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## Career Services shows love to Bryant students

By Emilie Lavoie

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With the end of the school year slowly approaching, many students, especially seniors, are beginning to focus on career possibilities beyond graduation. For all those whom have this focus, Bryant is well equipped with the Career Services department, located on the first floor of the Unistructure.

Throughout the entire year, Career Services has regularly held career planning workshops for students. Just some of the upcoming workshops include: Negotiating Job Offers, Working a Career Fair, Interviewing for Success, Getting Into Graduate School. These workshops are all an hour or less, in order to fit the busy lifestyle of the job seeking

student

Along with workshops, Career Services runs several programs for students in the spring. Two of these programs, beginning in March, focus on Careers in management and advertising. The management program brings in a panel of alumni and other professionals in the specified field to talk to students about job possibilities.

The advertising program will bring students to the RDW group, a PR and advertising agency in Providence. Professionals will meet with the students and talk about the different career possibilities in their field of concentration, and the needed preparations and expectations for joining the work force.

Finally, the Boston

Alumni/Student Networking Event will be taking place in late April. Students will specifically speak with alumni in the Boston area about their particular jobs and industries. Beginning on March 1, students can start signing up in the Office of Career Services for this event.

The Alumni Career Network is a database of names and contact information from those alumni who have generous resources for students who are seeking additional information about their possible careers. Additionally, according to Career Services Director, Judith Clare, after graduation students are welcome to return to Career Services at any point in the future. This is a little known fact since few students realize that the campus resources are still

available after graduation.

"This is a perfect opportunity for students who are undecided, or decided but unsure if the right choice was made is the Career Assessment Testing," according to Clare. Basing the outcome on students' morals, interests, talents and skills, career paths can be woven and chosen. This resource is generally perfect for the younger students, as most majors are cemented by a student's junior year.

For these younger students, and any other undecided or befuddled students, Career Services also offers the Career Planning 101 course five days a week. It is no credit class that is generally for first and second year students. This is another

way Career Services helps students find the field they are the most comfortable working in, as well as the field that is best suited for them. There are four different sessions designed for the various aspects of career planning. Classes begin now, and students can still sign up in the Career Center, through email, or by telephone.

One very important event that Career Services will be hosting in the spring is the Bryant University Career Fair on

March 23 at 5 p.m. This fair is open to all students, freshmen through seniors, looking for summer jobs, internships, and

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## Facts for finding love

Valentine's Day is said to have started during the time of the Roman Empire. In ancient Rome, February 14 was a day honoring Juno, the queen of the Roman gods and goddesses. She was also known as the goddess of women and marriage. In her honor, the Feast of Lupercalia was held. During this feast, the names of the young girls were written on slips of paper and put into jars. Young boys would each draw a name from this jar; thus choosing his partner for the festival. These pairs would remain until the following year's festival. In many cases, these couples were said to have fallen in love and would eventually be married.

Another legend about Saint Valentine takes place in third century Rome. Valentine was a priest who continued to perform marriages for young couples in

secret after Emperor Claudius decided to outlaw marriage for young men. Once Valentine's secret actions were realized, Claudius had him immediately put to death.

According to another legend, Valentine actually sent the first 'valentine' greeting himself. While in prison, it is believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl — who may have been his jailor's daughter. Before his execution, on February 14, it is alleged that he wrote her a love letter, which he signed 'From your Valentine,' which is the common expression used to sign similar letters to lovers today.

Valentine's greetings actually date as far back as the Middle Ages (written ones did not appear until around 1400) and the oldest written card is on display at the British Museum. The first written Valentines created in the US were made in the 1840s by Esther A. Howland. These Valentines were made with elaborate lace, ribbons, and other decorations.

Also during the Middle Ages, most Europeans believed that birds would choose their mates on February 14. Eventually, people developed their own version of this belief and began the practice of drawing

names and believing that the fates would chose their mate, or 'Valentine'.

Once these mates were chosen, small gifts and candies were exchanged and eventually led to the flowers and chocolates of today's Valentine's Day.

A Frenchman, Charles duc d'Orleans, sent love poems to his wife on February 14, 1415 while he was imprisoned in the Tower of London. These are often said to have been the first written valentines and eventually led to the tradition on including chocolates, flowers, and other sweets along with them.

When making sweets for lovers, red and white confections became popular with red representing the passion of love and white as the purity of love. By the turn of the century, heart-shaped boxes of chocolate also began to appear in confectionery shops from coast to coast.

## New technology to serenade Bryant with Love

By Brian Levin

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Bryant's commitment to technology has thrust the University into its position as the number two Most Connected Schools according to the Princeton Review's November publication. Even with the achievement of this milestone, Bryant has not declined its growth in the area of technology.

The Office of Information Systems, led by Vice President Arthur Gloster, is in the midst of negotiations to bring a subscription service that allows students to access music free of charge from anywhere on the campus network. "We are looking seriously at iTunes as a possibility," explained Gloster. He also mentioned about 6 other services that were in consideration and being used on other college campuses.

According to Gloster, the service would work in two ways: first it would allow students to stream music to a computer on campus by running the iTunes software. This music would be available on demand, such that a student could click the song and play it through their computer's sound system. The intent is to offer this for free explained Gloster, "the idea is that you can view it, decide whether you want it or not and then purchase it." Through the negotiations, there are hopes that a reduced rate, less than Apple's current rate of \$.99 per song,

will be available for students on campus.

While the time table is still relatively unclear, Gloster conveyed his feelings as "The sooner the better, if we're going to do it, we might as well get on with it," he speculated that the time table is somewhere between 30-60 days before the program is up and running. He also assures that "the Student Senate will be involved when it gets to that point," in an effort to make sure it is administered with students in mind.

In Gloster's vision "Sooner rather than later, you're going to see the laptop evolve into an entertainment center." While iTunes is only capable of streaming music, streaming video is also an eventual possibility.

As Gloster explained "we have not looked at the video because of the speed of the network into the campus, we are concerned with what we ran in to last year, when the network slowed down because of videos, and people were unable to get their work done."

Right now, the network runs on one DS3 line that is capable of transmitting a mere 45 Mega Bytes per second. Fear not students, there is talk of upgrading this connection.

The next step for Bryant would come in the form of a

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## Inside View

### Opinion

Take Valentine's Day advice from Toby Simon and Justin Williams.

### Sports

Read about Bryant's Dance Team and the four records broken by the Indoor Track & Field Team.

### Variety

Sound Tribe Sector 9's long awaited third Studio album hits stores. Read about the band in the Variety section this week.

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## Do your homework to find the student loan that fits you

By Ieva M. Augstums  
The Dallas Morning News  
(KRT)

If you don't think you're eligible for financial aid, think again.

A recent study by the American Council on Education found half of all undergraduates who probably were eligible for federal money during the 1999-2000 academic year didn't receive any for one reason they didn't apply.

That's about 8 million students who lost out on low-interest loans and free money.

"It's a tragedy that students do not explore their options," said Jacqueline King, director of ACE's Center for Policy Analysis. "The only way you are going to know if you are eligible for financial aid is if you apply."

The key is to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. It's the starting point for applying to almost all student financial assistance programs and determines eligibility for federal financial aid. Many schools also use it as part of their application for nonfederal aid.

The 2005-06 FAFSA is available in paper form from the U.S. Department of Education. It is also available online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

To be eligible for financial aid for 2005-06, the government must receive a student's form no later than midnight on June 30, 2005. But that may be too late.

Most families who filed a FAFSA for the 1999-2000 academic year did so after important deadlines had passed, decreasing their chances of receiving state and institutional aid, King said. With financial aid nearly everyone can afford higher education, said Martha Holler,

spokeswoman for Sallie Mae, the nation's leading education lender.

The financial aid system is designed to make it possible for nearly everyone to afford higher education. There are myriad types of education loans, scholarships and state and federal grants available.

"There are students out there who are working to avoid student loans. That's not a smart strategy," King said. "If it's delaying your entry into the job market with your college degree, it could be costing you more."

Students received more than \$122 billion in financial aid for undergraduate and graduate study in 2003-04, according to

dents have to fill out the FAFSA.

The form, which has to be filled out every school year, is comprehensive. It asks for information about the student's family income and income taxes, assets, family size, the number of family members attending college and more.

"It seems complicated, but it really isn't," said Maria Ramos, University of Texas at Dallas' financial aid director. "It takes 45 minutes on a Saturday morning."

By law, students can file the FAFSA for 2005-06 after Jan. 1, 2005; however, it's a good idea to submit it as soon as possible after that.

The FAFSA asks for tax information that's not due until April 15, so applicants can do their taxes first or fill out the form with an estimate and update it later.

"When you are in the queue early, you will get as much aid as possible, as soon as possible," said Holler said.

That's because, after financial or other qualifications are met, aid is generally awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

After the Department of Education receives a student's FAFSA, the agency creates a Student Aid Report. The SAR helps determine the student's Expected Family Contribution, which a school uses to calculate financial aid eligibility.

Once the SAR is complete, schools send a letter to prospective students and families outlining the type and amount of financial aid for which they

qualify. This aid may include a combination of grants, work-study, scholarships and loans.

If a student's financial aid package includes an education loan, the student is responsible

but will never exceed 8.25 percent.

Community organizations, labor unions and private charities and foundations often offer scholarships.

Web sites such as [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) and [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com) are good starting places.

"You've got to put some effort into it, but the rewards can be tremendous," said Marc Peterson, financial aid director at Southern Methodist University.

Another option available to students is grants.

The need-based federal Pell Grant is the largest federal grant program — more than 5.1 million students last year received an average of \$2,466.

Like scholarships, grants do not have to be repaid. However, unlike most scholarships, students must fill out the FAFSA to receive grants, which are available through the federal government and state agencies.

Even though all forms of student aid are rapidly increasing, the College Board said students are relying more heavily on private loans.

Nonfederal borrowing reached \$11.3 billion in 2003-04, up 39 percent from the previous year. Of those loans, \$10.6 billion were private, while the remainder were state-sponsored.

Private loan programs should be used as supplemental funding only after all other sources of financial aid have been exhausted, Peterson said.

"To make sure you get funded properly and fully, first fill out that FAFSA and see what you get offered," he said. "Don't spend extra money on interest if you don't have to."

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—Jacqueline King,  
Director of ACE's  
Center for Policy  
Analysis.

the "Trends in Student Aid 2004" report issued by the College Board.

"Many think there's a negative stigma for students who have student loans," said Ed Doody, president of College Partnership Inc., a college planning services firm. "No, it's called a fact of life."

With tuition on the rise at public and private universities nationwide, it's best to learn about all the financial aid options.

In order to get loans from the government and sometimes even free money from a school, stu-

## U.S. soldiers opposed to Iraq war seek refuge in Canada

By Cara Buckley  
Knight Ridder Newspapers  
(KRT)

Jeremy Hinzman, paratrooper-turned-Iraq war deserter, has a lot in common with the thousands of Vietnam War-era draft dodgers who poured into Canada decades ago. Like them, he sought asylum in a country that did not support a U.S.-led conflict to avoid fighting what he deemed an illegal war.

But the lean, eloquent South Dakota native was not drafted. He voluntarily enlisted in the Army 4½ years ago to "serve a higher purpose" and have college tuition paid.

Now, one year after fleeing Fort Bragg, N.C., with his young family only weeks ahead of his platoon's deployment to Iraq, Hinzman is waiting for a Canadian tribunal to decide whether he is a refugee for refusing to fight. Hinzman's hearing was held in December, and a decision is expected next month.

"It seems preposterous, that I'm a refugee claimant from the U.S.," Hinzman, 26, conceded one recent bright, icy winter day near his Toronto home.

"But just because you sign a contract, it doesn't mean that your moral self becomes static. They even tell you that in basic training: that if you're given an illegal order you're not to obey it," he said. "I think this whole war is illegal, and that to take part in it is being complicit in something criminal."

Hinzman faces certain punish-

ment if returned to the United States: The FBI has a federal warrant out for his arrest. And in Fort Bragg, an Army spokeswoman denounced Hinzman's desertion as a "very self-

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—Hinzman on fleeing to Canada.

centered act" that put other soldiers at risk.

"It goes against our values and it degrades our unit's readiness," Maj. Amy Hannah said.

Hinzman is one of four known American military deserters who fled to Canada rather than go to war or face jail terms, and the first of three to apply for refugee status.

All four deserters insist they were acting responsibly by refusing orders they believed to be wrong. The Iraq war is illegal, they say, because it was preemptive and lacked backing from the U.N. Security Council, the very argument Canada took when it refused to join the United States in the war.

But the deserters have found uneasy sanctuary in Canada, where most people oppose the war but remain divided over whether the deserters should be allowed to stay.

Unlike the Vietnam era, when an estimated 60,000 draft dodgers were welcomed north,

Canada has not encouraged deserters to seek asylum here. While Hinzman enjoys widespread support from antiwar activists and holdovers from Vietnam his own lawyer dodged

the draft detractors are quick to note that, unlike Vietnam, this generation of American troops voluntarily signed up.

"Only in Canada would this man get a day in court at all, because no other country considers refugee claimants from the United States," Margaret Wente, a

Globe and Mail columnist, recently opined. "But we're so nice we'll hear anybody out."

Before Hinzman's hearing, Canada's Immigration and Refugee Board

ruled that his claim that the war was illegal was not relevant to his case. Instead, it will determine whether he proved that he would face social persecution if sent home. Desertion is punishable in the United States by up to five years in prison or death during times of war, though recently convicted deserters received relatively light prison sentences of one year.

"They have to show what they're fleeing is some kind of persecution rather than prosecution for having failed to live up to their end of the bargain," said Charles Hawkins, a spokesman for Canada's refugee board.

Hinzman said he was willing to serve in the Army he just did not want to shoot anyone.

After finishing boot

camp and earning a place in the 82nd Airborne Division, Hinzman underwent a crisis of conscience of sorts. Though he was trained to kill, he began questioning the morality of killing.

Just before his regiment was sent to Afghanistan, Hinzman filed for conscientious objector status. His application was turned down, he said, because he admitted that he would act in self-defense if the camp was fired upon.

"By that point, I thought all violence was ultimately ineffective and perpetuated more violence," he said. "My only regret in this whole saga is that I didn't strip out of my uniform right there."

"I felt I had made an effort to compromise."

—Jeremy Hinzman

Eight months later, Hinzman returned home to his wife, Nga Nguyen, who was born in Laos to Vietnamese parents, and their baby boy, Liam. After the United States invaded Iraq, the couple, who sporadically studied Buddhism and attended Quaker meetings, began considering their options, knowing Hinzman's regiment would inevitably be sent out.

And so, one year ago, the couple drove through the night to Toronto, where a Quaker fam-

ily took them in.

After Hinzman resurfaced in Canada, observers predicted that thousands of dissenting soldiers would follow suit, though so far, only four have been known to do so. Desertion levels in general remain low: a total of 2,376 deserted last year, according to the Army, down by half from 2001.

Should Hinzman's refugee claim fail in Canada, he plans to appeal to the country's federal court. Should that fail, too, he plans to seek citizenship on humanitarian grounds.

"I felt I had made an effort to compromise," said Hinzman of his decision to flee the United States. "To go to jail for refusing to take part in something criminal, I don't know what justice is being served. It's hooligan's justice."

There are four known American military deserters who fled to Canada:

Jeremy Hinzman, 26, of South Dakota. Applied for refugee status and a hearing was held in December. Awaits ruling from Canada's Immigration and Refugee Board.

Pvt. Brandon Hughey, 19, a Texan. Applied for refugee status and is awaiting a hearing.

David Sanders, 20, a Navy cryptologist who was stationed in Pensacola. Applied for refugee status and is awaiting a hearing. Daniel Felushko, 24, a Marine who deserted in California. He has dual U.S.-Canadian citizenship and does not need to file a claim.



## Technology updates

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Dark Fiber connection, capable of speeds of up to 1 Giga Byte transfer per second. "With Dark Fiber you are going to pay a certain amount. If you want to pump up the speed of it, you pay more for the electronics," said Gloster.

As with any good business investment, initially, it would cost more to set up the network, but in the end the added capabilities is worth the cost.

While students will probably not notice the difference on their individual computer; it will be noticeable when the network is completely utilized.

Additionally, educational

video will be streamed from anywhere in the country allowing the school access to extra resources.

Looking into the future, the campus hopes to utilize its wireless environment to the full extent. The next step includes dual band Wi-Fi cell phones capable for use on the campus network at an extremely reduced rate.

Also, advancements in the area of health and safety could be incorporated into the network. For example, wireless IP phones are being considered for DPS and RAs while on duty. Additionally, several wireless security cameras are already on trial around campus.

## Careers

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full-time jobs. An overwhelming number of businesses attend this fair and Clare recommends the fair to all students.

Clare closed with an analogy about careers. "Career planning is much like planning spring break," she said, "the earlier you begin planning, the better the trip will be." This is an analogy that all college students can relate to. Better the trip to the career of your choice by using the resources at your fingertips right here on Bryant's campus.

## Bryant's facilities get all dolled up

By Emilie Lavoie  
Assistant Campus News Editor

While students spent their winter breaks at home, enjoying the holiday season, Bryant's campus was still abuzz with renovations and facilities updates. Upon returning to the campus students gradually began to notice some of these changes.

The new monitors in the Unistructure have gotten attention recently as one of the first changes students noticed as they returned to classes. In a previously published article, the discussion focused on the once unused monitors put to use in the Unistructure. This is just one of the major changes since vacation in respect to technology on campus.

Many of the major changes are in the Koffler Center. This building has been under extensive renovation since the beginning of the school year.

However, to highlight some of the more prominent aspects would require a strong focus on the new radio and television studios in Koffler. These two new facilities broaden Bryant's technological capabilities even further.

Another aspect of technology that will soon be joining the additions to Koffler is the installation of more plasma televisions that will be mounted on the walls of Koffler. According to Ken Person, Associate Director of Facilities Administration and Planning, these new television sets are val-

ued at several thousand dollars and have been donated to Bryant University by HB Communications. He also mentioned that brand new furniture was added to the Koffler Center, especially in the main entrance area.

Smaller additions to Bryant's facilities include the new tables in Salmonson as well as the new ice maker. The ice maker and soda machines were updated in an attempt to prevent the lines previously created when students waited at the old machines. The tables, of course, were added to alleviate any lack of seating and to create more space for students to enjoy their meals.

In regards to major renovations on campus, Person remarked that this winter was a relatively quiet one. Much of what was done referred to as "routine maintenance." He also explained the lull in renovations are as a result of the projects planned for this summer.

Person refers to the projects in line for the campus during the summer months as "huge capital renovations." The first thing that will be addressed is a remodeling and expansion of the facilities building located behind the MAC. Next, staff will be added to assure Person that he does not proceed into these upcoming projects shorthanded.

With these basic adjustments underway, the facilities department will approach the major tasks currently at hand.

The first project Person mentioned was the renovation of

Residence Halls 1 and 2. Basic cleaning and upkeep will be done to all halls, but Halls 1 and 2 will undergo more serious renovation projects. There have been situations concerning a leak in ceilings and roofing in these buildings, as well as some damage done to walls inside the buildings. These repair, including the purchasing and replacement of new furniture in Halls 1 and 2 will be addressed as well.

Next, Person mentioned a new roof to also be put on the Bryant Center. During the summer, a huge construction staff will be replacing the current roofing with a needed replacement. This will, again, require an increase in staff and much attention from the facilities department.

Finally, as many students would be pleased to hear, at the request of President Machtley, Person and his facilities staff will be addressing the parking situation on campus over the summer months. New parking spaces are intended to be added to alleviate inconvenience and safety issues among the student and staff at Bryant.

With the summer only months away, preparations for these massive projects are about to begin, although the outcomes will only be seen by students in the fall months. Person and his facilities department will be hard at work to continue to add better facilities, resources and quarters for everyone on campus.

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Valentine's  
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### FYI

#### Did you Know...

-Senate has begun their second Warming Up Rhode Island Clothing Drive. They will be collecting any unwanted clothes, shoes, and coats. All donations will be presented to a soup kitchen in the local Providence area at the end of February. Please take the time and consideration to help this worthy cause during the winter season. The Student Senate will be coming around door to door to collect your donations during the week of February 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. Also, keep an eye out for a table in the Rotunda. Any questions, please contact John Cullen at jac18@bryant.edu or Hope Solomos at esolomos@bryant.edu.

-As a result of Business Affairs' process improvement initiative, effective Monday, February 7, Central Scheduling operations will be transferred from Facilities Management to the Office of Conferences and Special Events. The transfer is expected to increase scheduling efficiency of facilities and keep with the current trend at peer institutions. To schedule facilities or request room set-ups (tables, chairs), please call extension 6921 or send an e-mail to schedule@bryant.edu. We do not expect any negative impact on operations during the transition, as all in-process reservations will be transferred.

-A reminder to ALL seniors to RSVP for the Kick Off Gala on February 18th, 2005. The event will be held from 6-8pm in the Grand Hall and proper dress is required. The Gala is being held in celebration of the kick off for the Senior Class Gift solicitation period. There will be food and refreshments, with alcoholic beverages available for those students with proof of legal age. All seniors should have received an invitation in their mailboxes early last week. Seniors may RSVP to smaldona@bryant.edu or to the RSVP hotline at ex. 6173. Come out and enjoy an early evening social event with all your fellow seniors before time runs out. Any questions can be directed towards the Class Gift Chair John "Johnson" Cullen at jac18@bryant.edu or ex. 4628.

-Due to the high volume of first-class mail and mass mailings being received, the Bryant University Post Office is requesting that all students empty their mailboxes on a daily basis so that new incoming mail can be sorted and delivered to a student's mailbox on a timely basis.

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# Bryant on the Night of the Super Bowl

By Greg Hirshorn  
Staff Writer

The Pats dynasty has finally been established! This past Sunday afternoon, the nation watched the New England Patriots win their historic third Super Bowl in the past four years. On the Bryant campus, friends gathered together, mesmerized by the TV, to watch a very competitive game.

According to the Snack Food Association, Americans consumed 12.4 million pounds of potato chips on the evening of Super Bowl Sunday and spent fifty million dollars to stock up on food for the big game. Potato chips were not the only big hit. Americans also ate 9.2 million pounds of tortilla chips, 4.2 million pounds of pretzels, 3.8 million pounds of popcorn, and 3.1 million pounds of snack nuts.

Here, on campus, students helped contribute to these astonishing totals with abundant amounts of a variety of snack foods. Another highly consumed item, alcohol, became an issue as there were many stu-

dents roaming the campus intoxicated. Unconfirmed reports say that Americans consumed 203 million barrels of beer on Super Bowl Sunday.

The final outcome of the big

The lucky ones were able to cash out and fatten up their wallets from their now prosperous choices.

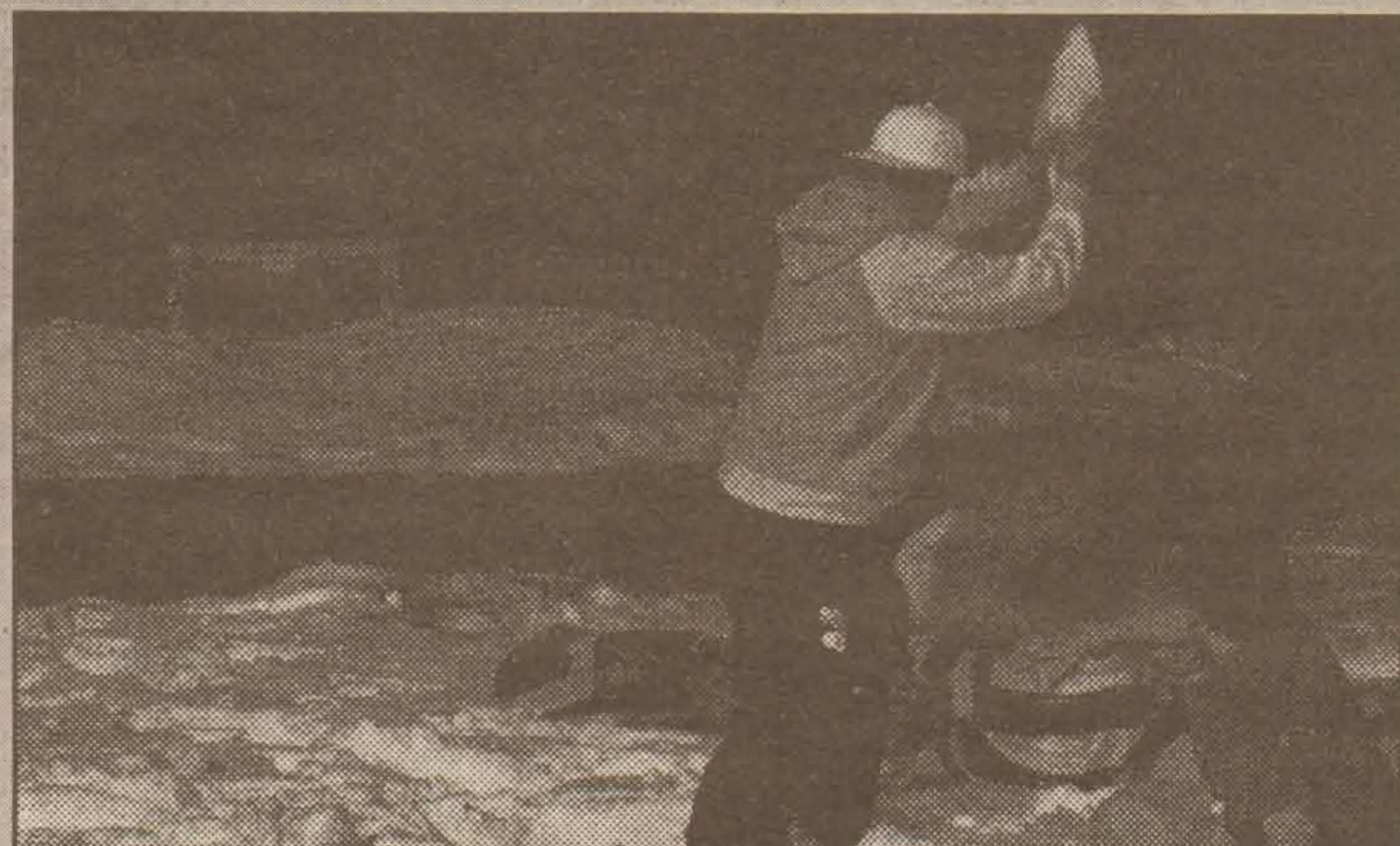
Student opinions about the game varied but the general con-

trolled and DPS did a very good job of keeping people out of the pond." Prior to the opening kickoff, yellow barriers were placed around the pond's perimeter to prevent students from reaching the ice.

After the Patriots won the game, students ran out to the pond, following the tradition of a New England team winning a championship, only to find DPS officers standing near the barriers to ensure students would not attempt to jump onto the ice covered pond.

Instead of traditionally jumping and sliding into the pond, some students joyously threw a football around in the snow and tackled each other or threw snowballs while most celebrated with their friends. A chant of 'dynasty' broke out by the pond to celebrate the proclaimed status of the Patriots as the newest football dynasty.

Despite the efforts of DPS to prevent the traditional pond jumping activities, Super Bowl Sunday was a night of celebration for everyone across the campus.



Courtesy of Justin Williams

Students celebrate the outcome of the Super Bowl in the snow, in the background yellow barricades put up by DPS warn of thin ice on the pond.

game left mixed feelings around campus. Those who placed bets on the Patriots were thrilled, but not if their bet was the Patriot's winning by at least seven points.

sensus agreed on the success of managing student activities around campus before and after the game. According to Dave Genogantus, "It was very con-

## Bryant Players pre-performance announcement

The Bryant Players will be performing the postmodern play 'Dentity Crisis' on February 11, 12, and 13. It is only \$1 for Bryant Students, and it will be showing at 9:00PM on Friday, 7:00PM on Saturday, and 2:00PM on Sunday. This show has many more adult themes and jokes than any of the plays performed previously, but it is only thirty minutes long.

The main role of Jane is played by Christina Sears, a Sophomore majoring in psychology. The play opens as she is going through a great deal of mental problems, which are inflated by the four other characters in the play. These other people have no idea who they are, and their completely pointless lifestyles slowly make Jane completely insane.

Students are encouraged to make the show part of their Friday night plans, as few people who live off campus will want to come to a show at 9:00PM. Admission for Bryant Students is only \$1, \$2 for faculty and staff, and \$5 for general admission.

## Department of Public Safety Log

### THEFT Larceny

JAN. 31, 2005-Monday at 9:30 a.m.

Location: FACILITIES MANAGEMENT LOT

Summary: A Facilities staff member came into the DPS office to report a theft.

### VANDALISM Vandalism

Jan. 31, 2005-Monday at 9:34 a.m.

Summary: The University Locksmith advises DPS that the electrical closet on the first floor of a residence hall had been vandalized.

### ACCIDENT Motor Vehicle Accident

Feb. 1, 2005-Tuesday at 12:56 p.m.

Location: HALL 16 LOT

Summary: Minor accident reported no injuries.

### EMT CALL EMT Call / Medical Services Rendered

Feb. 2, 2005-Wednesday at 1:09 a.m.

Location: RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: A student called requesting an EMT to check out a previous injury. EMS was activated.

### EMT CALL EMT Call / Medical Services Rendered

Feb. 3, 2005-Thursday at 8:35 a.m.

Location: RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: Reported student with stomach cramps. EMS was activated

### EMT CALL EMT Call / Medical Services Rendered

Feb. 4, 2005-Friday at 1:26 a.m.

Location: RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: Reported female student jumped out 3rd floor window. EMS was activated.

### EMT CALL EMT Call / Medical Services Rendered

Feb. 4, 2005-Friday at 1:40 a.m.

Location: TOWNHOUSE

Summary: A student caller reports an intoxicated roommate and requests an EMT. EMS was activated.

### THEFT Larceny / Other

Feb. 4, 2005-Friday at 8:35 a.m.

Location: CHASE ATHLETIC CENTER

Summary: A student reports a cell phone taken from the Gym.

### EMT CALL EMT Call / Medical Services Rendered

Feb. 5, 2005-Saturday at 1:59 a.m.

Location: RESIDENCE HALL

Summary: Request for EMT for an unconscious female. EMS was activated.

### EMT CALL EMT Call / Medical Services Rendered

Feb. 5, 2005-Saturday at 7:15 a.m.

Summary: Report of a student vomiting blood. EMS was activated.

### EMT CALL EMT Call / Medical Services Rendered

Feb. 5, 2005-Saturday at 11:10 a.m.

Location: THE JUNCTION CAFE

Summary: The Junction manager reports an intoxicated person needing medical attention. EMS was activated

### EMT CALL EMT Call / Medical Services Rendered

Feb. 6, 2005-Sunday at 12:33 p.m.

Location: RESIDENCE HALL

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# ROTC teaches Bryant student tough love

By Shannon Noonan  
Campus News Editor

"Those who do not do battle for their country do not know with what ease they accept their citizenship in America" Dean Brelis, *The Face of South Vietnam*, 1967.

"One cannot answer for his courage when he has never been in danger" François, Duc de la Rochefoucauld, *Maximes*, 1665.

Many of the cars on Bryant University are stamped with a yellow magnetic "support our troops" ribbon. While these students choose to show support for the American fighting forces other students have chosen to do much more. Some students have chosen to join and lead America's brave military men and women. The Army ROTC Program at Bryant University currently has eight students who are actively involved in the program which is hosted at Providence College with approximately 100 other cadets.

Out of the 100 cadets, approximately 90% continue on to be Officers in the United States Army. There are approximately 280 ROTC programs across the USA, commissioning 5000 officers, annually 80% of which have received scholarships. Two thirds of the current graduating ROTC class will be over seas in Iraq or a similar area in about 18 months.

Freshmen who participate are only required to attend the class and three hands-on labs about leadership, but they are welcome to physical training and field training exercises. For sophomores involved in ROTC they participate in physical training three days a week, they must attend a class, and lab. Juniors are required to attend physical



courtesy of ROTC program

**Cadets repelling during 'Discovery Days', a program designed for recruiting new cadets.**

training five days a week, their course, and the leadership lab. The juniors receive a great deal of leadership training and feedback. In the fourth year, the seniors lead and manage the course which is an unparalleled experience that goes far beyond an internship. So why do the brave men and women of Bryant University's ROTC program do it?

Philip Sepelak, a junior finance major, here has been involved in ROTC since he was a freshman. About the program, Sepelak said, "Leading other soldiers and being in charge of a platoon right out of college. This is training for the real world." Sepelak received a four year scholarship that has paid for his entire tuition, books and a generous monthly untaxed stipend. In return for this "free ride," Sepelak has committed himself to four years of Active Duty Army. Sepelak plans to serve his commitment for the Army in the Finance Branch. Additionally, Sepelak plans to eventually enter the civilian finance world with the leadership and experiences that he has and will receive from his service.

Not all participants in the ROTC program owe service time for taking this all expense paid three credit course. In fact, a college student can participate in the ROTC program until their junior year without any military commitment. This even includes a paid two week summer internship called Leadership Training Camp (LTC). Also, there are scholarships in the Reserve and Guard forces, not just for active duty army.

Senior Robert Jacavone



courtesy of ROTC program

**Cadets never leave a man behind, even during field training.**

explained his reasons for participating in ROTC as, "Personally I think every one should serve and give back to their country that's provided so much for them. The U.S. Army is one, if not the greatest and most powerful organizations in the world. Who wouldn't want to be apart of that?"

Another Senior John Boyle describes how well ROTC compliments a business education. "Hell yeah, I can't picture anything that would better complement a business diploma. The main directive of ROTC is to instill leadership and management."

To better explain the relationship of ROTC and a business degree, Sergeant Major Gary Fortunato, a military science professor explains "Everyone is looking for an edge in their field.

In most college courses you're not given the opportunity to truly test yourself especially as a leader. We provide the hands on experience in leadership that the business world and Fortune 500 companies recruit. US ROTC is the leading institution on leadership in the world. Were offering students a chance to take advantage of leadership skills and there isn't even any service requirement for that advantage."

SGM Fortunato continued, "Step inside yourself and ask yourself what will you take away from the university because this is a venue that you could explore." If interested in the program contact the ROTC program at 401-232-6275, 401-865-2472 or see the ROTC web-site at <http://web.bryant.edu/~rotc>.



courtesy of ROTC program

**Field training exercises put cadets in simulated situations.**







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**Cadet Sepelak celebrates his contract during a ceremony.**

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## The Hangover: How to get from "first date" to Valentine



By Justin Williams

Staff Columnist

The time between December and February is difficult to begin dating women. If you start dating someone in December, you'll have to buy your girlfriend stuff for Christmas. If she's Jewish it gets more expensive with eight days worth of stuff to buy for Han.

Then this woman you've started dating in December will want to celebrate a one month anniversary in January, which will end up costing even more money. Then you'll have to deal with Valentine's Day and you'll have to buy her something else.

Plus with all the red hearts and cupid's and other Valentine's paraphernalia, you might end up saying the worst thing you can say to your new girlfriend: "I love you."

If you're smart, you won't be dating someone from December to February. But let's say you're not smart, and you choose to date anyone before Valentine's Day; you simply couldn't continue dating someone for that long. Your problem probably was your first date.

The Rapper Big Daddy Kane once said, "Pimpin ain't easy," and indeed, it isn't. A much easier approach to getting some is through having a girlfriend. But unless you're as good chatting with babes online as Kip Dynamite, you're going to have

to take a girl on a successful first date to make her your girlfriend.

Before we go any further, I need to stipulate that you're going to want to avoid making a girl on campus your girlfriend.

Although it can be tempting because a cheap dinner date can consist of taking her to Salmonson and swiping her in (as several readers in Hall 15 have pointed out), there are several drawbacks that outweigh the benefits:

- She'll always want to sleep over.

- She'll eventually find out your business from other people on campus.

- There is a chance that someone else on campus has already "hooked up" with her, and that could be a little awkward when you see that guy everyday.

- Because women like to talk, you might end up spending the whole day with her, and then she'll go back to her room, and get on the IM and spend another few hours IMing you.

The "first date" starts off by asking the girl out. Instead of asking, you should probably just TELL the female that you're going to take her out. This way, she'll be less apt to say no.

Now when you tell the woman you're going to take her out, you don't want to tell her too much about where you're going for two reasons: one because women like surprises, and two, if the girl you met in

the dark at the club last week doesn't look like the Janet Jackson you remember, but the "Janet Jackson/Rita" from the movie Friday, you can end the date early.

When you pick up your date, you're going to want to be a gentleman and open the door for her. Some people would suggest doing Sonny's "door test" from A Bronx Tale. However, this test is outdated because



courtesy of <http://members.aol.com/ProfQuater>

**Big Daddy Kane can attest to the fact that "Pimpin ain't easy."**

most people have keyless entry systems in their cars now, and no one would lock their doors just to go open the door on the other side. A much better test would be the "Mario" test, but

that's for another column.

Now that you're driving with your date to the first location, you're going to have to make conversation. Hopefully, you've planned ahead with several conversation starters.

Now, while it's generally accepted that men don't listen to their girlfriends and wives, you're going to want to listen to her during this car ride for reasons I'll explain later.

Where you take your date is up to you, but unless you're ugly and look better in the dark, you'll want to avoid taking her to the movies as a first date.

Movies don't allow for much interaction, plus there's always that awkwardness of whether or not to pull the good old "yawning while putting your arm around your date move."

A great first date is mini-golf because it offers light competition as well as the opportunity to sneak behind her as if you're teaching her how to "putt."

Unless she is golf pro Annika Sorenstam, you don't want to lose to her. Women don't like wusses, and if you lose, you'll look like a wuss. It's best to keep it close so that maybe you could even bet her on a hole or two for things like money or another date.

If golfing went well, you're going to want to extend the date a little longer. A good place to go is for coffee or ice cream. Since you're probably going to have to pay for everything on the first date, coffee or ice cream is a lot cheaper than dinner.

The reason to stay cheap is that you never know with women, while some would just order a salad for dinner, others would order a glass of the most expensive wine to go with their filet mignon.

While at the coffee shop or ice cream parlor, you're going to need to make more conversation. You can tease her about how you beat her at mini-golf, but just remember it's not Def Comedy Jam, you shouldn't make her cry by clowning her.

A great conversational move is to read her palm. Reading her palm is a great tactic because it makes it look like you have skills. Just as Napoleon Dynamite says, girls want boyfriends with skills: "like nunchuck skills, bowhunting skills, computer hacking skills." It also gives you an excuse to touch her hand.

Most women believe in crap like astrology and palm reading, so if you lie and say you can read palms she'll likely believe you.

(If you feel guilty about lying,

don't. Lying is expected in relationships for the first few years. How do you think the Clintons are still together?)

When you read her palm, just say general things you've picked up from previous conversations like when you were in the car. Because women like to talk, she'll probably fill in the generalizations for you, making you look like a genius.

After the coffee or ice cream, it's probably best to end the date and take her home. If you raise the bar too high on the first date, she'll expect all of that and more on the second date. On the car ride home you can use the leverage you've gained from your palm reading to hold her hand.

The car ride back to her place is a good chance to feel her out. In poker, players will often float a raise to see where their opponent stands. In the car, you can float a sexual question to see where she stands.

If she doesn't seem like she's open, it's understandable. Most women have a "no sex on the first date rule" anyway. If she doesn't have a first date rule, chances are she'd fail the "Mario" test too.

If you're picking up that your date has this rule, then you're going to want to wait until the second or third date to kiss her. It's like listening to a lecture the professor says won't be on the exam: There's no point in kissing her if the kissing won't lead to anything else.

By following this advice on a first date, you're virtually guaranteed a second date. Just be careful because if you follow the advice too well you might make the mistake of getting in a long-term relationship.



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## Simon Says: Love carefully



By Tobey Simon

Staff Columnist

It's that time of year again. Valentine's Day-- love is in the air, love is everywhere. I always think it's good to use this particular holiday as a chance to talk about the need to "love" carefully. Obviously this is different for all of us but for the purposes of this column, I want to talk about when "love" includes sex.

A former professor of mine said that sex is perfectly natural but not naturally perfect. That's a bitter pill for anyone to swallow but it may be the most difficult for you as college students. Your sexual expectations are shaped by a variety of factors that previous generations never faced. The media and the internet, typically depict sex as spectacular; a daunting standard. Yet sex is dangerous too, with risks ranging from parenthood to AIDS. And, of all sources of pressure for you, it was your parents' generation that launched the sexual revolution. Yes we were the generation that was supposed to have liberated society from its inhibitions about sexuality and made talking about sex a much less taboo subject.

Whether sex is perfectly natural or not, many college students

have made choices to engage in sexual activity of some sort. Other students have made decisions to abstain from sex until they are either married or in committed relationships. The data on college students' sexual practices reports that over 90% of college students have engaged in some form of sexual activity by the time of graduation. For me, this statistic reinforces the notion that on a college campus, there needs to be many opportunities for students to talk openly about sexual decision making, what it means to be in love, how to recognize healthy relationships and how to keep one's self safe from diseases and unplanned pregnancies.

Many of you have arrived at Bryant having had sexual experiences ranging from abstinence to intercourse and a variety of activities in between. Although many adults may think that the sexual revolution is over, it's not so clear to you or your friends. In talking with my FFL students last fall, they told me that people here are definitely engaging in sex and that often they've observed in their friends and participated themselves in some risky sexual behaviors—including sex under the influence of alcohol and forcing or coercing a partner. Research actually shows that today's college students are engaging in the same sexual behaviors that students engaged in during the 1970s.

The most frequently asked questions that I receive are STILL about virginity, pregnancy, disease, non-consensual sex-

ual encounters, sexual orientation, and sexual functioning. Sex is still the number one issue students enjoy talking about. And the bottom line is that, should you choose to be sexually active, you must protect yourself and love carefully. Estimates are that from 1 in 300 to 1 in 500 college students in the US is HIV positive. Over 20% of college students have had a sexually transmitted infection. And these can be prevented.

If you are deciding to be sexually active, protect yourself and your partner. Use condoms. They do work. Plan ahead for the possibility that sex may happen and carry condoms with you. And that goes for women as well as men. If you aren't sexually active, don't be afraid to share your views about abstinence with others. We must respect each person's right to decide if and when they are ready to be sexually active.

The importance of sexual communication cannot be stressed enough. The biggest sex organ is the brain so it needs to be used when being intimate with someone. Talking about sex with a partner doesn't have to be a clinical discussion nor does it require a legal document of informed consent. It just needs to happen, somehow, some way in the words that work for you. Healthy sexual attitudes, breaking down traditional male/female sex roles, and working towards a "sex positive" society will hopefully all contribute to responsible sexual behavior on and off campus.



## The SexPert: What is your Sex's status?



By Samee  
McDannell

Staff  
Columnist

Just in time for Valentines Day, a way to qualify the person who keeps you warm on cold nights.

So I was at my Sex's place," my friend began. Your what? I asked. "My Sex. I don't know what to call him. The guy I'm having sex with."

Apparently neither of them had popped the question yet. You know, the one that goes, "What, like, are we?" Somewhere along the course of your slumber parties you may run into an assortment of bed-sharers of varying significance to the non-genital aspects of your life.

With a little help from my linguistics professor (that's a lie) I've sorted out a guide so that

you can assign a title to your Sex. Which best describes your last or current lover, companion or feasible crush?

**The One-Night Stand**—Well, that's easy; it's the one you went home with because your nether nerves told you to. Then you skipped foreplay, had mediocre sex, exchanged numbers to be polite, but blanked on his name and thus saved the number under "Blue Beanie." No worries, you'll never speak again.

**The Rebound**—The one you were shamelessly flirting with, laughing way too loudly with while surveying the crowd to make sure it gets back to your recent Sex-Ex just how over her you are. The sex is better than any ordinary one-night stand because you'd forgotten how great it feels to be more concerned about your own pleasure.

**The Booty Call**—You are drunk. You may be thinking "Hmmm". You scroll your cell until you reach anyone you've hooked up with before, because at this point

you haven't the game, nor articulation skills to pick up a new someone. Prepare for rejection if you catch him at the library or, even worse, with the new *you know what* he's "seeing."

**The Hook-Up**—Perhaps you started out in any of the above respectable agreements, and while you don't want to go out of your way to spend daylight hours together, you enjoy continuing to get to know each other in a biblical sense. (More mutual than the booty call.)

**The Eph Buddy**—You have great chemistry but a relationship would never work. You flirt when you see each other and have relations when you're single, but make sure to never break the rules: don't get jealous, possessive or fall in love. That should be in about three months.

**Friends With Benefits**—Like the EphB, this is a great way to have uncomplicated consistent sex. It will be better quality than your random hook-up, and you can

apply the "reduce, reuse, recycle" motto so that your "number" doesn't skyrocket between relationships. Unlike the previous, you can name their favorite breakfast cereal and it wouldn't be awkward to hang out on a platonic level. You are friends, right?

**The Luvah**—You date sporadically and can spend the weekend in bed, and then not see each other for weeks. You still don't know her last name and can't quite place the accent. Details, details.

**The Fling**—Distinguishable from the Hook-Up in that you can't be in a relationship because of extenuating circumstances. You met on vacation and spent the week together, but you'll never see each other again. She lives in Azerbaijan. You are permitted to idolize your Fling since you didn't have time to discover he chews with his mouth open.

**The Exclusive**—Hello, boundaries! You suffer temporary

amnesia and forget all the strings you're about to attach when you cross the line to a relationship. But, it's usually worth it.

**The New Love**—Your investment pays off and you reap the benefits of an honest, meaningful connection. You get to do all those cheesy couple things like go to jazz concerts or leave each other cute little presents or cards. Generally, there is plenty of sex.

**The Long-Term Relationship**—Begin to draft Declaration of Co-dependence. By now you know all about his boss's culinary preferences. Tell-tale sign you're in one: every phone conversation ends with "I love you." You're no longer required to change out of your pajamas, but please, keep up the oral hygiene.

**Each Other's Better Halves**—I'm not even going to waste my time defining you, I'm sure you've over-analyzed the mutual significance enough already.

## Timeout for professional sports



By Greg  
Hirshorn

Staff  
Columnist

This past Super Bowl Sunday we got to witness the last football game of the season as the Patriots emerged victorious, crowned champions for the third time in the past four years. Football has provided fans with an interesting season in which the Steelers and their rookie quarterback, Ben Roethlisberger, emerged as a legitimate contender in the AFC as they advanced to the championship game. The Patriots legitimized their attempt to become a dynasty in the past year by winning another championship. This was all very intriguing to watch, but I have a question, what are you going to watch now?

The NBA moves on in their season but that league is at a point where all it is really comprised of is overpaid, violent punks. Earlier this season in Detroit, after having a plastic cup of beer thrown at him, Ron Artest went up into the stands and began to fight the fans in the crowd. The situation escalated as other players got involved and transformed it into a fight scene. I understand how it is wrong to throw things at players but you must have enough restraint as a player to not attack fans in the stands when you become angry.

The problems have also taken place off the court with incidences such as the Kobe Bryant rape scandal, which was blown out of proportion, scarring the image of the NBA. A problem I have with watching players such as Bryant is that they are not team players and seem to only care about themselves. Bryant is the main reason why one of the most dominant players in the league, Shaq, left the Lakers and ended up going to Miami.

Without Shaq, the Lakers have proven not nearly as good,

having a negative effect on the team's chances of winning. Compare this to the New England Patriots, where teamwork reigns supreme. Until the NBA cleans up its dirty image, I am no longer interested in watching professional basketball.

The National Hockey League is currently in an intense race for the Stanley Cup. Wait a second, I forgot, they are in a lockout. If the NHL was playing at this point in time it would be a great sport to watch through the long winter. The great thing about hockey is how you can view the intensity and desire of the players during their games. It is the best out of the four major American sports in displaying how passionate the athletes are in their performances. There is nothing like watching a player lay somebody out and proceed to make a fool of a goalie by firing a puck into the corner of the net.

Instead, the players and owners are now trying to negotiate a new agreement. The owners want a salary cap so that there is a limit on how much the players

can make and turn themselves into profitable businessmen. The players don't want a salary cap because they want to make as much as they possibly can. It absolutely disgusts me how the game is being hurt right now because of greed.

College sports fall into a separate category. In college basketball, the game is based on teamwork and there are no flashy players who only care about how many points they score on the stat sheet. The games are so intense that even looking at the crowd can show the passion. Come March, college basketball is in its prime season during March Madness. The way the NCAA sets up the tournament is one the best play-off systems in sports today. The possibility of an upset is so attractive to watch because everyone loves the underdog.

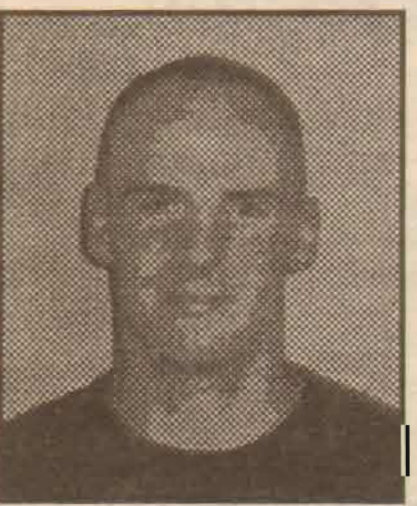
So I guess professional sports are dead until Sunday April 3rd at 8:05. What is at this time you ask? A rumble in the Bronx. It is the Yankees home opener and the first regular season game of the year taking place on national

television. They take on none other than their longtime rivals, the Boston Red Sox. This year more than any other, after the Red Sox winning the World Series, the rivalry will be more intense than ever.

Baseball is the greatest game on earth. There is no other game that seems so simple when you look at it (i.e. see the ball, hit the ball), but at the same time is then again so complex. There is high difficulty in managing and understanding the mechanics of baseball. A summer day is not a summer day without an ice cold beer, or soda if under the age of twenty one, and a game of baseball. The atmosphere around a game makes a great situation even more enjoyable.

So for the next two months professional sports goes into a period of near hibernation. To get through this period of time I intend on turning to college basketball and college hockey. The countdown is underway until the beginning of the baseball season on April 3rd. Until then, who really cares what happens in pro sports?

## The Rant: It came from the blog



By Bryan  
Sergeant

Staff  
Columnist

which happens to be about how stupid blogs are. It can be found at [bryanhasablog.com](http://bryanhasablog.com), clever site, eh?

So without further ado, I give to you my blog entry. Enjoy!

*This is my maiden voyage into the fabulous world of Blogs. Yey me. In fact, it feels very strange creating a blog. It seems rather arrogant and pompous to spend time and effort to write stories, document life experiences, and aimlessly empty the stockpiles of random thoughts in my head onto paper...well, not really paper, but you are bright people. You know what I mean.*

*Wait, what the heck am I talking about. You are not bright people. You are not people at all. You are person. You are the one and only...whoever you are. If you are at all. I have an eerie feeling that I may be the only one who ever reads this blog. You see, this is where blogs are*

*pointlessly arrogant. Writers and rambles such as me are going under the predominantly incorrect assumption that other people give a flying rat's backside about what we have to say. Furthermore, we bloggers have decided that you care about what we have to say to such a degree that you will log online, seek out pointless websites, and then spend a solid 10 minutes of your important (or not so important) time reading. Seems presumptuous, doesn't it?*

*Let's assume that a blogger miraculously convinces someone to read his or her amazing blog. WHY? Why do I, as a bloghead, need other people to read my blog!? The reasons are two strangely contradictory rationales.*

*1.) I am very proud of myself. I learned how to write! Boo-ya! Take that! Don't you wish you were me? My 3rd grade teacher will be so proud when he decides*

*to Google my name and check out my big, bad bloggerino. I am so good at writing, who wouldn't want to read this stuff? It's gold! You are lucky you are reading this, you're welcome.*

*2.) I am horribly insecure.*

*Hey, you read my blog, Right? Tell me it's good. Please tell me it's good! I need someone to tell me I don't completely \*EDIT\* (Ok, I can say that cool stuff on the blog, but the paper won't let me. So in your mind replace EDIT with what a vacuum does or what the Yankees do.). I write and write and I hoped it was good, but unless someone else reads it and tells me it is good I feel like I am wasting my time. I need other people to affirm my confidence. Read this blog and tell me it was good, or else I will ask you about what you thought over and over. [Note to bloggers: Say the darn blog is good or be ready to explain yourself then be yelled at and*

*proved wrong even though you were probably right that it was one step below compost.]*

*I want to thank the person who crafted the innovation of the blog. Now all of the boring, half educated, self-centered, arrogant, insecure bloggards can waste time writing articles and stories that no one wants to read and no one will enjoy reading. I say that all blogs should just be eliminated. Let's not subject internet readers to these sources of crap.*

*Of course that does not include mine. My blog is well-written, funny, and interesting...right? RIGHT?!*

*Amazingly enough, other than me, one person has read this my blog entry. That person sent me a comment. The comment said: "this is one of the cleverest reflections I have read on a blogsite."*

*Thanks Mom!*

Ladies and Gentlemen! Boys and Girls! Children of all ages! I would like to introduce to you the single most idiotic, ill-conceived, moronic creations since the designated hitter. I give to you, straight from the internet, The Blog!

A blog is an online diary where people are able to post pretty much any piece of crud they find interesting. It's like having a personal diary that everyone and their brother can read. No secrets in the internet age, I guess.

So despite my ranting and raving, I was convinced to create a blog. It has only one entry,



## Upcoming GAMES

### Men's Basketball

**Saturday, February 12, St. Anslem, 3:30 p.m.**  
**Wednesday, February 16, @St. Michaels, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday, February 19, @Bentley, 3:30 p.m.**  
**Monday, February 21, @Merrimack, 7:30 p.m.**

### Women's Basketball

**Saturday, February 12, St. Anslem, 1:30 p.m.**  
**Wednesday, February 16, @St. Michaels, 5:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday, February 19, @Bentley, 1:30 p.m.**  
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### Indoor Track & Field

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# Indoor track and field is all Heart

By Shaun Leddy  
 Assistant Sports Editor

The men and women's track teams are notorious for running and finding ways to keep in shape through all types of weather. While most of us enjoyed the recent snow storms from the comfort of our own homes, the Indoor Track and Field team had already been settled into their winter workout schedule, and a little snow would not deter them from sticking to it. Returning to campus on January 16, the members of the Bryant Track and Field team have been hard at work preparing for what has already been a very successful season.

With meets at Brown, Harvard, and an upcoming one at Tufts, the athletes have been determined to be in top shape for their competitions. At their most recent meet, the Smith College Invitational, four new school records were broken proving that the hard work and dedication these athletes committed allowed them to prevail in the end. Hafiz Greigre set a new record in the men's 55m with 6.47 seconds and Jozef Gallot set a new mark by clearing a height of 12'6" while competing in the pole vault. Other records were broken by Nicole Radzik in the 3000 meters with a

time of 11:09.37, and the women's 4 x 400 meters who set the school record in the relay indoor with a time of 4:27.40.



courtesy of Bryant Athletics

**Samantha Genatossio was named Freshman Track & Field Athlete of the Week.**

"We couldn't be happier to be raising the bar and breaking four school records this weekend. Everyone has been working really hard this season. The record-

**The record-breaking performances are an illustration of the determination this team has.**

**~Senior Co-Captain, Dan Giacalone**

Giacalone.

Other standouts from the Smith meet include Holly

Resendes who competed well in the 1,500 meters, and 4 x 800 meter relay. Also, Amber Torrey who received third in the weight throw, Dallas Lynch who earned first place honors in the men's long jump along with teammate Daniel Kwarteng, who placed second. "My other teammates who are working hard, but not breaking records should be recognized for their performances in achieving their personal best results," added Giacalone.

Track and Field is split up into three different groups: sprinters and jumpers, distance runners, and throwers. Coach Laughlin explains that each group stays focused on separate goals and routines for practice, finding space to practice wherever they can, either inside the Wellness Center or outside. They often take the opportunity to run at Brown and CCRI's tracks. Coach Laughlin also noted that even though the different groups practice separately, she brings them all together the day before meets to regroup and prepare for the upcoming competition. When brought together the athletes combine to make a very talented

and unique team. "All the girls wear pink bracelets to show our support of each other, we are very close," explained sophomore distance runner Kara Tranquillo.

One invaluable part of being a member of the Indoor Track and Field team stems from their commitment to the sport. Unlike other sports where competition usually consists of a 60 minute game, track meets last an average of six hours. "We wake up at the crack of dawn, and don't come home until 9:30 at night. That's dedication!" explains sprinter and jumper Courtney Elderkin. The athletes spend entire days at meets, cheering on their teammates, enjoying the competitive atmosphere all the while breaking school records and improving their personal bests. With a meet at Tufts this weekend, and the NE-10 Conference Championship quickly approaching, there is sure to be more success to come for this highly talented and dedicated team.



courtesy of Bryant Athletics

**Thrower Amber Torrey stays focused while trying to put out the competition.**

## A dance team by any other name can still move their feet

By Samee McDannel  
 Copy Editor

The Bryant University Dance Team had a very productive and fun adventure spent in Boston over the weekend of February 4. Along with 25 other dance programs, from a number of different schools, they performed in an exhibition at Boston University. The exhibition; Views From The Edge: The Third Annual New England Collegiate Dance Collaboration, was hosted by The Edge, a dance group from Boston University. There were a number of different schools from New England that brought a number of different styles, group sizes, and levels of experience to share at the exhibition. Kate Thurber, a junior Marketing major, who is President and Captain of the Bryant University Dance Team stated "The team worked extremely hard beginning immediately after we got back from winter break. I believe you could really tell the amount of work that was put into our performance."

Not to be confused with the Bryant University Cheerleaders, The Bryant University Dance Team is looking to gain support

and diversity as their team grows. They are hoping that with continued performances and interesting routines they will gain the attention of a number of different dancers with diverse and eclectic backgrounds. Thurber said, "The team is changing and

**A lot of things have been coming together for them. I really feel like they did their school justice this weekend with their performance.**

**~Coach, Amanda Veitch**



courtesy of Bryant Athletics

**The Bryant Dance Team is known for their eclectic mixture and dedication to their craft.**

getting better every day and we are currently in the process of changing the image of the team and succeeding at our goals. Especially with the help of our

coach Amanda and our advisor Tim"

Saturday was a long day for the dancers. There was a rehearsal period all day and the event Views from the Edge lasted until late into the evening. A few hundred people packed the George Sherman Union Grand Ballroom, where there was seating, a stage, and areas for the dancers to warm up and change. Each dance ensemble was given the opportunity to exhibit one dance with their choice of music and movement.

The Bryant Dance Team has decided to change its name in lieu of something more specific to their dancing abilities and styles. To pick a name they have decided to hold a fundraising contest. The team will elect five possible team names and then will offer the names to the students of Bryant University. They will then hold a table in the rotunda for a week and participants can come by and elect a name by placing money in the receptacle holding their favorite possible team name. The proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the funding of the Bryant University Dance Team relay for life team. Please feel free to participate in this fund raiser as our

school is actively participating in Relay for Life through many organizations and clubs.

Amanda Veitch, Area Director for Residence Life and coach of the Bryant Dance Team, was enamored with the performance of the dance team this past weekend. Veitch said "I have been with the dance team since September and saw them perform in previous years and in this past year, I have seen them

work very hard. A lot of things have been coming together for them. I really feel like they did their school justice this weekend with their performance." If you are interested in the possibility of joining the dance team or have specific questions about the naming contest please feel free to contact Kate Thurber at KThurber@Bryant.edu.

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## Sports

## Bulldog Bites: Weekly Athletic Scoreboard

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**  
(15-6, 11-6 NE-10)

Winners of Eight-Straight, Bulldogs Head To Le Moyne Tuesday Before Hosting Saint Anselm Saturday for Senior Day. Winners of eight in-a-row, the Bryant men's basketball team hits the road for a tough Northeast-10 Conference game at Le Moyne College Tuesday night in Syracuse, N.Y. Bryant is coming off a hard-fought 77-72 win over Southern N.H. (the No. 4 team in the region) Saturday afternoon.

Correia scored 22 points and Mike Williams had 18 Saturday against the Penmen as the Bulldogs won their eighth-straight game. Bryant is currently ranked No. 10 in the Northeast Region with the next poll due out on Wednesday afternoon.

Bryant will host Saint Anselm on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. for Senior Day. Prior to tipoff, seniors Jarett Love (Roselle, N.J.), Josh Lonestaff (Portland, Maine), Mike Niedzwiecki (Sutton, Mass.), Mario Correia (Brockton, Mass.), Cullen McCarthy (Mansfield, Mass.), and Mike Williams (Ellington, Conn.) will be honored. Bryant will travel to Saint Michaels, Bentley, and Merrimack to wrap up the regu-

lar season before the Northeast-10 Conference tournament begins on Saturday, Feb. 26.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**  
(14-8, 9-8 NE-10)

Team Snaps Losing Skid With Win Over Penmen; Team Visits Le Moyne Before Hosting Saint Anselm For Senior Day Saturday. The Bryant University women's basketball snapped its three-game losing streak on Saturday, knocking off Southern New Hampshire, 77-59.

Senior Kellie Fournier (Westport, Mass.) had 12 points and 10 rebounds to lead the way. Senior Dede Fogarty (Middletown, Conn.) is averaging a team-best 13.0 points per game this season while guard Joanna Skiba (Providence, R.I.) is second with 10.5 ppg. Skiba had a career-high 26 points in an 89-83 loss at UMass Lowell on Wednesday night. Joining Fournier and Fogarty, seniors Jessie Weber (Norwell, Mass.), Lindsay Hermann (Bristol, Conn.), and Lynne Zoltowski (Colts Neck,

N.J.) will be honored prior to the start of Saturday's game with Saint Anselm. Tipoff is set for 1:30 p.m. at the Chace Athletic Center.

**INDOOR TRACK**

Four More School Indoor Records Fall at Smith Invitational

The Bryant men's and women's indoor track teams competed at the Smith College Invitational on Saturday as the Bulldogs set four new school indoor records. The men finished in second place with the final team scoring 144 points as Wesleyan University won the men's meet with a score of 233. The Bryant

women were fifth with 52 team points.

Hafiz Greigre (Attleboro, Mass.), who set a school record in the 200 meters at last week's meet at Wesleyan, set a new mark in the men's 55 meters in 6.47 seconds. Greigre was first in the 55m and would later take first place in the men's 200 meters in a time of 22.24 seconds.

Also on the men's side, pole vaulter Jozef Gallot (Scarsborough, Maine) set a new mark by clearing a height of 12 feet, six inches.

Nicole Radzik (Manchaug, Mass.) set a new mark with a time of 11:09.37 in the women's 300 meters while the women's 4 x 400 meter relay team set a new school relay indoor mark in 4:27.40.

Other highlights on the day includes Holly Resendes (Warwick, R.I.) who ran well in the 1,500 meters and had a strong showing in the 4 x 800 meter relay. Amber Torrey (Plainfield, N.H.) also had a pair of personal best marks in the shot put and weight throw. Torrey placed third in the weight throw at 44 feet, 3.50 inches and was eighth in the shot put at 35 feet, 7.5 inches.

Dallas Lynch (Wayne, N.J.) took first place honors in the men's long jump with a season-best mark of 21 feet, 2.50 inches, edging teammate Daniel Kwarteng (Worcester, Mass.) who was second at 21 feet. Lynch would later take second in the men's triple jump by clearing 44 feet, 11 inches. Bryant will travel to Tufts next weekend.

**STUDENT-ATHLETES STAND OUT IN CLASS**

A total of 143 student-athletes at Bryant University were named to the Student-Athlete Academic Honor Roll for the fall semester. Forty percent of Bryant's student-athletes earned a 3.0 GPA or better during the fall semester, the highest amount in the last eight semesters. All twenty varsity sports programs were represented on the academic honor roll.

In addition, a total of 27 percent of student-athletes were named to the Bryant Dean's List, which requires a 3.2 GPA or better, with two student-athletes, Kristin Braga (Taunton, Mass.) and Amerigo Mallozzi (Smithfield, R.I.) earning a perfect 4.0 during their season of competition.

## The Sports Genius presents: Money matters



By  
**Jason  
Gilbert**  
Staff Writer

Welcome back my fellow students, as you probably noticed I have changed my column's name. I'm sure you're thinking Sports Genius? Yea right, this kid isn't even close to a genius, but that's where you're wrong. If you go to your common room wall, where my articles are hanging like a shrine and look back on the predictions I made earlier in the year, you will notice that 66.6666% of my predictions were correct. The Red Sox beat the Cardinals in the World Series and the Eagles played the Patriots in the Super Bowl.

The only prediction that was incorrect was in the NBA category. I chose the Denver Nuggets to win the NBA finals not knowing Carmelo Anthony would have the worst year of his life. Here's my special edition of what he's thinking: He recently got engaged to MTV's La-La. As we all know you never, ever plan to marry a woman named La-La, and just ask Jesus Shuttlesworth from "He Got Game". They just end up cheating on you and using you for the money. Secondly, there is a video tape of him and his boys' allegedly smoking marijuana. Last but not least, if anybody has seen The Game's music video, "This is How We Do," at the end of the video, Carmelo is pictured drinking a glass of champagne. Keep in mind 'Melo is only 20 years old, which means he is an underage drinker. Shame on you Carmelo Anthony! Well enough about me and my obsession with Carmelo Anthony, it's time for the exciting topic of free agency in professional sports.

During this time of the year, it is clearly blatant that for pro-

fessional athletes it's all about the money. Players take an extra 20 million dollars to play for a cave dwelling ball club instead of taking the "good enough" contract to play for a championship contending team. (see Pedro Martinez of '04 and Pudge Rodriguez of '03). As I recall watching the baseball playoffs in October, I began to notice that every time I watched a Houston Astros game, if Carlos Beltran hit a homerun or made a game saving catch, the announcer would say, "and there's another million dollars for Carlos." After the 30 or so times hearing it, I started thinking that this is wrong. Are players just playing hard when their contract is in jeopardy? This definitely could be the case, because every time I notice an athlete playing in their "contract year," they seem to do a whole lot better in their last

year then they would in their second or third year in a five year contract. I did a little bit of research on my hypothesis, and not to my surprise, I was correct. In 2000, a young, athletic basketball player named Tracy McGrady was playing for the Toronto Raptors side by side with cousin and superstar, Vince Carter. Besides the fact that you'd have to live in Canada, this sounds like a dream life. Playing professional basketball, making more money than you know what to do with, and most importantly, playing next to a close friend, in this case a family member. In this deal you also have the potential of being the next Jordan and Pippen connection, capable of winning multiple championships. But McGrady did not want to be in Carter's so called "shadow," so instead he took the enormous

contract offered from Orlando and ended up going to the play-offs twice, never to make it to the title game. In his last year with the team, his Magic was the worst team in the league, but at least he led the league in points. My point is that professional athletes are getting greedier each and every year. Sure, McGrady gets his individual awards but nobody remembers those, they remember titles. Michael Jordan is not remembered for his awards, but for his six championships. When his teammate Scottie Pippen was thinking about leaving the Chicago Bulls to be a superstar on another team, Jordan was there to convince Pippen that the right move was to stay with the Bulls and become a dynasty. Pippen chose to stay, and was a great player for the Bulls, which made the decision the best of his life. Now

Scottie is remembered and will most likely make the hall of fame. Professional sports are missing guys like Jordan and Pippen, but there are a few left like Tom Brady and Derek Jeter. I hope things start to get better and sports become more about the game, not about the money. \*Breaking News\*: Kobe Bryant allegedly convinced the Los Angeles Lakers to trade Shaq, Gary Payton, Karl Malone, and Coach Phil Jackson, to give the team a better atmosphere to win a championship. Now that all four are removed from the team, Kobe has signed a 7 year, 136 million dollar contract. Wait a second, didn't the Lakers win three straight championships with Shaq and Coach Jackson. That's kind of weird, but hey Kobe at least it's not about the money right?

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# STS9's ARTiFACT: True auditory achievement

By Christian Collard  
Variety Editor

This Tuesday saw the release of Sound Tribe Sector 9's third studio album, *ARTiFACT*. It has been highly anticipated and long-awaited, as it is their first album in five years. Since the release of *Interplanetary Escape Vehicle* (1999) and *Offered Schematics Suggesting Peace* (2000), much has changed for STS9. *Seasons 01* (2002) and *Live at Home* (2003) were both unique experiments. The band compiled *Seasons 01* from live material taken from past tours, punctuated by segues of soundscapes and sonic textures created in the studio and in the wilds of nature. *Live At Home* is a collection of 23 previously unreleased tracks created between 2000 and 2003 at home and on the road. The eclectic album ranges from lush ambient textures and downtempo moods to eclectic, playful instrumentals. It truly is a glimpse into the diversity of creation that embodies STS9. One thing that set the *Live At Home* project apart from the other releases was that while some tracks are collaborations, most are the work of a single producer.

With *ARTiFACT*, STS9 shows us a major change from their live approach, where songs can take flight and remain airborne for over 20 minutes. The disc clocks in at just a shade over 73 minutes, flowing freely through the 20 tracks much like the live sets that STS9 fans crave.

"We're coming from a place with an improvisational jazz feel, but we aren't doing the

began playing in my stereo, I had a feeling that *ARTiFACT* was going to be very revolution-



courtesy of www.sts9.com

Sound Tribe Sector 9 consist of keyboardist David Phipps, percussionist Jeffree Lerner, guitarist Hunter Brown, drummer Zach Velme, bassist David Murphy.

solos," says drummer Zach Velmer. "It's more about seeing where the music can take us, not where we take the music. The last two years for us was just about gaining knowledge and research, working with computers and sequencers," Velmer says. "Now we're more focused on what we're trying to go for, and the album is more concise. We're asking, 'How can we get this point across in this amount of time?'"

From the instant the CD

ary and a new standard for electronic/jamband artists to build off of in the future. While many electronic projects are created by a producer or team of producers, STS9 breaks the mold and introduces live instrumentation into the sample-laden industry. This allows them more freedom to play what they want, rather than having to graft ideas and elements to form a whole. STS9 have taken their passion for playing live instruments and married it to a love for intricate

composition and sound exploration. STS9 have as much affection for samplers and computers as they do pianos, drums, bass, and guitars.

When asked which single song or moment sticks out in my mind after listening to *ARTiFACT*, I'm a bit hesitant to answer. It's almost like asking someone what their favorite brush stroke of a painting is or what their favorite word of a poem is. It has to be appreciated in context as part of the whole. Be that as it may, if I really had to pick, it would be "Better Day." They opened up with it when I saw them play at Lupo's Heartbreak Hotel in Providence, RI back in the summer of 2003. It was untitled then and I never did find out the name. I was pleasantly surprised to hear it mature into a more concise studio version.

That's another thing about STS9. The names of their songs tend to change as much as the music itself. For example, from the time the pre-release was sent to me for review, several of the tracks underwent a name change.

To download a free MP3 of the radio edit of STS9's single

"Tokyo," head over to their site: [www.sts9.com](http://www.sts9.com). If you're interested in the magic that is a live STS9 show, point your browser to [www.archive.org](http://www.archive.org). Here you can find over 200 bootlegs ranging from 1998 to present in lossless format in the *Audio* section of the site as well as concert footage from the "GrooveTV" show in the *Moving Images* section.

STS9's 2005 *ARTiFACT* tour will be making three stops in the area. February 22, they will be at Toad's Place in New Haven, CT with special guest FutureMan of Béla Fleck and the Flecktones. They will then play two shows in Massachusetts, February 23 at the Roxy in Boston and February 24 at the Calvin Theatre in Northampton. Both nights will feature roots reggae act John Brown's Body. Tickets are still available directly from [www.sts9.com](http://www.sts9.com).

Unable to make the shows but curious how they went? Check the archive.org for audio of the shows and check back in the next edition of *the Archway* for my review.

## off the mark

by Mark Parisi

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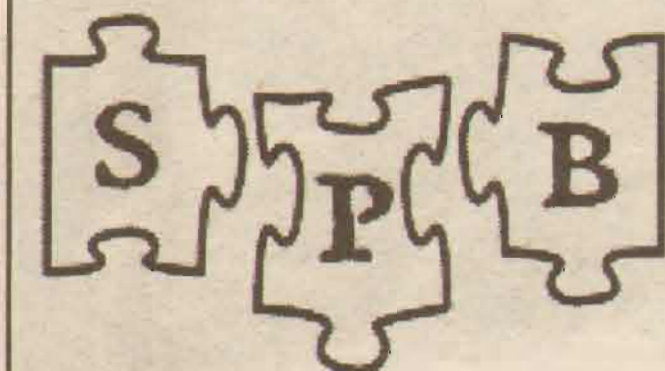
## Bryant University Spring Art Exhibit

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| February 13 | Snow Tubing Trip                | TBA     | TBA               |
| February 16 | Comedian: Rob Stapleton         | 9:00 PM | South Dining Hall |
| February 17 | Band: Jonah Cohen               | 9:00 PM | BC Pit            |
| February 20 | Movie: <i>National Treasure</i> | 7:00 PM | Janikies          |
| February 20 | Movie: <i>National Treasure</i> | 9:30 PM | Janikies          |
| February 22 | February Bingo                  | 9:00 PM | South Dining Hall |
| February 23 | Cultural Coffeehouse            | 9:00 PM | South Dining Hall |
| March 02    | Band: Jason LeVesseur           | 9:00 PM | South Dining Hall |
| March 06    | Movie: <i>Ocean's Twelve</i>    | 7:00 PM | Janikies          |
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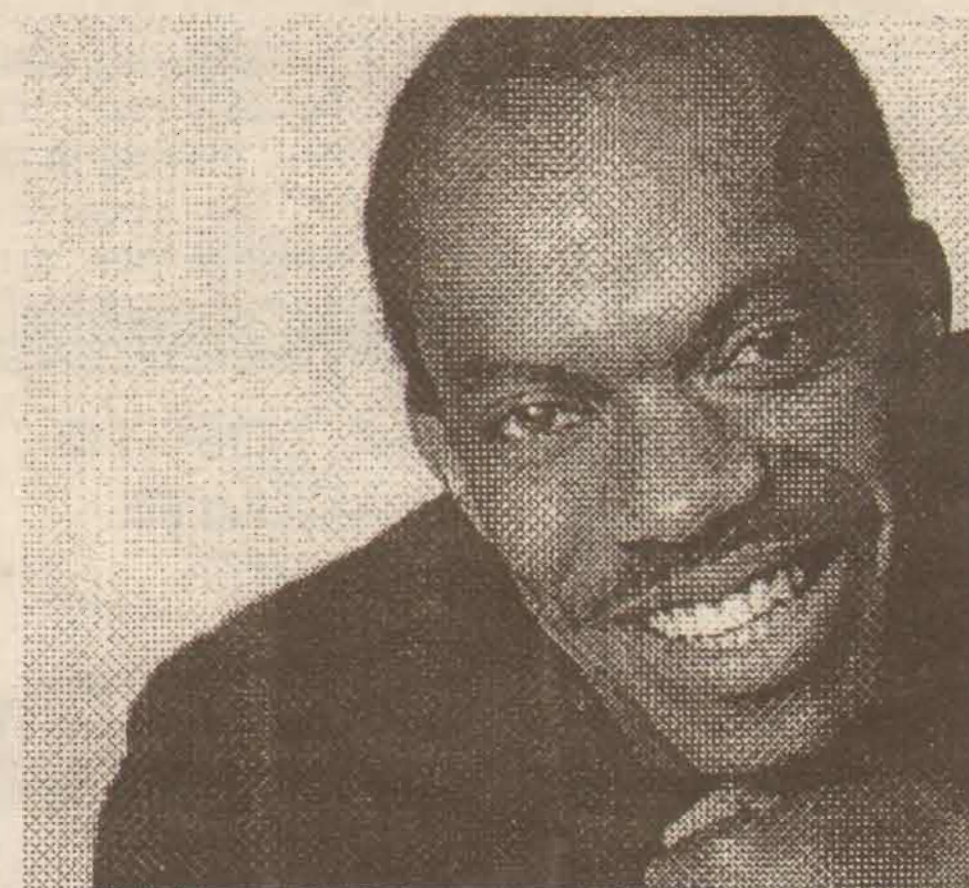
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# Americans are not the coolest kids in the world

By Eric Gwinn  
KRT Campus

Want a notebook computer that fits in your purse? Or a USB memory stick shaped like sushi? How about a 5-megapixel camera that's smaller than your wallet? Maybe you fancy a laptop made of the same material that keeps jet aircraft safe. Gadgets express who we are in ways other status symbols can't. You can't carry your car with you everywhere you go. And though your shoes are always with you, they don't tell everyone how imaginative and tech-savvy you are. Whip out a notebook computer with an Apple logo on it, however, and people instantly know what you're all about.

Finding that purse-sized notebook computer or sushi-shaped memory stick (gadgets that look and act like nobody else's) takes a wee bit of effort though, unless you live in Asia, particularly in Japan.

There, electronics stores are stuffed with the latest and the greatest, filled with the odd and the mod. That's because the United States and Japan view electronic toys very differently: Japanese consumers are the world's early adopters, and they will pay top dollar.

"When they buy, they go for the high end," says Douglas Krone, president of Dynamism, a Web-based U.S. importer of gadgets. "Japanese consumers, especially for consumer electronics, have always loved miniaturization and always have loved the latest and greatest. It's a very tech-obsessed society."

We Yanks love our technology, too, but we tend to wait till prices come down before we start buying in.

"If I'm making some consumer electronics goods," Krone

notes, "if I wanted to clean up in the U.S., I would start by setting the price point: 'It needs to be \$1,499, so, engineers, this is where we need to end up.'"

"In Japan, I can be \$500 more than the next computer, as long as I have the newest technology, so I go to my engineers and say, 'Toshiba has this and Fujitsu has this. We want all that

display technology using organic light-emitting diodes, or OLED.

Unlike the typical liquid crystal displays on cell phone screens and computer screens, organic light-emitting diode displays can be extremely thin and are quite bright, even without backlighting. In the U.S., OLED displays are showing up as the outer, time-displaying screen on flip phones.

Krone says among the more jaw-dropping advances that debuted in Japan are carbon fiber laptops so light and strong that you can hold one between your thumb and forefinger. The computer needs no internal fan because the carbon fiber dissipates heat created by the computer's components.

Late last year, Canadian PC-maker Voodoo brought the technology across the Pacific in a carbon fiber notebook for video game players.

At \$3,000 or more, a carbon fiber notebook is not for everybody. But then, neither is being an early adopter. It takes lots of disposable income (the Japanese have been saving less and spending more since the millennium, economists note), which also makes it easier to shrug it off when, say, that cool new videotape recorder you bought uses Betamax tapes, not VHS. You're already looking for a newer, cooler gadget anyway.

Americans tend to wait until technology is more proven and (more important) its price settles down from sky-high, introductory levels. We let the Japanese take a chance on the new stuff for us.

So the next time you're envying the latest gear some well-connected friend has just bought, remember she's probably not the coolest kid in the world.

That kid's in Japan.



courtesy of Toshiba

A mobile phone demonstrating Toshiba Corp.'s new software.

and more, and price is secondary.' The Japanese care more about the latest technology, and they pay for it."

But what if you're an early adopter at heart but stuck here in the United States, forlornly gazing Far Eastward?

You go to an importer such as [www.audiocubes.com](http://www.audiocubes.com) or Chicago-based [www.dynamism.com](http://www.dynamism.com). They'll connect you to the futuristic gear available overseas that will make you stand out as the cool kid on the block here.

The trendiest gear in Japan is all about miniaturization, led by smaller hard drives to hold music and video files and the

# Horoscopes

## Aries (March 21-April 19)

Your time for contemplation is coming to an end. The next few days you'll be immersed in group activities. Enjoy.

## Taurus (April 20-May 20)

The key to your success is your willingness to do a lot of work in a very little time. Alleviate the overload, and you'll make points.

## Gemini (May 21-June 21)

You won't have to tow the line much longer. You'll soon be able to party with friends. Set it up.

## Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Finishing up consumes the morning, but later in the day, ask permission to run some errands. You need to get out for some air.

## Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Conditions are changing, slowly, into your favor again. This weekend has the potential to be very wonderful. Call and make a date.

## Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Talk it over with your partner before you head out shopping. You may be able to afford more than you thought you could.

## Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

If you need help, don't hesitate to let the right person know. He or she can't read your mind. Make a phone call, for heaven's sake.

## Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

The opportunity is coming, soon, to take on another assignment. Don't hesitate; this will make up for your previous deficit.

## Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Studying is helping you not only learn a new skill, but also making you more confident, and even more attractive. Besides, it's fun. Enjoy.

## Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Proceed with caution when rearranging household items or fixing things. With replacements, get the very best you can afford.

## Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You're going to get a lot smarter soon. That's the good news. Now it's up to you to watch out, so you don't learn the hard way.

## Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Your patience will be well rewarded, if you can just hold on a while longer. Rely on faith and don't worry about someone else's "facts."

## Stepanian sets the stage at South

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Staff Writer

South Dining Hall was filled with the acoustic-pop tunes of the Boston-based band, Stepanian, this past Friday night. In a relaxed, intimate environment, about fifty students were able to enjoy a rare collection of guitar rhythms and impressive bass lines combined with the jazzy sounds of the saxophone and electronic melodies from the

of its albums, "For Lack of Better Words" and "Wanna Come With?" including their well known song "Call Me When Your Famous."

Stepanian has performed at venues and college campuses up and down the east coast and is currently in the area with upcoming shows in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. They promised to be back in Rhode Island soon, so keep an eye out. For a complete list of upcoming shows and more



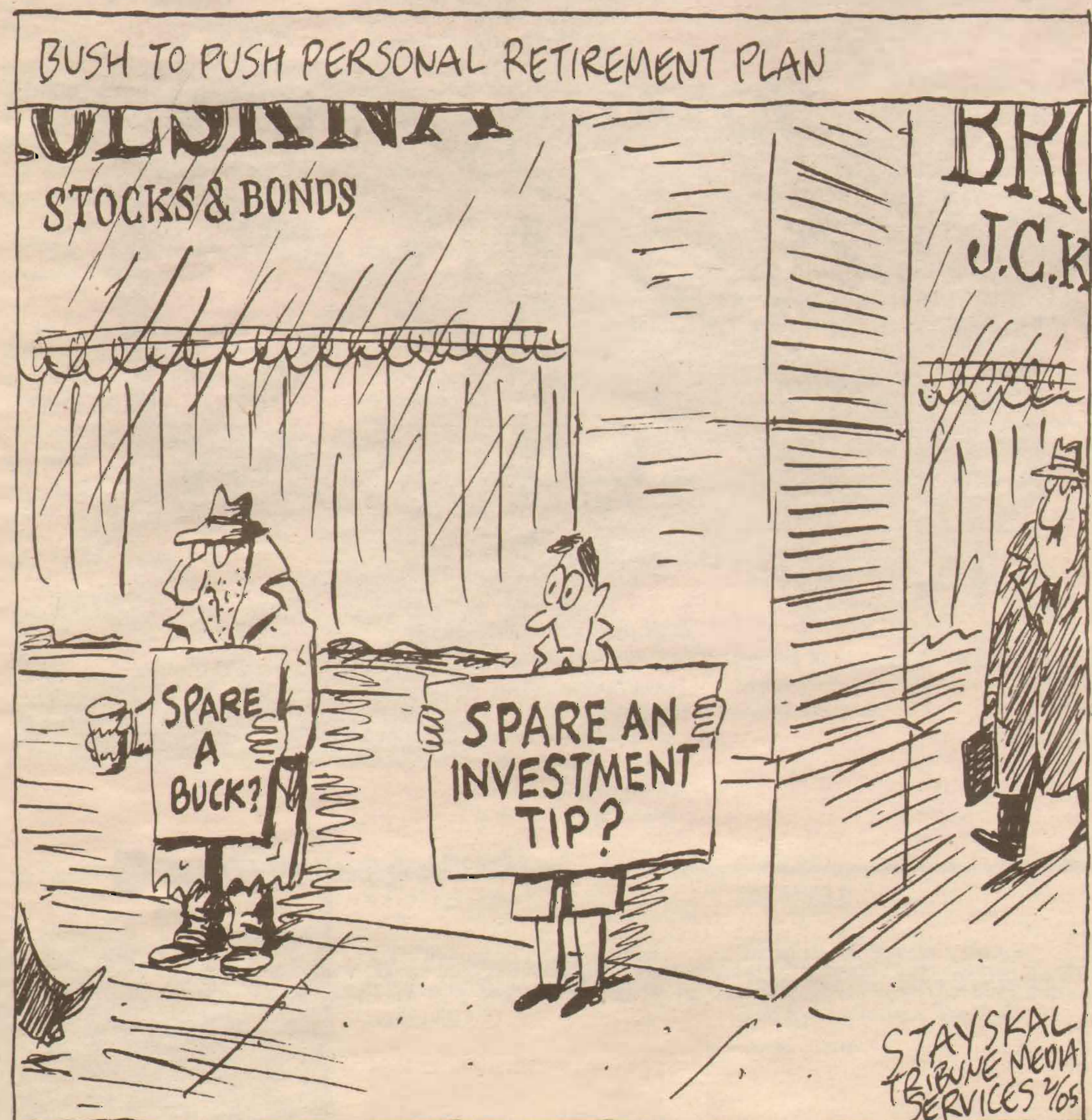
courtesy of Eric Stepanian

The members of Stepanian rock out at the Webster Theatre in Hartford, CT.

keyboard.

The band's lead vocalist, Eric Stepanian, is the inspiration for the band's name. The rest of the band consists of Michael Simon the bassist, Adam Schertzer, on sax, flute and harmonica, Steve Bresnick the keyboardist and John Mansillo plays drums. The band performed songs from both

information on the band, you can check out their website [www.stepanianband.com](http://www.stepanianband.com). This event was sponsored by Student Activities as part of Bryant @Night. Be sure to look for upcoming events this week including Bryant @Night Valentine's Day



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