



The Archway

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What did you do for Spring Break?

By Mike Janicki

In a growing trend nation wide, eight Bryant College students joined thousands of other college students in giving their Spring Break to the service of others. These students traveled with Mike Janicki, Student Activities and Fr. Joe Pescatello, College Chaplain, to Washington, DC. Our nation's capital, being home to some of the most powerful people in the world, is also home to some of the poorest.

Leaving early Saturday morning the group of ten drove to Washington, DC and was welcomed into the provincial home of the Oblate fathers. Their stay, while not in one of the all inclusive luxury resorts of Cancun, was hospitable and fun. The Oblate fathers take on a vow of missionary work with a focus toward spreading service to others. Knowing that our Bryant

College team was there for a week of community service, they were welcomed and encouraged.

The week's focus on social justice began soon after arriving in DC with a visit to the Franklin D. Roosevelt memorial. The memorial was designed with each of Roosevelt's four presidential terms in mind and the turmoil that each term was faced with. As one walks into the memorial, they are greeted with one of Roosevelt's quotes etched into the stone. One quote that summed up the entire purpose of the trip and started the work off in the right

direction, *"In these days of difficulty, we Americans everywhere must and shall choose the path of social justice. The path of faith, the path of hope and the path of love toward our fellow man."* These meaningful words had

purpose in the 1930's and are still significant today.

On Monday, the group began to get into the purpose of their trip with a visit to the Little Sisters of the Poor Nursing Home. They were greeted with a huge smile on the face of a

woman with an even larger heart. Sr. Rosemary introduced the group to the residents of this unique home for underprivileged elderly. Residents of this nursing home are admitted based on their financial (continued on pg. 3)



Studying Abroad: Here's to an Invaluable Life Experience

By Maggie Grace

"May your neighbors respect you, trouble neglect you, the angels protect you and heaven accept you."- Irish Proverb

This is just one of the many examples of an Irish proverb, and I would venture to say that perhaps these are some of the most eloquent words spoken. Ireland and it's people have long had a reputation of being hard-working, extremely friendly, honest people. Look past the volatile situation in Northern Ireland, particularly Belfast and you will find a country that accepts visitors with arms wide open. And for this reason it is my hope that I will be able to immerse myself in their culture next year.

As soon as I came to

college I knew that I wanted to study abroad, and even more than that, I knew that I wanted to go to Ireland. My family is Irish, and from the day I was born I was taught to be very proud of my heritage. I know that over in the Emerald Isle somewhere there are people that share my blood, and to go back to where my family began, has been a desire of mine for a very long time. Who knows, I could meet some long lost relative and find out things about my family that I never knew before.

So, now here I am, my sophomore year in college and it is time to start planning for this big undertaking. I knew that there were a lot of things to consider before

I made the decision. Could I handle being away from friends and family for 3 1/2 months? It's not like I could just jump in my car and drive home if I got homesick. Could I afford to go abroad? Well, this question I am still pondering although I am trying my best to make it work. In regards to tuition it is almost like I am taking the tuition I would have spent here and applying it to my schooling there, but what about plane tickets or living expenses...and what about spending money? There are over 300 pubs in Dublin alone after all. So while this is running through my head I also wonder about classes and curriculum, deadlines and requirements. I start to feel overwhelmed. I will

probably apply to a number of schools with the hopes that I will be accepted into one of them. Important Note: Don't think that just because you got into Bryant that you will be able to study abroad (Minimum GPA requirement is a 2.5). I then evaluate all of these things. Is this extra hassle worth it? To make it all easier I employ the resources of Undergraduate Programs and after my appointment next week I am sure that a lot of my concerns will be eased. To me, I believe that the experience that I will have will be invaluable. I want to see that it is more than just shamrocks, St. Patrick's Day, Guinness and potatoes. I am sure that if you ask anyone who has

gone abroad, they will tell you that it was a great experience. I am looking forward to the people I will meet, the things that I will learn, the new perspectives that I will gain and the stories that I will be able to tell. I see this as a way to throw away some common misconceptions and bring back some new knowledge about a place that I have never set foot onto, but feel a connection with all the same. This frightens me a little, but I guess that is a big part of what makes it so appealing. And with that said I will leave you with this last Irish saying; "May the saddest day of your future be no worse than the happiest day of your past." Ireland here I come.

FORUM

In Response...

Recently, an editorial appeared in the Archway questioning decisions regarding the Women's Summit that brought over seven hundred participants to the Bryant College campus on March 14.

The Women's Summit is the product of a lot of hard work by many people most notably, the Summit Committee which is comprised of a Chair, two Co-chairs, and 18 volunteer members. This Committee anguished over the issue of the timing of this year's

Women's Summit, in view of the restricted parking situation due to the construction on campus.

The past three Women's Summits were held during the academic year to encourage the greatest participation possible from our student body. However the parking issue precluded that from being a possibility this year as even one hundred visitors would cause congestion. Rather than cancel this year's event, since no good alternative to parking was available, the decision was made to hold the 2001 Women's Summit during the Spring Break when both

classroom and parking space would not be adversely impacted by the event attendees. Despite the timing, some students did attend this year's Women's Summit. While it is clear that Spring Break may have precluded others from attending, the time decision was a result of a sincere effort to balance the needs of the Bryant community at large with respect to the impact of our limited parking due to construction projects.

The decision to move several cars, which was not cleared through the President's Office, while well intended, was a mistake. That being said, the facts are: that the cars were moved 50 to 60 feet, there were no financial charges to the students, and to the best of our knowledge, there was no damage to anyone's car or SUV. We apologize to any student or staff member who was inconvenienced. The implication in the article, despite knowledge by the author to the contrary, was that the cars were towed off campus.

The Women's Summit provides a great forum to discuss the issues women and men face in business and in life. The presenters, faculty, staff, many

volunteers, and students involved worked very hard this year to make this a successful event. We appreciate all of their efforts and believe that the benefits and positive experiences for the women and men who did attend far outweigh the alternative of cancellation of the Women's Summit in 2001.

Sincerely,
Ronald K. Machtley
President,
Bryant College
Chair, The Women's Summit

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 8th 8:00pm

Join us as we gather on the Bryant Center Patio for the blessing of Palms and procession to our place of worship (Papitto)

Holy Thursday

Thursday, April 12th at 5:00pm

2 A/B (Bryant Center)

Evening Mass of The Lord's Supper

Stations of the Cross

Tuesday, April 10th at 9:15pm

Bryant Center Patio

Join us as we commemorate The Journey of Jesus from Pilate's Court to Calvary

(if raining, will be in Rotunda)

JOIN US AS WE COMMEMORATE THE

EVENTS OF HOLY WEEK, 2001

Bulldog Roommate Finder



Moving to a new city
for your first job or
a summer internship?

The Office of
Career Services
Can Help!

Any Bryant College graduating senior or rising senior can post a classified ad on the Career Services site by e-mailing Skip Nordhoff, Manager of Corporate Recruiting, at nordhoff@bryant.edu. Go to web.bryant.edu/~cs/office and follow the links. Ads should include your name, e-mail address, the city and any particular specifications; i.e., non-smoker, male or female, no pets, etc. Career Services will list a blind posting with your e-mail for contact.

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needs. For many it is the cleanest and most hospitable place they have ever lived. For the business students in the group, it was absolutely amazing that the Little Sisters of the Poor were able to maintain such a wonderful facility and finance it by literally begging for funds.

The following day brought many of the same eye opening experiences. So Others Might Eat (S.O.M.E.) is a "soup kitchen" for the homeless residents of Washington, DC. This particular agency feeds over 1000 people every day. No one is ever turned away hungry. For the team from Bryant, some of the most memorable times of the week occurred here. Be it a simple "thank you" or a fight over a glass of milk, there was so much to witness and to learn.

On Tuesday and again on Wednesday, the group volunteered their Spring Break to Food & Friends, a food distribution organization for homebound AIDS patients. Forget about the fact that they prepare and deliver thousands of meals every day of the year, and do so with minimal funds, the unique needs of a person suffering from AIDS is so demanding, it is remarkable that this organization even exists.

All three of these organizations began with a single, solitary act of kindness. For the Little Sisters of the Poor, one woman in France carried an elderly homeless woman into her apartment to care for her. S.O.M.E. began when the pastor of St. Alban's church began feeding the homeless out of the kitchen of the rectory. And for Food & Friends, when an Episcopal minister began noticing her members of the congregation were no longer coming to services because they were getting sick not just from AIDS but also from starvation.

The greatest insight to the week was the feeling that even as you are reading this, there is someone who is

hungry, sick, or lonely. The Bryant College Alternative Spring Break team took it upon themselves to do something about it and help.

What we Take For Granted

By Chris Winters

I've never had to fight for my food. I have never had to wait in a line for food. I have never had to beg for clothing. Maybe I should. Maybe we all should. I don't know if I could do it. I don't know if I could compromise my pride.

I never really thought about it, until this year. I had never thought what it was like to be poor. Instead, I went along with what I had learned as a child. Poor equals dirty. Beggars need money for drugs. People are poor because they are either too lazy, or not intelligent enough to keep a job.

In Washington D.C., the capital of the most powerful nation in the world, I finally saw the truth. In the heart of a nation founded on ideals that provided equality for all, freedom and justice, I saw what it meant to be poor.

We take too much for granted. In remembering my childhood, I realize just how fortunate I was. I remember fighting with my brother over the last scoop of ice cream. I remember fighting with my sister for the last cookie, or the last can of soda. But there was something that I never thought about. What if that was the only scoop, the only cookie, the only can of soda? What if that was the only thing between me and starvation? What if that was the only thing separating my child from sickness? I wish I had thought about that. Can you imagine yourself fighting with your best friend over a link of breakfast sausage? Can you imagine yourself willing to physically injure yourself over a glass of milk?

Even more importantly, could you help

a person in this situation? Could you reach out and give away your resources to help a stranger? Too often, the answer to that question is no. It is accepted in our society to equate poverty with filth, dirt, and impurity. Therefore, we avoid the poor. To look a poor person in the face is more difficult than working an 8 hour day. We would just assume dig in our pocket, and drop a few coins into an open hand, all the while, staring at the ground, or the wall, or the ceiling. We avoid eye contact at all costs.

Perhaps the most impacting experience of my trip occurred in a soup kitchen. While cleaning off a table and preparing for another wave of hungry homeless men, I reached for a bottle of milk on the table, while avoiding contact with a young couple eating their meal. As I put out my hand, I saw a hand jet from the plate to the carton of milk I was about to pick up. I pulled away quickly and began to walk away even quicker. However, the quicker I walked, the more I felt eyes burning into my back. Now about 8 steps away, I stopped and turned around slowly. Instead of avoiding eye contact, I searched for the gentleman's eyes. When I found them, I saw something I didn't expect. I saw innocence. I saw spirit, liveliness, desire, emotion, friendliness, and gratitude. None of which I expected. I was waiting for jealousy, hatred, and angst. The gentleman stood and slowly paced towards me, all the while, staring right at me. Frozen in a mixture of fear and intrigue, I stood rigid. When he finally made his way over to me, his stare fell to his feet and lacking all confidence, reached for my hand, and looked up long enough to say "thank you," before walking away.

Humility struck me and I fell awe struck at what had happened. I realized then that a person's financial situation is not enough to dominate their life. I learned that a person's spirit and love is far greater than their wallet. I learned that the

poorest in possession can be the richest in faith. I learned that everything I had come to accept as truth suddenly had very little meaning.

If I learned anything from this short trip, it is that everyone has a story. Everyone has something to say, and everyone has emotions. With all that we accomplished, I realized that we hardly even broke the surface. Even though we only helped a few, we made an effort, which to those that we helped, I'm sure was greatly appreciated. I also learned the frailty of life. I know that I will never again be so judgmental. I know that I will look at life through a whole new set of eyes. I know that I will be a better person, just by being a positive part of someone else's story.

Spring Break

By Stacy Travis

On our trip to Washington D.C., we encountered many miraculous people. People that if you saw them on the street, you would never know the depth of their compassion or love for others. One of these people was Sister Rosemary. She was more or less the director of an elder care facility called Little Sisters of the Poor. The foundation of this organization consists of providing impeccable care to elders when they otherwise could not afford care themselves.

We arrived in the morning to Little Sisters of the Poor greeted warmly by Sister Rosemary. She explained our tasks for the day, which would be to interact with the residents. Although this seems rather simplistic to simply be company for these people, to see their faces light up as we entered the room in pure giddiness was worth the trip entirely by itself.

Throughout the day we talked, exercised, and even danced with all these remarkable adults. They even shared their treasured memoirs of their lives with us. They lived throughout

period of time that are impossible for us to understand, yet were able to state their histories matter-of-factly.

All the while, Sister Rosemary was by our sides participating in our conversations while sporadically dashing to the phone or aiding in a problem. She never once sighed or looked even remotely agitated the entire day. Instead she beamed immense happiness, which was also shared by the rest of the staff. Her dedication and obvious love for each and every resident, as well as her job in general, is extremely commendable. As I was leaving Little Sisters of the Poor, my only wish is that someday I will be half the person that Sister Rosemary is today.

Spring Break

By Marilyn Radei

Normally an out-going and gregarious person, I tried to blend in and remain unseen as we entered the dining room of 50 or so elderly people. I felt unsure and nervous, not quite knowing what to say (which really ever happens), as eager smiles turned to greet us. Standing off in a corner, I hoped not to be noticed by any of the occupants. My hopes were soon lost as a small woman to my left, with bright lipstick said, "They put me on the 'Angel Wing' because my name is Angela, but I've only been here about two months". As Angela looked at me in expectation I was hesitant to respond...until I looked up and saw the smiling face of Sister Rosemary with an expression of encouragement in her tender eyes. That was all the motivation I needed. Without missing a beat, I replied to the woman, "Angela is a beautiful name, they know how special it is..."

Upon arriving in Washington DC, our first commitment was at Little Sisters of the Poor, a nursing home that gave five-star care to those who

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couldn't afford to go anywhere else. The first day at this nursing home set the stage for what turned out to be the most uplifting experience that I've had in my 21 years. It made me feel confident in the path I had chosen for my spring break. My interactions with Angela and her friends warmed me to the core, opening my heart to the world around me. While awkward at first, the things I did in DC not only helped others, but also helped me to realize that we, as future leaders of America, have a social responsibility to care for those who cannot care for themselves. What we do in our daily lives, the things that we pursue, all affect others. Today and every tomorrow, we will see the hardships of our fellow human being. The choice to step-up and help others is the decision of each individual. What will you do? Think about it, although we all seem so invincible now, who is to say that it could never happen to us? If someday you ended up alone and hungry, wouldn't you want a caring hand to reach out to you?

Spring Break By George Micalone

During my time in Washington, DC, on the alternative spring break trip, I had a few specific events really touch me. Right now I am going to elaborate on one person that, in my opinion, really makes a difference in what she does. Her name is Sister Rosemary, a nun with the Little Sisters of the Poor. On Monday, March 12, I had the pleasure of working with her in a nursing home oriented facility. This woman is remarkable. She's in charge of 100+ residents, knows everything about them, and truly cares for each and every one of them. She is strong hearted and generously kind with a great sense of humor. A quick example from the time we spent there that helps show her genuine characteristics

as a caring soul: On Monday afternoon we had a small "dance party" where some students and some of the residents danced around to some well-known tunes. Some dances included the limbo and the chicken dance. During both she participated and helped residents participate while having a great time. She is also very knowledgeable about how to make the residents feel better at any time. Also, if a resident disliked a certain food or couldn't eat a certain food, she knew without having to look it up, and that I found to be remarkable. This woman truly loves what she is doing and I commend her for all the hard work she puts into helping others live their final years safe and happy.

Spring Break By Jill Simmons

Nothing can describe my trip to Washington DC except that it was one of the most humbling and eye opening experiences I have ever encountered. Father Joe put it best when he said that all of the students on the trip had begun to see each person as a human being with an equal amount of dignity, whether homeless, elderly, or sick. Each person had a past, a name, and a story to tell.

One of the most moving experiences on the trip for me was when we worked at S.O.M.E, which stands for So Others Might Eat. It is a soup kitchen that feeds over 500 meals for breakfast and lunch, plus they provide other services such as dental, healthcare, and counseling.

I had the opportunity to work in the Women and Children's room. I helped serve breakfast to one family in particular that really touched me. A mother and her son joined a table of other women, quietly took their hats off, and said a prayer before their food. This family, who had so little, took the time to thank God for everything they did have. It was such a brief moment,

yet so powerful. I stood silently near them and could not stop my tears. I thought of all the times that I had taken my opportunities and experiences for granted. I only hoped that somehow this family could triumph over their difficulties.

The most influential thing that I took from this trip was that I alone can make a difference, and that my efforts, whether big or small, will help someone. The more compassion that we have, the better the world will be.

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The Other Side of DC By Michelle L. Eichengreen

When most of us think of Washington, DC, we picture the White House, monuments, the Capital Building, or perhaps even scandal. While I was able to see these sites and more, I am going to tell you of the other side to our nation's capital. DC, like in any major city, there are problems of poverty, sickness and abandonment. While the stories I am about to tell are in no way meant to upset anyone or think that anyone of us alone can change the way society is. I simply want to cast some much needed light on a subject too often skipped over.

I was privileged enough to be one of the eight students selected to go on the Alternative Spring Break. Under the care of Mike Janicki and Father Joe we headed off to DC to examine *Governmental Leadership and Social Change*. Over the course of three days we spent time volunteering at Little Sisters of the Poor, an elderly home, So Others Might Eat (S.O.M.E), a soup kitchen, and Food & Friends, a food delivery service for the terminally ill. Each place had a specific group they aimed to assist but all of them had one general mission; to help those that are less fortunate.

Our first experience was at the Little Sisters of the Poor, the very moment that the residents saw us and we saw how they were, made the

entire trip worthwhile. I was able to meet one woman, Angela; who introduced me as her new friend to others, although she couldn't quite remember my name.

The scheduled activities for the day were exercise and dance. These residents had us whipped when it came to the "parachute game" and "hot potato", they won each time. The dance lasted over an hour and they did the hokey pokey, electric slide, and the limbo. That ended our day there and I am not sure who had more fun that day, the ten of us, or the residents. We headed back to the house and during a wrap up session that night, it was said that by our visit today we added one year onto their lives.

After such a rewarding day it was hard to imagine any greater emotional gains, but we went to S.O.M.E and fed nearly 400 people breakfast and almost 500 at lunch. It was here that we saw first hand the meaning of dignity come to life. Each one of these people had a story to tell and we are to respect them, no matter what the circumstances.

S.O.M.E was also where I saw once again that people could be happy with what jobs they have even if it is not sitting behind a computer or making a six-digit salary. Often times, this is not what makes people happy anyway. All of the employees at S.O.M.E had smiles on their faces and loved what they were doing. I am sure that they went home with a deep sense of accomplishment and purpose at the end of the day.

Our last site visit was at Food & Friends. Our group was responsible for bagging 526 meals for those in need; including all of the different dietary needs - diabetic, soft, no dairy, child size, 16 varieties in total. As we packaged and labeled everything, we knew we had fed that many people, but how many

others were going without the food and nutrition they needed?

The next day we headed back to Food and Friends and I was able to deliver some of the food. One image stays clear in my mind: On one of the deliveries a little boy answered the door. He wasn't the typical child, he didn't have a the sense of innocence and freedom but was full of stress and worries. He was sad, there is no other way describe it. The sickness of whoever in his home was taking its toll on everyone, no one was exempt.

One lesson I took away from here was to surround ourselves with the people we care about in order to make the difficult times a little easier to bear for everyone involved.

I hope that I was able to accurately portray the experiences I had and how they affected me. It took me until spring break to fully realize that it is a slow process to change the way things have evolved in our society and no one person can change it all. But if all of us do a little, the payoff will be better than anything imagined. I hope that in writing my experiences I will perhaps make just one person think of what one afternoon of volunteering could do for someone else and for themselves.



**GREAT JOB!
WE'RE PROUD
OF YOU!**

CAMPUS SCENE

Delta Zeta

By Michelle Whalen

I hope everyone is getting ready for spring because I know the turtles are. We need to let you know about a few changes too. As I'm sure you noticed our Walk A Thon benefiting a new AIDS vaccine has been moved. It will now take place on April 22nd and donations are still welcome and greatly appreciated. We are also looking forward to seeing our Alumni from the 20th to the 23rd and will be giving them a luncheon at the Cornerstone on Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. Also, the turtles are extremely excited for our second annual Turtle Tug, which is quickly approaching. There will be lots of Jell-O and plenty of tugging on April 7th outside the Bryant Center. We have already had some teams sign up but I know there are more people out there who want to play in the Jell-O. This year the proceeds are going to the Children's Miracle Network and donations can be given to any of our sisters or on the day of the event. Also, I need to let you know about a couple of birthdays that have passed. Truvvy, Kacey, and Arista we hope you all had fabulous birthdays and wish you the best for the upcoming year.

I also want to let everyone know about our recent accomplishments. The turtles are very proud about the outcome of the Greek Awards Banquet. Throughout this past week we had a lot of fun and worked together to win the 2001 Greek Week. We had twelve sisters that were on the Dean's List for the fall semester. Also, Fayth was awarded the highest female new member GPA. Avery shared the honor of the overall highest female GPA with two other deserving women.

Congratulations to our new sisters who received the highest new member class GPA. The turtles are extremely proud of our other accomplishments as well. We were awarded the Most Spirited Sorority and Philanthropy of the Year. Finally, we would like to congratulate Brenda Lane for being chosen as the Greek Woman of the Year. On behalf of myself and the other turtles we would like to thank everyone who has attributed to our success. We appreciate the participation given by the students, faculty, and Greek community and look forward to furthering our philanthropic efforts, academic pride, and spirit within the campus for years to come.

In other turtle news...Jericho has stated that Arista wants a GO, GO, GADGET clip for her birthday. Also, since the last publication there has been a very perplexing question plaguing some of our sisters. Kitt, Jaxsyn, Phoebe, and Garett would like to know how you could get a wedge that bad...Are you wearing a thong or something? Also, Sydney wants to give a shout out to all her Zeta Delta's...she loves you all especially President Angel. Don't ask me what this means but I guess "Warren has 3 hands...AHHH!!" Angel would like to tell Truvvy that "there's nothing better than fake lemons." Also, Angel wants to thank Phoebe for giving her a "festive look" on Friday night at Mardi Gras. Finally, something has to be said about the mud wrestling that went on between Ty and Dylan on Saturday. Honestly Dylan, last year it was green Jell-O now it's mud...what could possibly be next...and Ty I would be afraid because I've heard she is looking

for a re-match. That's all for now...thanks for reading.

SIGMA SIGMA SIGMA

Things have been running great up in Hall 1 Floor 3...the ladies have been very busy in the past few weeks. They were in need for that Spring break! Although they didn't all get together over the break, as you can tell the sun treated them all well...look at those tans! Now that break is over Sigma Sigma Sigma has been thinking of their spring activities. They just got their Daffodils in and those who helped and bought will get theirs this week. Thank you to everyone for your help!!! Julie, Sigma's consultant is living with the ladies for the week of March 19-25 so everyone is very excited to meet her. Other activities where you may find a Sigma; Parente's Night on Wednesdays, Take Back the Night on March 22 in the Bryant Center, Cornerstone Karaoke with our KT friends!!, and somewhere in Vermont very soon! (Hope everyone comes back this time!!)

Anyone who is interested in visiting the Sigmas you are welcome anytime up to the floor and thanks to all the girls for watching Temptation Island! We are planning and ice cream social for Thursday, March 29 at 7:30 to any girls who are interested...come on up!

Minetta and B seemed to have ESP over break or perhaps they are already sharing that inner roommate psyche! "I am shaking like a narcoleptic fool" rang through the room of a Cape Cod house over

break. Erica and Jodi seem to think "Betty's comes to Parentes." And words from the Jamaican dictionary are "swimbelts and bariffy." Yah mon! Who else knows what a charife and the shady bag are?? Someone seems to like Jules' carving. Something happened to Angela's knee but no one knows what it is!! Ange, you should have written it on the paper! Liz, I hope someday you actually move to Marlborough, or Virgin Slims so B can remember where you are from! But she hopes the Jared thing works out. Swampy's has officially become the place to be, however, not everyone came home happy. Erica we are happy you got your car back and Jodi, I am sure Liz is sorry for your shoes! Poor Kaitlyn, at least the nail polish smelt okay! Jess I hope you get your picture frame back from those thefts. B misses her hall 9 friends and wants to thank KT and DKE for their hospitality! Rachel is doing a wonderful job this semester and everyone appreciates her great work as President and for cleaning the dirty walls! All in all, the times have been great and the memories this semester have already been unforgettable!

Look in the roto for any new Sigma Sigma Sigma events on our posters. Have a great week! (For fun...look in this article for a hidden message!)

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Student Programming Board

By James Corcoran

Spring Weekend is three weeks away. Look for more details soon. Here are the upcoming events for SPB.

The 1st Annual Mr. Bryant Pageant will be taking place on Friday, April 6 in Janikies at 9:00pm. It is being sponsored by SPB, Student Activities, Delta Zeta, and Waldorf Tuxedos. What Women Want will be shown in Janikies on Sunday, April 8 at 7:00 & 9:30. Admission is \$1. Candy, popcorn, and soda are \$.50 each. On Wednesday, April 11, the Bryant Academic Invitational will be taking place. Teams of four student or faculty members complete in a tournament style quiz bowl. If you are interested in forming a team, call the SPB Office at x6118. The next installment of Bingo will be Entertainment Bingo on Tuesday, April 17 in South at 9:00pm. The next band will be performing on Wednesday, April 18 in South at 9:00pm. Howie Day will be the act. He plays upbeat rock music. This is co-sponsored by WJMF. The Spring Semi-formal will be taking place on Friday, April 20. Look for more information about tickets soon.

SPB meet every Monday at 4:30pm in Rooms 2A/B in the Bryant Center. All new members are welcome. Any questions or suggestions call the SPB Office at x6118, email us at spb@bryant.edu, or IM us at SPB Bryant. Check our website for up-to-date information about SPB and all our events at web.bryant.edu/~spb.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2nd Annual Turtle-Tug

The Delta Zeta Sorority is proud to announce their 2nd annual Turtle-Tug on Saturday April 7th at 11:00a.m. to benefit The Children's Miracle Network. The Turtle-Tug is Delta Zeta's annual tug-of-war tournament against other organizations on campus with a pit full of green Jell-O. Teams of five are needed/\$25 per team to compete. In which the overall winners will receive \$100. There will also be many chances to win gift certificates in our raffle. There will be a live band performing and an all afternoon BBQ provided. What a great way to show your organizations spirit!! Sign ups will take place in the rotunda from March 27-April 6th. Please remember to sign your meal away for the BBQ. So come on and

sign up for a day of food, music and lots of messy fun!!

The Sisters of Delta Zeta have also been working with Terri Hasseler on a fundraiser. For those of you who are unaware, we are hosting a Walk-a-Thon in which all the proceeds will be going to developing a new AIDS vaccine. The fundraiser will be held on Sunday April 22, 2001. We will be meeting in front of Hall 1 Circle at 11am to begin the walk. We will be accepting donations in the rotunda from April 16-20th. We ask that you help support our organization in this important event.

If you have any questions please contact Jessica Toto at 353-0046 or talk to a DZ sister. Thank you for your support. Hope to see you all there.

Chaplain's Corner

By Rev. Joseph Pescatello
Catholic Chaplain

Many people ask the question, "Why is there no set date for Easter?"

The reason is that the date for Easter is determined by the cycle of the moon and is celebrated each year in close proximity to Passover. Easter is always the first Sunday after the first full moon, after the first day of spring. This year Easter is celebrated on April 15. The first day of Passover is Sunday, April 8, which is also Palm Sunday in the Christian calendar.

As Christians prepare for the Great Feast of Easter and our Jewish brothers

and sisters prepare for Passover, may we continue to pray for one another.

Join us on Palm Sunday evening, April 8, as we celebrate Christ's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem. We will gather at 8 p.m. outside at the Bryant Center Patio for the blessing of palms and procession to the Papitto Dining Room for the celebration of Mass.

On Tuesday evening, April 10, at 9:15 p.m., we will gather at the Bryant Center patio for the Stations of the Cross, which commemorate the journey of Jesus from Pilate's Court to Calvary. In

case of inclement weather, the Stations of the Cross will take place in the Rotunda.

On Thursday evening, April 12, at 5 p.m., we will gather in 2A&B in the Bryant Center for the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, which will include the washing of the feet of representatives of our College community, in imitation of Jesus' action at the Last Supper. This is the only Mass of the day on Holy Thursday.

The entire community is invited to participate in these events of Holy Week. Please consider joining us.

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OUR SINCERE THANKS

By Paulette Rattigan

John and I would like to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the entire Bryant community for their generous support in the participation of the "Penny War" sponsored by Greek Life.

Working in Purchasing here at the college, I have never had the pleasure of working with student organizations. When I was recently approached by Sherilyn George of Delta Zeta, I learned first hand the good that Greek Life brings to our campus. Sheri told me of her plan to have a fundraiser and wanted my OK to have the proceeds donated to my husband, John Rattigan, former Assistant Director of Public Safety. My first question was, "Why John?" She explained that Greek Life was going to donate the proceeds to The American Cancer Society, but when they learned that John was undergoing treatments, they decided to donate the proceeds to John and his family.

After attending the Greek Awards Banquet this past Sunday, and hearing the nominations for awards, I learned of many other wonderful things that these organizations have sponsored and participated in over the past school year.

Going through this horrible ordeal has been a nightmare, but the kindness and support evident as a result of this fundraiser, makes it that much easier. I cannot tell you how much your thoughts, prayers, generosity and friendship have done for my entire family.

On behalf of our entire family, I would like to convey a very special thank you to Sherilyn and all the Greek organizations for sponsoring this event, and to everyone who may have contributed. May God Bless each and everyone of you.



Greek Week Success!

By Julie Rodrigues

I'd like to start by thanking all those who participated in Greek Week and helped to make it a success! We had a lot of laughs and a little healthy competition. A special thanks to Jay Garbus and Sheri George for planning everything and putting it all together! Without them none of this would have been possible. The theme of this year's Greek Week was "No Matter the Letter, We're in it together". Elizabeth Savastano and Meghan Walsh of Sigma Sigma Sigma created both the theme and the logo for Greek Week. Great job ladies!

Kicking off Greek Week everyone wore their colors on Monday to show their support. On Tuesday we had our own version of Singled Out in the Rotunda. Rachel Ford from Sigma Sigma Sigma and Jay Halpert from Tau Kappa Epsilon were the winners of the evening, each bringing back a point for their chapter. It was quite a show! Thanks to all the good sports for participating! On Wednesday we had the Assassination Game which proved to be tons of wet fun! People really got into this game! I think I saw people driving around in getaway cars attempting a drive by squirting! March Madness was on Thursday and we had an all ages Cornerstone Night on Friday.

The big day was Saturday. That's when many people came away with most of their points. Along with the traditional BBQ, we had dizzy bat

rices, a water balloon toss and the ever-popular volleyball tournament, just to name a few! I think it's safe to say that everyone had a lot of fun! Coming away with the Greek Week victories were Delta Zeta and Tau Kappa Epsilon. Both chapters had the most points overall. Nice Work Guys! Saturday night we had a special showing of The Goonies. An oldie but goodie!

We wrap up Greek Week every year with a special Awards Banquet to recognize those chapters that have shown not only academic excellence, but spirit and service as well. Winning Highest New Member GPA was Mike Tocci from Phi Kappa Tau and Jessica Toto from Delta Zeta. The award for Highest New Member Class went to Tau Epsilon Phi and Delta Zeta. The Highest Overall GPA went to Tau Kappa Epsilon and Delta Zeta. The Highest Greek Male GPA went to George Platt of Tau

Kappa Epsilon. There was a three-way tie for Highest Greek Woman GPA between Heidi Wallach of Phi Sigma Sigma, Stacy Sudan of Phi Sigma Sigma, and Siobhan Grondin of Delta Zeta. Delta Chi won Most Spirited Fraternity and Delta Zeta won for Most Spirited Sorority. Philanthropy of the Year went to Beta Theta Pi and Delta Zeta. Matt Carbray of Beta

Theta Pi was chosen Greek Man of the Year along with Brenda Lane of Delta Zeta as Greek Woman of the Year. Congratulations to all this year's winners! You've done a fantastic job. Keep up the good work!

Throughout Greek Week we sponsored a Penny War to raise money for Mr. John Rattigan, a member of the Bryant community who is currently battling cancer. Through our efforts we were able to present Mr. Rattigan and his family with a check for \$1138.00! Thanks to everyone who participated and made this possible! Delta Zeta and Tau Epsilon Phi were the winners of the penny war, having the least amount of money in their jars. A final thanks to all those who helped to make Greek Week such a success. All we can hope for is a bigger and better one next year! Look Out!

Attention Seniors

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Special Olympics 2001

Brenda Lane

The Management Team of the Special Olympics of Northern Rhode Island here at Bryant would like to announce the official date for the 21st Annual Special Olympics Game Day. This year's games will be taking place on May 5, 2001. They will begin at approximately 8am and continue throughout the entire day. The team is lead by Steve Manocchio who is the Games Director and Bree Dillon, who is the Assistant Director. The Public Relations Committee is composed of Ramsey Augustadt, Brenda Lane, Lynne Bellizzi, Julie Kazdin and Melissa Giron. The students that are in charge of the Special Events for the Games are Kristin Harte, Kerry Bergeron, Jermaul Williams, Siobhan Grondin, Mike Cunotta, Angela Gugliotta, Mary Minstrell and Rebecca Molloy. Students who have volunteered their time for developing fundraising for the Special Olympics are Stephen Auresto, Jennifer

Dawid, Jason Graham and Shannon Quigley. Some of the other teams are the Developmental Services and Coordinating Services. The members of these groups are Lisa Yaconiello, Becky Harbin, Angela Gugliotta, Lynne Bellizzi, Julie Kazdin, Kyle Kadish, Jason Starbuck, Elaine Chrzan, John Bly, Bree Dillon and Steve Manocchio. We would also like to recognize the members of the Rules and Competition Team, who are Jason Chagnon and Jen Ceolinski. Many of these students are second and third year volunteers and the Games Management Team is very fortunate to have their participation once again this year. Bryant has been very lucky to be able to play such an active role in the games and we are always looking for volunteers. Last year's twentieth anniversary was a monumental success and we hope that this years games will even more successful.

If you are interested in becoming involved in helping out this year please contact Julie Kazdin at x4418 or via email at jak2@bryant.edu. Special Olympics is a great

Special Olympics Volunteer Application

Games will be held on Saturday May 5, 2001
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- ♦ Athletics
- ♦ Ceremonies
- ♦ Cook out (senate)
- ♦ Awards
- ♦ Olympic Town
- ♦ Special Events
- ♦ Family

First Choice _____

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Would you be willing to help us prior to the games? _____

What times are you available to help? _____

Are you a part of an organization? (Athletic team, Greek, organization). If so please specify: _____

If you have any questions please contact:

Julie Kazdin ext. 4418 Box 3524

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