a little bit further. It's not like their mom is going to say something like, "Joe, if you really like Sally, you need to sext her, but

Pirates of Somalia

By Drew Green
Staff Writer

Real to the point that it should have been officially addressed months and/or years ago when it was originally an issue. Although it is true that this is the first noted example of a hijacking and hostage situation involving an American ship, it is not the first instance involving American ships in general. The severity and circumstances of this attack by the pirates obviously is a just reason for the commotion, but what of the escalation of piracy that has been occurring throughout the last several years?

There have been recent calls for nations that use the Gulf of Aden and other bodies of water directly adjacent to Somalia to use military support to prevent such acts of piracy from occurring. It appears that measures like this have had little effect on the pirates since the number of instances since this most recent call has been increasing.

As this recent hostage situation has shown, this is in fact a problem, although the American media and government were apparently reluctant to act upon the fact that this was a rising issue affecting various nations, including our own. There has been some reference to the ongoing issue in the region, but for the most part there has been minimal coverage or government involvement with this issue prior to this incident. Granted, the ship was American and so was the captain, which obviously plays into the consideration for why the issue has now become a main talking point.

This situation has in fact been a known issue for years and only in the past few months have the piracy incidents been escalating at an alarming rate. So what does this knowledge say of priority, or the lack of response time. To claim that this is an issue now assumes that the event, which occurred just last week, was the breaking point of the situation, from which action is needed to be taken

While it may conjure up a reference to Johnny Depp and the *Pirates of the Caribbean* trilogy, the hostage situation that played out over this past week is very real.



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by the government. Personally, I find it quite coincidental that an American ship being hijacked presents the beginnings of a global issue that requires immediate attention. How long would it have taken for the government to proclaim this is such an issue if in fact an American ship had not been the subject of this attack? That will never be known and is a meaningless question, but it points out the fact that while many countries had been struggling with these pirates, the US balked at the notion that these pirates could affect them in the future. Now that we are involved something will happen, but its effectiveness and how it will be implemented is still a question.

Even with the efforts of the US Navy the pirates are undeterred and continue their efforts. Since the Captain of the Maersk Alabama has been rescued four more ships have been hijacked. This perpetuates the ever more present reality that US military force does not strike fear into the hearts of our enemies. Granted, these individuals would probably want no US influence in the area, but even with it they will not put down their weapons and surrender. Will the US and other nations around the world that are affected by the pirates continue to wage a war across the sprawling coasts of Somalia and the large Gulf of Aden or will there be eventual military action inside Somalia to attempt to resolve issues that have plagued the country for the better part of two decades? That question is for strategists to decide and will likely be a hard conclusion to come to with all of the other obligations that our military is facing.

While the outcome of this issue is important, it cannot negate the fact that this recent circumstance could have been averted if the government had given attention where attention was called for. We

focus on the War on Terror in the Middle East and often forget that there are other parts of the world that are risks. While these pirates do not connote the same danger as the generalized perception of the type of terrorist we are used to in a post 9/11 America, they still are a threat, and one that was reluctantly ignored for years before their impact was felt by American civilians.

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Observations

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Many developers have bought up these historic mills, converting the structures to loft style housing. Though this is progress in recycling existing materials and preserving history, I would like to take this idea a bit farther by suggesting the reigniting the hydropower systems of these plants. Since these rivers once provided the fuel for our Industrial Revolution with the technology of the early 1800s, I would argue that with the advanced hydroelectric systems of today, enough energy would be



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The young and the restless

By **Linsey Morse**
Assistant Opinion Editor

people say when a child produces an understanding of the world that is far beyond his or her years. Like any other cliché, it's grown a bit tired and used, and has—through years of wear, like that one of two roads which diverges in Frost's "yellow wood"—lost its excitement; its very meaning. People toss it around carelessly, but often fail to consider its truth on a daily basis. I think we can thank Bill Cosby for ruining the sanctity of the words of children.

Over the past semester, however, I—along with my Management 200 group members Dan, Zach, Matt and Kevin—have found ourselves humbled on countless occasions by the candid observations and incredible emotional intelligence of the children at the Agnes E. Little Elementary School in Pawtucket. For those of you who have never ventured out in the direction of the school, I think I can set a pretty clear scene for you. The school is run-down, its outer walls plastered with graffiti featuring phrases such as: "it's da bucket, bitch". The types of school materials the school can afford to provide children are often broken or missing, meaning that the children often have to improvise with what they have. During recess, students sometimes resort to playing games such as "imaginary wiffle ball", which consists of throwing an invisible ball at a broken baseball bat and running the bases. The playground is tiny, and the blacktop—located dangerously close to a street—is in desperate need of repair.

I never loved elementary school myself, but I was fortunate to grow up in an area which was sheltered from such circumstances. What is amazing about the school is its student population. Never have I met a group of 6 and 7 year old children so grateful for their lifestyles; so caring about one another's well-being. Many of the children I have met thus far are intellectually curious, imaginative, confident, and very developed team workers. Even children who removed themselves from the group have begun to express themselves with our increased presence in the school.

One boy in the group of first-graders with which I have worked most closely comes

"Out of the mouths of babes", I believe is the way the Biblical idiom starts. You've probably heard it at least once—that phrase

to mind above all others. For two weeks he refused to talk to me, resorting instead to dashing around the tiny classroom and screaming out a variety of words in the books he has read. I was encouraged when he took my hand and asked me for help with his homework, then read to his eager classmates who also seemed to embrace his change in behavior.

This school has a very racially diverse demographic, with some children speaking multiple languages. Unlike the politically correct adult world, wherein recognizing differences is frowned upon heavily, these children have learned to embrace their differences and reconcile them openly, asking questions about skin tone and language in particular. This creates a perfect climate for education in a world that is increasingly

globalized. Exposure to a variety of vastly different lifestyles has taught children to co-exist peacefully, which is more than I can say for the mono-color public schools wherein I spent my childhood years. These children possess incredible vitality and imagination. This is not to say that affluent areas cannot also possess vitality and life—quite the contrary. I strongly believe that any school can embrace what this school is teaching students, but, as with many lessons in education, the best way to learn is by example.

I entered this semester dreading the management 200 project. I was overwhelmed by the notion of working with children and feared that I would be useless in making an elementary school more efficient, unable to provide any knowledge or tools

to help the school continue to enable its students to succeed. The students at Agnes E. Little, though, taught me (and, I believe, my group members as well) that you don't have to know everything to gain the respect of others, or to thrive in a world. Rather, it is recognition of your naïveté that lets you ask questions and learn what needs to be taught to the world. Now each week of community service seems less like a chore and more like an opportunity to learn about the world from this small microcosm.

So I guess it's true that we have a lot to learn from kids. And maybe that old cliché's not as trite as I once thought it was. But wisdom doesn't end with puberty or adolescence. Rather, it begins with our ability to set aside our conceit and learn from people younger than us the lessons they continually teach.



(Matt Johnson)

Afghanistan: A 'baad' practice

By **Wahida Paykan**
MCT Campus

At age 2, Nilab has no idea that her family has just given her away as compensation in a dispute with another family.

And rather than being outraged, most here would applaud the transaction as a peaceful way of settling what could have become a bloody conflict.

The practice is called baad, which usually means settling disagreements between families by the guilty party compensating the perceived victim with a young female child.

"My uncle, Jawad, was accused of having unlawful sexual relations with a neighbor's married daughter," said Mariam, Nilab's 19-year-old sister.

"The families agreed to allow the local council settle the matter," she said. Having convicted Jawad of the charges, "The council decided that Nilab should be given to the victim's brother-in-law, who is only 6 years old. Everyone agreed."

"Without baad, we would have conflict between the families, with murder and revenge," said Nadira, a member of the victim's family. "Baad is a good thing. Killing and enmity are prohibited in Islam."

In some ways, Nilab is lucky; she will be allowed to remain with her own family until she's 13. In stricter communities, she could have been taken immediately.

Baad is an ancient tradition in Afghanistan, dating back to the days when no central legal authority existed, and conflicts were settled through the tribal system.

When a man is accused of murder, rape or having sexual relations with someone other than his wife, a local council can step in to mediate. Lesser offenses can usually be settled by the exchange of money, a few sheep or a cow. But the standard penalty for a serious crime is for the offender's family to give a girl to the victim's family.

Often the girl given in baad is little more than a slave; she can be beaten or mistreated, or even killed. Much do-

mestic violence in Afghanistan can be traced back to the tradition of baad, according to human-rights activists.

"Baad is a negative tradition with no legal or moral basis," said Sayeed Mohammad Sami, head of the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission. "A human life can never be traded away. It will take a long time and much hard work to get rid of this terrible practice."

Baad is illegal, said Mah Gul Yamam, a legal expert at the Afghan Human Rights Organization.

"According to the laws of Afghanistan, a perpetrator bears personal responsibility for his crimes," said Mash Gul Yamam, a legal expert at the Afghan Human Rights Organization. "This responsibility cannot be transferred to others. But unfortunately, in Afghanistan, when a man commits a crime, it is the females that have to bear the punishment."

Those found guilty of participating in baad can be sentenced for up to two years in jail. But complaints are rarely filed, even from the girls and women who have been given away by their families.

Many argue that, given the current condition of the Afghan legal system, it's no surprise that many villagers choose their own brand of justice.

Afghanistan's legal system is plagued with corruption and inefficiency, and is in no condition to dispense justice despite the efforts of the international community, which has poured millions of dollars into judicial reform over the past seven years.

Tribal or jirga justice is swift and almost universally accepted but it has the disadvantage of perpetuating the society's longstanding discrimination against women.



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Bulldog Flicks: *Observe and Report*

By **Luke Stankiewicz**
Staff Writer

Usually when I go to see a movie for the purposes of reviewing it my goal is simple: determine if it's good or bad. From there I try to explain why I chose the way I did, and try to make it entertaining. *Observe and Report* presented me with a whole different set of challenges however, because it didn't fall into either category (initially). Rather, my starting point for this movie will be on the basis of one word: disturbing.

Ronnie Barnhardt (Seth Rogen) is the Head of Security at a large mall. He lives at home with his mom (Celia Weston) who's a raging alcoholic and seemingly unable to take care of herself or be a proper mother to Ronnie. He's in love with Brandi (Ana Faris), a girl who works at the cosmetics counter, and is loved by Nell, a food court employee who gives him free coffee and good conversation. Neither of these are mutual in any way. Ronnie takes his job very seriously and commands his "team" with an iron fist. His team consists of the Yuen twins, Charles, and Dennis, non-descript security officers who are one-hundred percent subservient to their boss for no apparent reason. When a flasher appears in the parking lot at the mall one day, Ronnie becomes obsessed with catching him, especially after Brandi is added to the list of his victims. He sees the police, especially Detective Harrison (Ray Liotta), as a threat to his mission and an unwanted distraction. Oh yes, and he's overwhelmingly insane.

Besides the ridiculous plot, there is a lot more that is wrong with this movie. To start, it cannot be classified as a comedy, a drama, or a character study. It attempts to be all of these things and fails on all three counts. As a comedy, it almost succeeds in the first half as it provides some genuinely funny moments. In a scene where a news reporter mistakenly identifies Ronnie as only a security officer there ensues a hilarious exchange between the two involving a reshoot. There's also a funny scene where Ronnie and another mall worker exchange the F Word nearly 40 times. However these moments are few and far between, leaving the typical Rogen fan highly unsatisfied. So then, what about as a drama or perhaps a character study? Watching this movie,



Anna Faris and Seth Rogen, who plays the Head of Security at a mall, star in this "disturbing" film. (MCT Campus)

one thing that immediately stood out in my mind was how similarly it paralleled *Taxi Driver* (one of Robert DeNiro's best works). Perhaps the director intended this movie to be homage to the film, a tribute to one of his favorite actors. Sadly, this plays out as more of an insult than anything else, and Rogen is nowhere near capable anyways. They classified this film as a "black comedy" but this implies that it's funny.

Ultimately, the film was disturbing. A scene at the end wherethe flasher is shot point blank by Ron-

nie generated uproar in the theater. I was not laughing. I see a future where movies have no morals, no heart, and no story. The future is here. Two out of Five Bulldogs.

This movie earned
2 out of 5 bulldogs

Celebrity Round-Up

By **Carlos Ramos**
Staff Writer

Six years after film actress Lana Clarkson died, a Supreme Court jury convicted rock music producer Phil Spector guilty of second-degree murder and guilty of using a firearm in committing a crime. Clarkson died of a gun shot fired in her mouth as she sat in the foyer of Spector's mansion in 2003. Spector has worked with major rock legends like Tina Turner and John Lennon.

Mel Gibson and wife of 28 years, Robyn are calling it quits. Many magazines and online sources report that Robyn signed papers on April 9 and cite the typical "irreconcilable differences" for the divorce. It's estimated that Mel's fortune is around \$900 million and there is no prenuptial agreement, which means by California law the spouse could get 50 percent of the estate.

Another Hollywood couple that has called it quits is Lindsay Lohan and girlfriend Samantha Ronson. Ronson's family has looked into getting a restraining order against Lohan, but no order has been filed. Sources close to the two say that couple is still talking and trying to work things out.

On a happier note, *People* magazine is reporting Sarah Michelle Gellar and Freddie Prinze Jr. are expecting their first child. The couple has been married for six years. Both are working on different projects due out in the fall.

Out magazine ousted Ellen DeGeneres from the number one spot to number two on their third annual list of Power 50. This year the number one spot went to U.S. Democratic Representative Barney

Frank for the political influence he carries in our nation's capital. Other people on the list include: MTV honcho Brian Graden, billionaire mogul David Gef-



Eminem is back and stirring up controversy. (MCT Campus)

fen, and *Sex and the City* writer and producer Michael Patrick King. Rapper Eminem is stirring up controversy yet

again with his new music video "We Made You," directed by Joseph Kahn. He pokes fun at people from Republican VP candidate Sarah Palin to pop star Britney Spears and everyone in between. If you want a good laugh take a break from studying and Youtube the video.

Does anyone have \$150 million to spare? If so, Candy Spelling, wife of the late TV producer Aaron Spelling, is selling the Spelling Manor that is located in Los Angeles County. It is the largest in the county, and it has such amenities as bowling alley, hair salon, and 16 car ports just to name a few.

At the box office of the weekend, *Hannah Montana: The Movie* opened at number one taking in \$34 million. It had the biggest opening day for a G-rated live action movie with \$17.3 million.

Last week's number one *Fast and Furious*, fell to the number two spot taking in \$28.8 million, bringing its two week total to over \$116 million domestically. As expected there are already talks to expand the successful franchise.

Then rounding up the top three is *Monsters vs. Aliens* with \$21.8 million. Big named stars lend their voice to this successful animated film; stars like Reese Witherspoon, Paul Rudd, and Seth Rogen.

Three major films are opening this weekend at a theater near you. The first one is Zac Efron and Matthew Perry in *17 Again*. The second film is a crime action film from action star Jason Statham *Crank: High Voltage*. Finally, the third film has an A-list cast with Ben Affleck, Russell Crowe, and Rachel McAdams in *State of Play*. Tune in next week to see what major blockbuster you can expect to see out this summer.

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Horoscopes



Aquarius
1/20 - 2/18

You've been pretty busy over the past few weeks. Now you're going into a more sedentary phase. Use it to go over your notes and plan your next course of action. You'll have time to think.



Pisces
2/19 - 3/20

Hold out a little while longer. Conditions are turning in your favor. Do the homework, so you're aware of which fantasies to pursue and which to abandon. You don't have to be in control; you're part of a bigger plan.



Aries
3/21 - 4/19

The veil of cloudy thinking is lifted, and you're now able to see which of the offers suggested are the most valuable. Some are mere puffs of smoke and won't produce the results you want. Do the math yourself.



Taurus
4/20 - 5/20

The pressure is starting to ease. You're starting to feel stronger. For the next few weeks you'll have more control, and that's just the way you like it. Be prepared.



Gemini
5/21 - 6/21

Get your opinions out there, advertise your skills and send out letters to your congressional reps. Argue your position and publish your philosophy. Don't hold back; others need to know.



Cancer
6/22 - 7/22

Get together with friends you admire for a fascinating conversation. You all gain a lot just by being together. Your nonverbal communication with these folks is very nurturing.



Leo
7/23 - 8/22

Let somebody else set the pace, drive the car and choose the route. Go along for the ride and enjoy the glorious view. It won't kill you to relax. You don't have to be in control.



Virgo
8/23 - 9/22

Let your partner carry more of the load. He or she claims to be able, so respect that opinion. The choices might not be what you would have done, but that's OK. All turns out well for you both.



Libra
9/23 - 10/22

For the next several weeks, you'll be looking for the money. You might borrow or cash in your savings; there are lots of options. You could even get another job. Stranger things have happened.



Scorpio
10/23 - 11/21

It's getting harder to stay on task. You'd rather take a nap. Maybe that can be arranged. If you've kept up with the pace so far, you've definitely earned a break.



Sagittarius
11/22 - 12/21

You're entering a busy phase. This ought to be interesting. Did you get a new job recently? If not, that's likely to happen. You may even design it yourself. That's perfectly acceptable.



Capricorn
12/22 - 1/19

Discuss upcoming big purchases with the family. No need for anyone else to participate in your decisions. Your objective is always to protect your people. Do that first.

Tune-into WJMF

*A note from General Manager,
A.J. Toto*

WJMF SpringStock

WJMF's annual concert during Spring Weekend is fast approaching check out some of the bands we have scheduled for this year's show.

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Crash Romeo: myspace.com/Crashromeo

Opening Acts

Aston: myspace.com/Aston

Baylock: myspace.com/Baylockmusic

Location: In Back of Koffler Building

Date: Saturday April 25th

Time: 12 noon-4pm

New on DVD: Bolt

By Brigit Clancy
Variety Editor

Bolt, Disney's latest animated feature, is the story of a dog traveling across the country to be reunited with his owner. When he accidentally gets packed into a box that is en route to New York City, Bolt must find his way back to Los Angeles to be reunited with Penney, his beloved "person," as Bolt refers to her.

Unbeknownst to him, Bolt (voice of John Travolta) is the star of an action-packed television show based in Los Angeles, California. Bolt believes he is a super-dog, with laser vision and a "super bark." He battles an evil villain—the "green-eye man," Dr. Calico (voice of Malcolm McDowell)—to protect his owner, Penney (voice of Miley Cyrus). Bolt fights to save Penney from being "kidnapped" by the man, but is unsuccessful. He is put back in his cage after filming, but escapes to search for Penney. Bolt accidentally falls into a box that is shipped to New York City.

In New York, Bolt finds a crafty ally feline, Mittens (voice of Susie Essman) that he believes is collaborating with Dr. Calico. Bolt threatens Mittens to get her to tell him where Penney is. Mittens does not know who Bolt is or what he is asking, but eventually agrees to show Bolt the way back to Los Angeles. The two embark on a journey across the country.

Along the way, Bolt and Mittens meet Rhino (voice of Mark Walton), a feisty and fearless ham-

ster in a walking ball. Rhino is Bolt's number one fan. He vows to make Mittens confess Penney's whereabouts. Rhino joins the pair in their quest. When Mittens discovers from Rhino who Bolt really is, she attempts to tell Bolt herself. Bolt does not believe her at first, but figures out she is right when his laser vision and super bark do not work. Mittens teaches Bolt that being a superhero is not everything; being a dog is the greatest job on earth, she says. She shows Bolt how to be a real dog,



(Disney)

playing fetch and sticking his head out the window.

The three finally arrive in Los Angeles, just in time to save Penney from a real-life building fire. The trio work together to help Bolt get inside the building. He reaches Penney in the nick of time, finding her through the soot and smoke.

Bolt, Mittens, and Rhino learn that you do not need superpowers to be a hero. They discover the true power of believing in oneself and one's friends.

Bolt has advanced the digital animated technology. The graphics are spectacular, making Bolt and friends look almost life-like. The sound also

further enhances the film, making the action in the movie jump right out of the television.

The new DVD has several bonus features, including a "Super Rhino" short, deleted scenes, and the music video "I Thought I Lost You" performed by Miley Cyrus and John Travolta.

Bolt is a fun classic with a traditional theme that everyone will love.

Word Vomit

The Tracks

By Emily Hehir
Contributing Writer

*She walked along the rusty tracks
Mere minutes from her house,
Yet transported to a world far from her own.
Her mind.
Everything blurs as the soles of her worn, cloth sneakers tread
Through the weeds and across the rust
Eyes closed, thoughts open, heart empty. Nearly.
Save one stem, a sliver of a notion
Sounds of laughter, singing fill her ears, a smile on her face as
It blooms, and swells,
Late memories come flooding
Then yelling and screams and tears and
Empty bottles hitting walls. The bruises fear sadness invade.
The roar of the iron monster grows closer,
Release.
Yelling, flashes of hatred pity hopeless love.
Screeches of metal grinding metal. Louder. Faster.
One strike, anger, panic, the dread of a former home
Dead. Gone. Relieved.
Fury taking over, flashes reeling through her mind's frame
Salvation inches away.
Done.
Her eyes open as she takes a step, white shoes against the rust.*

The Illusion of Illustrious Beings

By Kevin Javier
Contributing Writer

*The neon strums through my pupils
as the stage shimmers in light
My eyes become par cans
focused on cooling stars
From a distance they shine
but there is a vacancy where they stand*

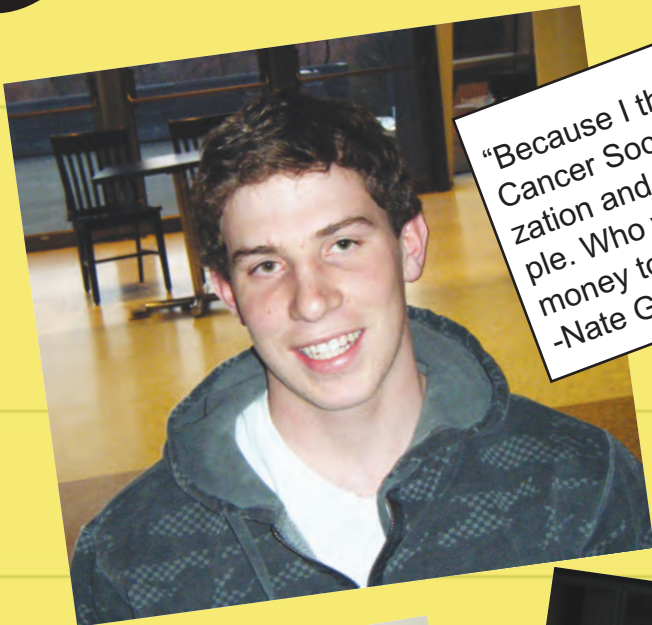
Politicians and Their Adverse Effects

By Blair Worthington
Staff Writer

*Wealth of a nation is defined by its profit,
Why can a nation so rich be so poor?
Wealth of a notion is defined by its basis,
Why is this adequate thought discarded?
Wealth of money is defined by its demand,
Why, then, is so much a problem?
Wealth of responsibilities is defined by their actions,
Why are so many relinquished?
Wealth of a nation should be defined by its morals,
Why don't they have any?*

Students Speak Out

"Why do you Relay?"



"Because I think the American Cancer Society is a great organization and helps so many people. Who wouldn't want to raise money to end cancer?"
-Nate Green '10



"I relay because it's a great opportunity to do something for a great cause. This affects so many people"
-Brian Ford '09



"Being involved in an event with so many people makes it feel like I'm part of something so much more. Everyone's donations are doing amazing things to help fight cancer."
-Allison DiMaggio '09



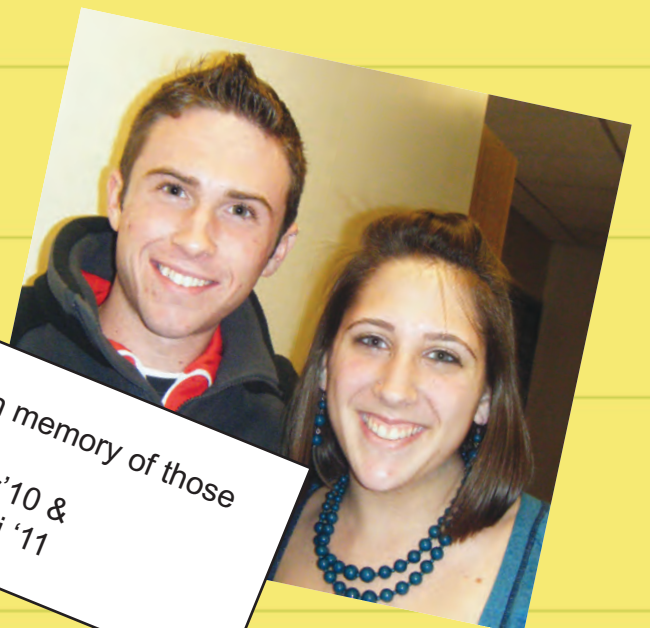
"One of my best friends was diagnosed with cancer, so I Relay for her"
-Kelsey Mann '10



"I relay for all of my friends and family who are struggling with cancer, in hopes that they will be around longer."
-Kristen Collins '09



"I've had someone in my extended family battle cancer, and it's more personal for me. It's also a great organization for everyone to be involved in."
-Joe Pelletier '09



"We Relay in memory of those who can't."
-Matt St. Peter '10 & Jess Komoroski '11