



The

# Archway

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## Today is RA Appreciation Day!

### A Thank-less Job

By Kevin Hearne

Forget Monster.com, we have got the job for you. A four-facet training program, facilitators' on-call 24 hours a day to answer any questions you may have and free housing. We have a working environment where you interact with director, vice-president and even the president on almost a daily basis. We have on-site fitness and health care facilities, post office and 2 dining facilities as well as numerous other benefits. Our staff has over 35 years of experience in regional, national and international markets. Truly, our experience will expose you to all the challenge and opportunity a young entrepreneur can handle - and then some.

Yes, Residence Life, Inc., a division on the Bryant Group, wants you!

Did I mention the long hours, paperwork and approximate \$7.30 a day?

Truly, the RA job is one of the most trying and tiring position on campus.

Excluding the President, Vice President Eakin and the four professional Residence Life Staff members who call the campus home, no one works to actualize the mission of the College more than these 52 resident assistants. Amidst all the long hours spent aiding students who have been locked out, broken-up, left behind and knock down by either the academic machine, the social demands or any other personal obstacle - there is the RA. Peer, mentor and friend, it is often the RA who is the most viable and able resource this campus possesses to actualize what it seeks to become. These are the students who, even at 3:14am the morning before their own exam, are helping fellow students achieve their personal best in life and business despite their personal conflicts in that moment - which sadly enough are often self-inflicted. These are the students who, amidst the

chaos that comes with putting 2000 seventeen to twenty-two year olds together in one area, make the time to help students identify, achieve and conquer some of the most difficult tasks life throws at them. Often, we forget they are students themselves.

Each year, the Office of Residence Life selects 52 students to become RAs. We seek the most enthusiastic and energetic students that want to contribute to their college experience. We seek those that have had similar experience and have expressed a willingness to continue to serve their peers here at Bryant. As each student is different, each incident uniquely fingerprinted with its own twists and turns, we seek students who can become generalists in the field of academic advising, conflict resolution and leadership, just to name a few. I ask you to join the Office of Residence Life in congratulating the follow-

ing students - the RA Class of 2000-2001:

Amanda Lirange  
Angela Gugliotta  
Athena Monteforte  
Brendan Shannon  
Brian Shooshan  
Chris Winters  
CJ Kuntz  
Craig Hall  
Dan DaCosta  
Dan Hodge  
David Robert  
Diane Gabryjelski  
Elena Fertitta  
Erica Robison  
Evelyn Burgos  
Fanny Peralta  
George Micalone  
James Rowell  
Jasvir Rai  
Jill Labbadia  
John Folsom  
Ken Benson  
Kyoho Kim  
Lena Hildmann  
Leslie Lawrence  
Lisa Waynelovich  
Madhi Hussein  
Margelo Foster  
Matt Bjorkman  
Matty Radei  
Meredith Field  
Michelle Comeau  
Michelle Eichengreen  
Mike Siwicki  
Mikki Ann Lariviere

Nate Gill  
Nick Powers  
Nicole Vray  
Pat Rafferty  
Paul Brisson  
Randy Rossi  
Rebecca Figueroa  
Renal Patel  
Ryan Mitchell  
Ryan Patch  
Shane Hctor  
Shannon Lavallee  
Stephan Witek  
Steve Buccigross  
Tom Bower  
Topher Morris

William (Jake) Horine  
And lastly, please join us in thanking our current staff, specifically your RA, for a job well done this semester. **Today, Friday April 14<sup>th</sup> is RA Appreciation Day** at many college and universities around the country. Let us not forget to thank those that make our own experiences better while working and studying here. It is their efforts that have been both significant and substantial in the journey towards becoming the community we want to be.

## Student Senate Results

### Class of 2001

Lisa Waynelovich  
Sara Hurlburt  
John Bly  
Kyle Kaddish  
Sarah Maloney  
Tied- Mike Siwicki  
Christopher Morris  
Danielle Maksymenko

### Class of 2002

Jordan Stark  
Joe Twomey  
Brian Kerzner  
Marilyn Radei  
Elena Fertitta  
Stephanie Ogle

### Class of 2003

Kyle Cezhanowicz  
Colin Mincy  
Domenico Fraone  
Nikesh Gobbo  
Elaine Chrzan  
Kahraman Yigit



# FORUM

## Editorial

By Adam Fontaine  
Co-Editor in chief

My concern for this week is the issue of the landscaping on campus. First, large, ugly beat up stone blocks were placed around the back of the Bryant Center to prevent cars from driving up on the lawn. Although they do serve the purpose they look hideous. Couldn't we have found eye pleasing natural rocks that would enhance the appearance of the college? Also in the same area behind the Bryant Center, last semester there was a spill of oil or grease. It smells terrible, dirt and trash sticks to it, and it gets all cakes up in your shoes if you walk through it. Why hasn't it been cleaned up properly? I am sure that it is not friendly to the environment, and also to perspective students. My point is that since I have been a student here I have noticed a decline in the pride that is taken in the appearance of our campus. We should be proud of where we live, work and go to school, and lately there is not too much to be proud of.

## Has Anyone Seen Kadish's Scapegoat?

To The Bryant Community:

In the last edition of the *Archway*, Kyle T. Kadish expressed his disappointment with the low student voter turnout in the 2000 Executive Board Elections. While I agree with Kyle that students should play a more active role in the electoral process, I was appalled that he would blame the administration for the students' lack of concern in electing their own representatives. We are all college students...it is not the responsibility of Bryant's administrators to hold our hand and walk us to the voting table. It is clearly the responsibility of the candidate to get students motivated and out to vote. As an active part of Andrew Goldberg's campaign, to say I was enraged at Kyle's blatant and unnecessary attack on Andrew is a gross understatement. Andrew is a fine leader and not to blame for Kyle's ruined presidential hopes. I wonder if Kyle would've felt compelled to publicly denounce the student body for a low voter turnout if he had been successful in his bid to become the next Student Senate President. The problem isn't administration, and it's especially not that Bryant's students aren't concerned with their future...as leaders we have to do a better job including the students all year long, and communicating with them more effectively. Many students haven't heard from or seen some of their representatives ALL YEAR LONG, but around election time, there are people running around passing out candy, and "littering the campus with posters," as Kyle indicated. It's about reaching the students - and Andrew successfully did that in a genuine and innovative way. After reading the editorial, Kyle CONSIDER THIS...just maybe some other candidates (like the one you criticize in your editorial) tapped into your "...effectiveness of a postage stamp" analogy. JUST MAYBE, some went a step further...maybe some OTHER candidates considered another vital component of the postal process: C L A S S !

Colin H. Mincy  
Student Senator  
Class of 2003

## Bryant Players Thank...

To the Bryant Community:

The Bryant Players want to thank everyone who attended the showing of *Guys and Dolls*, our most successful play ever. Congratulations to the cast, crew, and everyone who helped make the play as successful as it was. The reason we are writing this letter is to thank a special person out there. We received a letter in our organization's mailbox with a generous donation that came in an unsigned letter. This letter congratulated everyone involved with the play on a job well done, and recognized the Bryant Players as one of the most reputable organizations on campus. For this compliment, we would like to extend our gratitude to whomever it was that sent us this letter. It was very generous and unprecedented for a college student. For this, we are grateful and appreciative of your kindness. If you want to remain anonymous, it is your choice. But we would like to honor you with the respect you bestowed upon us. Again, thanks go out to everyone who came to support our organization. We promise to build on this performance and become a more prominent club on campus.

Sincerely,  
The Bryant Players

## Say 'Thanks' to the Village People

By Scott Rattigan  
Area Director

Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> is RA Appreciation Day. Take some time out to say "Thank You" to your Resident Assistant, especially the 23 of them that live and work in the Suite Village. Being an RA is not the easiest job in the world, but a handshake, hug, or hello will no doubt brighten their day. The "Villagers" have worked hard this year and have been valuable resources to make Bryant's "out-of-the-classroom" experience as enjoyable and safe as possible. At this time, I would like to say THANKS to the following individuals who have made this year a success:

**Dan Hodge, Andy Scarpetti, Joe Lavin, Rob Sutfin, Randy Rossi, Elena Fertitta, Steve Bishop, Nicole Vray, Christian Saurman, Matty Radei, Jeff Wyman, Maria Ramos, Steve Buccigross, Lauren Palizzolo, Ken Benson, Michelle Comeau, Erica Robison, Tim Devine, Pat Bresnahan, Shawn Beal, Athena Monteforte, Brian Ganger, and last but not least, Lena Hildmann!**

## Delta Zeta's First Annual Turtle Tug

By Kimberly Pike

Hello everybody! We have had a very successful weekend in turtle town. We would like to thank everybody who participated in our first annual TURTLE TUG last Saturday! Congratulations to Beta for winning the TURTLE TUG! We would also like to give a special thanks to ARAMARK and the teams that participated SAA, Student Senate, Lacrosse, Women's Rugby, TEP, Phi Sigma Sigma, Special Olympics, Karate and Phi Kapp. We raised approximately \$300 for Special Olympics and it seems that everyone had a great time getting sticky from the Jell-O! We would like to remind anyone who did not participate this year that we will be holding this event annually, and hopefully on accepted student day again so we can get our organizations names out early to potential new members. Thanks to you it was a wonderful success and a good time.

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# DPS LOG

*Department of Public Safety and Students-For-A-Safer-Campus(SSC)*

**3/28/00**

Burglary - An Olympus Digital camera worth \$800.00 was taken from a Unistructure Suite office. The camera is the property of Bryant College. Smithfield Police will be notified.

**3/29/00**

Fire Alarm - A DPS officer was dispatched to Hall 11, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, for an alarm. No cause was determined. The system was reset after notifying Smithfield Fire Dept.

**3/30/00**

Fire Alarm - While on routine patrol, an officer was dispatched to Hall 3, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, for an alarm. No cause was determined. The system was reset after notifying Smithfield Fire Dept.

**3/31/00**

Alcohol/Keg Confiscated - A DPS officer discovered a keg, 15 cans of beer, and a bottle of Capt. Morgan (almost empty) liquor from a hall room while investigating another incident involving a resident of the same room.

**3/31/00**

Vandalism - While patrolling the campus a DPS officer noticed three individuals hanging around a particular vehicle. The vehicle was parked on the 'strip' in front of one of the halls. This officer noticed the vehicle's antenna was broken and bent. Charges have been filed against the suspect.

**3/31/00**

Theft - A DPS officer was dispatched to a particular hall for a report of a looted Coca-Cola vending machine. The officer found the door of the machine open and no beverages or money were present in the machine. There are no suspects at this time. DPS is continuing an investigation.

**3/31/00**

Vandalism - While on mobile patrol, an officer was dispatched to a residence hall for a report of vandalism to a student's vehicle. The left rear brake light was broken. There are no suspects at this time.

**3/31/00**

Harassing Phone Calls - A DPS officer was dispatched to a townhouse for a complaint concerning harassing calls. The victim was given the Bell Atlantic Annoyance Bureau number to call.

**3/31/00**

Fire Alarm - DPS responded to a fire alarm in Hall 9, Suite 120's. Someone accidentally damaged a smoke detector with a beer can. The person responsible was advised they would be responsible for repair costs.

**3/31/00**

Alcohol Violation - While responding to a fire alarm in one of the halls, a DPS officer found a funnel and keg tap in one of the rooms and a trash can filled with Busch Beer was discovered in the common area. The beer, funnel and keg tap were confiscated and destroyed.

**4/1/00**

Fire - A student notified DPS that a small grass fire was burning by L-Block of the Senior Apartments. Upon the officers arrival a brush fire was in progress and students were extinguishing the fire with pails of water. Nobody claims to know who started this fire.

**4/1/00**

Vandalism - While on routine patrol a DPS officer was dispatched to Townhouse for a report of vandalism. Upon arrival a student claimed that while asleep a thrown object hit the bedroom window breaking the outer window pane.

**4/1/00**

Vandalism - Two DPS officers were dispatched

to a Townhouse in response to a broken window report. A rock the size of a football was lying on the stairwell. All suspects denied breaking the window. An incident report was taken by DPS and a written complaint was sent to Residence Life.

**4/01/00**

Vandalism - DPS responded to a broken window report at one of the halls. It appeared to have been broken from the outside. No suspects at this time.

**4/01/00**

Vandalism - Someone broke a windshield of a vehicle parked in the commuter lot during the night. Pieces of a Corona Beer bottle were found near the vehicle by DPS officers. There are no suspects at this time.

**4/01/00**

Vandalism - While on routine patrol of the Commuter Lots, a DPS officer noticed a broken rear window of a vehicle. The owner was notified by DPS. Someone apparently damaged the vehicle during the previous night. No suspects at this time.

**4/01/00**

Fire Alarm - While on mobile patrol DPS officers were dispatched to an alarm at Townhouse A-8. The steam from a hot shower set off the smoke detector.

**4/01/00**

Theft - Two KLM speakers valued at \$150.00 each were stolen out of a suite in one of the halls. They are three feet in height with a black front cover and a wood grain exterior. The complainant believes the suite door was not locked. Nothing else was reported missing. A report was filed with DPS.

**4/01/00**

Tampering with Fire Safety System and Disorderly Conduct - DPS received a call from a student from one of the

residence halls. The caller stated that an individual was smashing bottles in the stairwells of the third and fourth floors. The suspect who was a guest was arrested and sent a letter of trespass.

**4/01/00**

Alcohol Violation/keg - A DPS officer was dispatched to a townhouse for a reported illegal keg. The keg found in plain view by the officer was later confiscated and destroyed. Charges were filed.

**4/02/00**

Vandalism - Someone knocked off a side mirror of a vehicle in the Hall 16 parking lot. There was yellow paint on the mirror. A report as filed with DPS.

**4/02/00**

Drug Violation - While responding to a loud music complaint at one of the halls, DPS officers detected a strong smell of marijuana coming from one of the hall rooms. After confronting the suspects, marijuana and drug paraphernalia were confiscated. Smithfield Police was called in and an arrest was made. Campus charges were also filed against the suspects.

**4/02/00**

Vandalism - Five vehicles parked on the strip in front of Hall 15 were sprayed with a chemical fire extinguisher. The empty extinguisher was discarded behind one of the cars. No other damage was reported to these five vehicles. No suspects at this time.

**4/02/00**

Fire Alarm - While on routine patrol a DPS officer was dispatched to Townhouse E-4 for an activated fire alarm. According to residents this alarm may have been caused by smoke from cooking. The area was ventilated and the alarm reset.

**4/02/00**

Malicious Fire Alarm - While on routine patrol

a DPS officer was dispatched to Hall 4, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, for a reported fire alarm. Upon arrival it was discovered that the cause was an activated smoke detector in front of suite 240. The residents of that suite stated that they heard a loud bang as the alarm went off. Further investigation showed that someone lit a package of salutes and pushed them under the door. Smithfield Fire Department was notified and the alarm reset. The incident is under investigation.

**4/03/00**

Theft - A student reported to DPS officers that a backpack containing four books valued at \$246.00 and two calculators valued at \$165.00 was taken from an unknown location in the Unistructure.

**4/05/00**

Harassing Phone Calls - While on routine patrol, a DPS officer was dispatched to a residence hall for a report of harassing calls. The student was advised to call Smithfield Police and the Telephone Annoyance Bureau.

**4/06/00**

Vandalism - While on patrol of the campus a DPS officer observed a vehicle parked in the strip across from Hall 1 had a shattered rear window. Apparently someone tossed a beer bottle at the window.

**4/06/00**

Fire Alarm - While on mobile patrol a DPS officer was dispatched to Hall 9, Suite 410's, for a reported fire alarm. Cause could not be determined. Electricians reset the system.

**4/07/00**

Theft - A student reported that someone stole their wallet containing a license, credit card, ATM card, Social Security card, Visa/Mastercard, and Bryant ID. Before canceling credit cards, the perpetrator charged



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\$1,000.00 on one of the cards.

**4/07/00**

**Vandalism** - While parked in a lot by Hall 16, a student's vehicle was damaged. Someone hit the right front bumper of the vehicle.

**4/07/00**

**Illegal Drug Paraphernalia/Illegal Weapon** - Someone reported to DPS that a weapon was reported in a room at the townhouses. A box which contained a BB gun was left by a trash can. Once DPS located the owners of the BB gun, the gun was confiscated. While in the suspects' townhouse, a bong and a bag of marijuana were discovered on a chair in the common area next to the kitchen. Smithfield Police was notified. Campus charges were filed.

**4/07/00**

**Malicious Fire Alarm** - While on routine patrol DPS officers responded to an alarm at Hall 10, Suite 440. There had been a gathering in the 440's and 430's. As DPS officers began to clear the rooms one of the officers discovered a vandalized heat detector. There was alcohol in the bathroom and in the individual rooms. Several alcohol citations were issued. A fire watch was posted on the fourth floor until the electrician arrived on scene to repair the detector. The cost of repairing/replacing detector is \$35.00 plus labor.

**4/08/00**

**Vandalism** - A broken window report was called in to DPS. Upon arrival the mobile officer was told that a slight cracking sound was heard by a student who had just gone to bed. The complainant said that it sounded like a small rock was thrown and bounced off the window. DPS will investigate.

**4/08/00**

**Found Drugs** - A resi-

dent assistant turned in marijuana and drug paraphernalia to the DPS office seized earlier in response to a noise complaint at a particular residence hall.

**4/08/00**

**Drug Violation** - In the process of responding to a noise complaint coming from two residence halls, DPS officers detected the odor of marijuana coming from one of the rooms in one of the halls. Some marijuana residue and home made pipe were discovered during an authorized search of the room. Charges were filed.

**4/08/00**

**Fire Alarm** - Two DPS officers were dispatched to Townhouse A-Block for a fire alarm. No cause was determined. A short time later another alarm sounded from the same place. Still no cause was determined. DPS was unable to reset the alarm. A Physical Plant electrician was called in to investigate the cause.

**4/08/00**

**Vandalism** - DPS received a vandalism complaint from a student from a residence hall. Two windows with double panes were broken by someone. No suspects at this time.

**4/08/00**

**Vandalism** - A chair was damaged in one of the suites of a residence hall. The value of the chair is \$68.00. There were no witnesses to this incident.

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

### INCIDENTS

**3/27/00 - 4/8/00**

**ALCOHOL** - 3

**BURGLARY** - 1

**DISORDERLY CONDUCT** - 2

**EMT** - 5

**FIRE ALARM** - 11

**HARASSING PHONE CALLS/ACTS** - 3

**INFORMATIONAL** - 2

**THEFT** - 5

**TOWED VEHICLE** - 4  
**VANDALISM** - 23  
**VEHICLE BOOTED** - 3  
**WEAPONS** - 1

From **03/27/00 - 4/8/00**  
12 alcohol citations (tickets) were issued.

### Crime Prevention and Personal Safety Tips

- \* Never leave your handbag, briefcase, backpack, suitcase or other valuables unattended in common areas.
- \* Never leave an identification tag on your key ring.
- \* Try not to carry large amounts of cash. If you must, do not let it be known.
- \* Lock valuables and cash in desks, safes or other secure locations.
- \* Please call Ginnie Bowry, DPS Crime Prevention Specialist (x6001), if you wish to obtain brochures and/or bor-

row personal safety videos for men and women.

### Notices

On April 27 DPS will sponsor a Spring Found Property Sale in the Rotunda between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

On May 1 and 2 DPS will set up Fine Payment Stations in the Rotunda between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The Public Safety Beat is sponsored in part by DPS and Students for A-Safer Campus, in order to comply with the Federal Students Right-To-Know and Campus Security Act.

DPS encourages the use of the escort service that is available 24 hours a day to anyone upon request. Call 232-6001.

Persons who provide information leading to

the apprehension of someone whom has maliciously initiated a fire alarm or has misused fire equipment are eligible to receive a \$1000 reward. It is a felony to misuse fire equipment and the College will prosecute offenders.

Please do not park or operate vehicles on sidewalks or grass. DPS will enforce with citations.

It is the policy of the Department of Public Safety not to disclose information regarding EMT calls to the general public.

The Director of Public Safety, Mr. George Coronado, is available every Wednesday from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. in the Bryant Center Conference Room #1 to discuss any issue with students. Mr. Coronado is also available at other times by appointment.

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# SPRING BREAK

## A Spring Break to Remember

By Leanna Mansour

While most students were making plans to go to a tropical island for spring break, others were applying to go on an alternative spring break to our nation's capital, Washington D.C. Eight students were chosen to spend their spring break doing community service. Some may say this is a terrible way to spend their last week of vacation before the end of the school year, but if you ask any of the students who went on the alternative trip, they will tell you otherwise.

The students, Father Joe and Mike Janicki of Student Activities had the experience of making other people feel good about themselves.

During the week, these spring breakers visited three different sites, Little Sisters of the Poor, Food & Friends and the Sojourner House.

Little Sisters of the Poor houses low income elderly individuals. We learned that some residents came right from the streets of DC to live in this housing complex. The residents live in different types of homes from apartments that are fully equipped with a kitchen to rooms for those that need special assistance or have medical difficulties. We spent that day visiting the residents and learning from them.

Food & Friends is a program that delivers meals to people living

with AIDS. Special preparation goes into making sure the food has enough vitamins and minerals in it for the special diets of those who receive it. It is equally important that the meals that are prepared are delivered to the right person.

The Sojourner House is a house for children and teenagers to go after school. In this house they have the opportunity to get help with their

homework, make arts and crafts or even get books out of a library for pleasure reading. This house helps turn these youngsters away from drugs, alcohol and violence, while providing self-esteem and love to the family of children.

This alternative spring break touched each person's life in a different way. The positive feelings we received will remain in our hearts forever as we continue to

help those less fortunate than ourselves. Many things were learned on this trip and we hope the community at Bryant will not only read our stories, but listen to them and touch the lives of those who need it the most. Please, make a difference in someone's life and help them to smile as you do. It is the greatest feeling in the world.



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**A GREAT WEEK MADE BETTER BECAUSE OF YOU!**  
Thank You Leanna, Erica, Kurt, Kyle, Lynn, Patrick, Thomas, and Adam  
From Mike and Father Joe



# SPRING BREAK

By Kurt Zelch

We arrived at *Little Sisters of the Poor* at 9:00 a.m. on Monday morning and were pleasantly surprised to see that it was by no means a nursing home or any home for the elderly that we had ever conceived. The facility was quite large and institution-like in structure but it was warmly decorated with beautiful Christian icons on almost every corner and a home-like appeal that made its residents and visitors feel completely at ease. All negative images we see in movies of the authoritative and strict staff worker went out the door when we met Sister Rosemary, who from my point of view is the most kind and giving person I have ever met. This woman exuded love and compassion to their fullest extent. In her introduction, Sister Rosemary explained to us who the residents were and what the mission of the Sisters was. She told us that the residents of *Little Sisters of the Poor* were elderly people who either had no money and were off the street, had no family or children to support them, or could not take care of themselves on their own. What *Little Sisters of the Poor* provided them with was a warm and comfortable place to stay, three meals a day, activities and exercise to keep them in shape, and a whole new world of friends that they never would have made if they did not come there.

One of the most compelling moments in Sister Rosemary's speech that really touched me was when she talked about comfort in death. Sister Rosemary explained to us that most of the residents at the facility were likely going

to live at the facility for the rest of their lives barring serious illness. She said that when a resident is nearing death it is the job of every staff member to take turns staying in the room with that person and holding their hand to comfort them. She explained how having a friend sit by them during their darkest and loneliest hours provided solace for them and a sense that they were not going to be facing death alone.

Throughout the day we were introduced to numerous residents in their bedrooms, in the activity areas, and in the cafeteria when we served them lunch. One of the first residents we met was a 99 year-old black woman named Octavia. She was by far one of the most precious gems at the home. Her sharp wit and acid tongue stopped all of us in our tracks and had us mesmerized. As I said Octavia's room was one of the first rooms we visited in the morning so most of us had no idea what to expect from the residents. Would they be friendly, or would they be bitter and removed? Octavia proved the former to be an understatement. As Sister Rosemary knocked on her door and led us into her room I was the first to follow which kind of designated me as the first to greet her. She was sitting in a wheelchair and couldn't get up by herself to greet us. As I stood there with a confused look on my face she looked me in the eye and said to me sternly, "Well come on and help me up now, I ain't got all day, I'm 99 years old you know!" This caused all of us to burst into laughter and in a way broke the ice

for the rest of the day. After meeting Octavia none of us would ever be too shy again to say hi to a resident. Amidst all of her jokes and various hugs she gave out to all of us she came out with a very touching statement. She was telling us about one of her friends down the hall who she always liked to give a hard time to and pester. When Sister Rosemary reprimanded her and told her she was being fresh she turned to us and said very honestly that she only gave her friend a hard time because she liked her and wanted to make her laugh. She told us that she read a quote somewhere that she decided to turn into her life motto, it read, "If by the time I die I make 1 person smile, then that would make my life worthwhile." Octavia made all 10 of us smile that day and it is needless to say that she is one of the most unforgettable people we met in Washington.

Serving the elderly lunch was also a great experience, first we served them their food and then we sat down and talked to them while they were eating. I sat at a table with 3 elderly men who seemed to be best friends. It is most likely that they never met each other before they moved into *Little Sisters of the Poor* but nonetheless they were best friends now for life. One precious moment I was able to observe was when a fourth friend showed up at the table late. His name was Fred. I noticed that Fred was a little slow and senile and really required extra assistance from the people around him. When he came over to the table Joe, who was apparently the leader of the group told me that I was sitting in his seat

and asked me mind getting Fred sat down me that his coffee so I v some for hi came back pouring it i Fred looked disturbed and he grabbed drank the fe I had pour

gesture Joe interjected and said that he thought that Fred maybe just wanted juice first. As I turned to look for the juice cart, Joe got up and said "that's ok I'll get it for him." I surmised that he did this probably because he thought that Fred might be more comfortable receiving it from one of his friends and it would help avoid further confusion. He hastily walked to get the juice for his friend and returned to the table and said to his friend "here you go Fred it's alright." Fred was comforted by this gesture and so was I.

Little Sisters of the Poor made me feel a



Fr. Joe and Mike

sense of security and comfort about getting old. It helped me pay attention to the little things in life that we never really think about, the little perks that come along with friendship and consideration and love. I learned how just paying attention to other people and their needs, even if they are just simple needs like getting a glass of juice or giving them a hug or just talking to them and asking them how they are doing, can make a huge difference in peoples lives. I for one am grateful for having learned this lesson.

By Adam Piader

March 13, 2000

Today was our first day of volunteer work in Washington DC. After a Sunday filled with sightseeing and museums, today was quite a change except for the history captured from our activities. Today, we went to the *Little Sisters of the Poor*, an elderly home for low-income residents, who in most cases now lived in rooms with more space than they had to call their own during their whole life. We walked around and made the people feel wanted and cared for, and that does not only create memories, but it puts them on a high of happiness for a while. I received so many hugs from people who would be a century old in a year or two. At lunch, I sat with two of the residents and just talked with them for a half hour about anything you could imagine. I found that there was so much talent, joy, comedy, knowledge, and history held up in this vault of people that may never be shared with others. I was very happy that I could be a link in their chain of history, not only in my memory, but also in my heart. On another note, today was my birthday, and it was funny, because it somewhat slipped my mind until mid-day. I didn't say anything to anyone because I didn't want the attention taken away from the people at the home. That night, at the

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# SPRING BREAK

By Erica Robison

While many people where winging their way down to Mexico and Florida last week, I decided to spend my spring break doing something a little different. I took part in Bryant's first alternative spring break program. Mike Janicki and Father Joe took eight of us down to Washington D.C. to do community service, and some sightseeing as well. Our three service visits were a nursing home, and facility that makes and delivers food to people with AIDS, and a neighborhood house for children after school. While all of the sites impacted me greatly, I think that I was affected the most by the nursing home, Little Sisters of the Poor.

Initially I thought that it was just going to be another depressing nursing home, but I was pleasantly surprised by what I saw. We were greeted by Sister Rosemary, a woman with the warmest eyes and smile I have ever seen. She took us on a tour and introduced us to residents along the way. She knew each resident by name, something about them, and she made it a point to touch their shoulder, or give them a hug, some form of physical contact. We met some amazing people. We met two women, each a couple of months away from 100 years old, with whom I am not sure that

I could keep up with! We helped to decorate their auditorium for their St. Patrick's Day party, visited with residents and served them lunch in their dining room. While we were eating our lunch, one of the residents, Joe, serenaded us with an accordion and also sang for us! After lunch a couple of us participated in a dance class. They were learning The Electric Slide, The Funky Chicken, and Square Dancing. Boy could some of them move! I think that some of us had a hard time keeping up with them!

Everyone there was all smiles. People were laughing, joking, playing, and just whole heartedly enjoying life. This is an environment where everyone from the staff to the residents thrives. There is constant contact, be it physical or emotional, which is the key to happiness and survival. Each resident raved about the facility, the staff, the other residents, and their lives in the home. It was truly an eye opening experience for me. I have been in nursing homes where people pay their life savings, and are miserable. Here, they pay what they can, which is not much, and they are in a place that is probable nicer than they have ever had. It is clearly an illustration

of how money cannot buy happiness. I think that the part that affected me the most was something that Sister Rosemary shared with us in the morning. She told us that when someone is near death, that they have people on staff stay with them 24-hours a day, until they pass on. This helps to alleviate some of the fear of death and dying. They know that they are not going to die alone. And this is something that many of the residents that I spoke with were quick to talk about. Many of them told me how they were going to be there until the day that they die, and that they are not afraid of what death will bring for them.

Being a part of their lives for just one day meant a great deal to me, and I know that our being there meant even more to them. Father Joe told us that by spending that one-day with them that we probably added five days to the rest of their lives. There is a Little Sisters of the Poor here in Rhode Island that I would like to get involved with, and I am sure that they would love to have more of us. If you can spare an hour or two out of your lives, I highly suggest spending the day with someone who could really use the visit, and another smiling face.

## Piader

had a high from jogging this morning, and on top of that, he had too many cups of coffee. To say the least, he was off the wall all day. We arrived at Food and Friends around 9:30 AM. From the entrance, we walked into a meeting room in the back of the building, and it was hard not to notice the array of pictures on the

wall. These people in the pictures had smiles, were happy, and seemed if they had a mission on their faces. Under their names, on the frame, it told when they were born...and when they had died. The whole room was filled with these pictures, and all of the people in these pictures were middle age, if



At Sojourners Neighborhood Center

not younger than their prime. A man came in and began to talk to us, as I was still panning the room, and he told us that Food and Friends was a meal service that prepared and delivered food to people in the Washington DC area with HIV or the AIDS virus. We split into two groups, one to deliver the meals, and one to prepare the meals for the next day. The part of the day that hit me the most was delivering the meals. It felt really good to deliver food to people in general, but these were people who had terminal illnesses. They knew that; we knew that. One of my deliveries was to an apartment #303 in an old building with fences over the windows and doors. Kurt and I went into the building and walked up three flights of stairs into a dark hallway...so dark that it was hard to read what number the doors were until we were inches away. We finally found room 303, and knocked on the door, but there was no answer. We knocked on it again, and we heard someone ask who was there. When the lady answered, I was in complete shock. I don't think that Kurt and I showed it, but I am sure that she knew, as she knows with everyone that sees her. The hall was dark, her room was dark, and you could see the shadows of darkness lining the curves and angles of her face and hands.

She was so weak and skinny that her every bone could be seen in her body. The one thing in the quick few seconds that I realized, that probably others would look past, was her beauty. That is kind of hard to explain, but somehow, if you looked at this lady, who was not older than her early thirties, you could see that she was a very pretty, blonde haired woman, and that this virus that she has had has just taken away so much. She thanked us and Kurt and I left, not saying a word until after a few minutes after we got in the van, when he turned around and said, "That was really sad." I agreed with him with a motion of my head. I couldn't talk. I just sat there for the next two deliveries with thoughts rushing through my head. I was so angry and annoyed that this could happen to someone. How many other people are there are like this? We only scratched the surface, and that surface was so disturbing and such an eye opening, that it has burned a memory that will never leave me...and out of all the pain, the anger, and the feeling of hopelessness, I would do it all over again, and help someone again who has had the world turn against them. Their door is almost shut, and I was happy that I could step inside for a second and make a difference before it was too late.

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mall, the group bought me a cake...this might have been the best birthday of my life. I received my present all day long.

March 14, 2000

Today, I got up early, and went jogging with Father Joe, Kyle, Kurt, and Lynn. Father Joe



# SPRING BREAK

By Kyle T. Kadish

Every year students venture down south to a tropical location for an enjoyable Spring Break. This year I was fortunate to travel to Washington, D.C. with seven other students, Mike Janicki and Fr. Joe. It was just fun; I could easily use the words educational and self-rewarding as two of many adjectives describing a phenomenal week.

By working in the community at three different locations, awareness of service was increased. We had the ability to help many people.

Monday was spent in a nursing home bringing enjoyment to elderly. Words are not enough to explain the size of the smile on Bessie's face or the volume of her laugh while Lynn and myself "got down" to the Electric Slide. An after-

noon of fun for us equaled a week of enjoyment for residents at Little Sisters of the Poor.

Food & Friends was the "food bank" where we volunteered on Tuesday. Food & Friends is a non-profit food delivery service for members of the D.C. area who are living with AIDS. The enormous production was operated so well. Meals were planned a week in advance.

Some Bryant students delivered in the morning while others helped in the kitchen; the afternoon brought a reversal of roles. While doing both activities, I realized how necessary volunteers are to such an organization.

The final day of service was spent in a neighborhood center. The Sojourner Center's

library needed a painting and their computer room needed to be rearranged. By the end of the afternoon, we had finished the rooms and were able to meet a few children who spend their time at the center. Such a center in the city is responsible for all the students. There is a lot of other work that gets

placed on the back burner when students are at the center.

The ten of us were able to assist with only a couple of the many things that the Sojourner Center need accomplished.

The realization occurred to me that there are so many needs in a community that do not

always get accomplished. In just three days, we were able to tackle some of these tasks. Serving a community can be fun. And we all got to know one another better.

There is only one part of a trip that I will never do again: Walk into a bar and order a "Shirley Temple, double cherry".



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# SPRING BREAK

By Leanna Mansour

Saturday morning, 8:00 AM came quickly as I was putting my bags into the van and heading to Washington D.C. I looked at the familiar and unfamiliar faces of those I was going to spend the next week with and was excited for the upcoming events. Seven or eight ours later, I stepped foot in

room, we were welcomed and began conversing immediately.

Soon we met a 99 ½ year young woman who acted like a teenager wanting hugs from all, but first from the boys. Her spirit livened the room and soon we were laughing and joking around like she was our best friend. My fears lightened after

great show.

After leaving that day, I reflected on my feelings about my fears and how they were overcome. Every single person in that establishment was smiling. They knew that being happy lead to better lives and they cherish the time they have left in this world and use it wisely by doing as much as they can. I envy the people I met that day and hope that in another seventy years I will be just like them.

The next day we headed off to Food & Friends. I was excited for this experience as I had been involved in a similar program in the past. Only I learned that the program was different. The food we delivered and helped package went to people living with AIDS. This made the experience much more meaningful for me. As I got in the van and headed out to the streets of DC with a few others, I felt like I was making a difference. The first person I saw greeted me at the door and told me that he made sure he was around for lunch that day because he missed it the day before. This touched my heart and made me feel so good about what I was doing. Towards the end of the day, I was helping in the kitchen and learned the importance of cleaning everything before and after food touches it to rid germs. Reflecting on that day, I felt as though if I hadn't been involved, these people would have been waiting around for their meals for a long time. It was sad to see some of these people, who you could tell were suffering immensely. I learned the importance of being patient that day, while delivering meals to people. It took some a

few minutes to get to the door, even up to ten minutes. I didn't think about it at first, then I remembered a speaker living with AIDS from my high school. She said it took an hour to walk up one flight of stairs. I couldn't help but think that the people who didn't answer their doors, didn't make it there in the time we waited. They missed their meals. It hurt to think that maybe if I had waited a few minutes more, they would have answered the door. I will learn and remember from this that patience truly is a virtue and a key to life. Another memory about that day that I will remember occurred when I was delivering a meal to a man who looked rather upset. I was wondering why he looked that way, whether he was suffering or had been in a fight with someone. He took the meal from me and I looked at him with a smile and said, "have a good day." His eyes

other jobs that needed to be done. We started the day and I began painting. Once the painting was finished, we had to arrange the books in categories and put them back on the shelves. Before leaving we took a look at the room and it looked completely transformed. Although we did not have direct contact with any children, I felt as though I made a difference. The children are able to walk into a neat library that looks brighter with its newly painted white walls. I definitely left my mark there for years to come.

Looking back on the trip in its entirety, I touched the lives of many of whom I would have let pass me by if I didn't know any better. I left DC feeling satisfied. My outlook towards life has changed the way I used to think and has opened my eyes to my own surroundings. I know that if I look around me, I will see many people that



Erica, Patrick, Leanna, Adam, & Mike

our nations capital and headed for the doors of the St. Joseph's Center. Afraid to speak in this quiet and unfamiliar seminary, we were greeted and given keys to our new homes for the next week. We gathered to discuss our upcoming week and planned our schedules. It was filled with touring the city and participating in various types of community service. I was looking forward to what was to come.

Our first site day came quickly and we were off to the Little Sisters of the Poor. I was a little nervous at first to spend the day with these elderly people due to past experiences. I didn't know what to expect, how they were going to act, how I was going to act. We were greeted by a Sister who was cheerful and told us some history about the establishment, then we were off to visit the residents. As we walked into the first

meeting with these lively and energetic people who are so grateful for their lives. During lunch, we helped serve the residents and sat with them to discuss our lives and theirs. The most memorable words I heard were from a woman who said "I know that no matter how bad I am, there is someone worse off than me." This gave me hope and challenged me to live my life fully and remember that the bad times are not the worst times in my life. Those were the only words this woman said the entire time I was sitting with her. Another woman at the table from the Philippines said that knowing how to play a musical instrument was one of the greatest things in the world especially when you get older because it brings others happiness. Once lunch was over one of the residents played his accordion for us and sang. It was a



Early Saturday Morning Leaving Campus

widened and a smile came upon his face, and my heart became warm. I had made a difference, I made a man smile by saying four simple words with a smile.

Our final project was to do community service at the Sojourner House. When we arrived at the house we were told that the library needed to be painted and there were a few

could use a smile or some assistance. In hope that by sharing my experience with the Bryant community that I will touch at least one person who will touch another and will make a world of difference. When asked where I went for spring weekend, I do not say I went to a tropical island, I say I went to make a difference in people's lives.



# SPRING BREAK

By Lynn Duval

Monday- Little Sisters of the Poor

Two quotes inspired me today. The first is, "No matter how bad I have it, someone else is always worse off". The positive attitude of these elderly residents is truly inspiring. They have all led long hard lives, but they still manage to see optimism in everything. They have so much wisdom and so many stories that to visit with them is truly an honor. The second quote is, "Making someone smile makes life worthwhile". This was our job today, to make the elderly smile. I think we did just that. We served, visited, decorated, and danced. Residents, staff, and volunteers all smiled and laughed. But this quote goes beyond what we did today. It is the essence of being human. Life should not be about doing things for ourselves, but doing things for others. Bringing a smile to the faces of not only the people today, but to other people everyday is a very rewarding and humbling experience. The people today taught me the importance of caring for others. Everyone needs someone else, and a gesture as simple as a smile can show someone else that you care. By visiting with the elderly, young people have a chance to hear great stories, but more importantly be encouraged by and learn from their wisdom and sincerity.

Tuesday-Food and Friends

Today was a unique experience for me. I have worked in soup kitchens feeding the hungry, and I have helped the elderly and supported cancer patients, but I have never

done service completely for AIDS victims. In fact, I have never even heard of an organization like Food and Friends who delivers meals specifically to people living with AIDS. Working at soup kitchens, you come in contact with the people you are serving. Today I did not see one "client", however my service was just as meaningful, if not more so. Packing up the meals I realized just how many people would be fed, and maybe kept alive, because of the food I was helping to deliver. That is an overwhelming feeling; to know that someone is depending on the work you are doing to survive. Although the assembly line packing seemed trivial at first, it made me realize just how much organization and coordination is needed to run a successful operation, such as Food and Friends. The business aspect is something to learn from, and the dedication of the workers is something to be inspired by.

I bought a long sleeve red shirt from Food and Friends today. I did not really need another shirt, and I do not usually wear red, but I didn't buy it for these reasons. I bought it to support the organization with a small financial contribution, and to promote this amazing program and all it stands for. I am proud to have been a part of Food and Friends, even if only for a day.

Wednesday-Sojourner House

Today was different from the services of Monday and Tuesday. It involved more physical labor, but no contact with the children who utilize and benefit from the center. However,

this was a very worthwhile project. The people at the center are very busy trying to entertain the kids, plan lessons, raise funds, and apply for grants. They do not have the time to do the painting, cleaning, and organizing. They do not even have time to clean the old food out of the pantry. What we accomplished in one day would have taken the Sojourner staff much, much longer. We were able to clean and organize to make the Sojourner house a little better for the kids. The center still needs a lot of work and people willing to keep it up, but our work today was a good step forward. Knowing the children may appreciate the cleaner, brighter rooms makes the physical labor completely worthwhile. The most impor-

tant function of the center is to educate the kids and keep them off the streets after school. Today, we were able to let the staff focus on these critical roles, instead of on the dishes that needed to be washed and the library that needed to be painted and organized.

Wrap-Up

There were many valuable lessons learned and many memorable people met this week. Some projects were more fun than others, and some seemed more worthwhile, but they were all very meaningful. I will not forget the smiles and laughter of the residents at Little Sisters when we were square dancing and doing the Electric Slide. Nor will I forget the incredible ef-

fort and dedication of everyone at Food and Friends. Also unforgettable is the amount of work we were able to accomplish through dedication and teamwork at Sojourners. The theme of the week was service, but that theme did not end with the van ride home. We did some good work in D.C., but there is still so many people and organizations that need help and volunteers. Service is one of the great ways to give back to your community. You do more than work, you learn, and laugh, and make someone else a little happier. The lessons and experiences I took back from D.C. are unforgettable. Octava's words sum up the spirit of the week and of helping others, "Making someone smile makes life worthwhile".

By Thomas Stephens

The community project done at the nursing home was mainly interaction with those in the home. As I later explained to the rest of the group, I was expecting something very different. Community project in Ghana is usually energy sapping manual work and so I was expecting something of that sort. I was very happy with the results however because the patients seemed extremely delighted to see us. It looked as if they saw in us a connection to the "outside world" which they had been shut out of. Our mere presence there and interaction made a difference and the help given in helping them decorate their auditorium for St. Patrick's day showed them how much we cared. I learnt that com-

munity project could be undertaken by almost anyone whether physically fit or not as long as that person had that desire to help others.

The project undertaken at Food and Friends, helping prepare and deliver food to people with AIDS was really exciting. The way extreme care and caution was undertaken when preparing and packaging those foods made me wonder. They referred to those they were helping as clients. What struck me as amazing was that they were not doing it so diligently because of the fear of an irate caller calling to complain but out of a sense of duty and compassion, with the chief cook reprimanding me twice for not being as careful as I should have been when

packaging. The way these people treated those with AIDS, with a sense of respect and compassion really had a deep impact on me.

At the Sojourner's house where we helped clean out the place for children, the work done was immense and really helpful. It did not have as much impact however because we had no interaction with the kids or see the fruits of our labor there and then. There were however jobs that we did that we know that if we did not do, no one would do in the near future, even though it demanded attention. We put in perhaps the most physical labor at the Sojourner's House and by the time we were done, the place looked very good, compared to it's former state.



# HOROSCOPES

By TMS Campus

**Aries** (March 21-April 19). Money's a major theme this week. On Monday and Tuesday you might make some extra money simply by asking for a raise. That only works if you've done an excellent job, of course. Something is blocking your progress on Wednesday and Thursday. Put your head together with your friends' to figure out what it is. Give yourself some quiet time on Friday and Saturday. By late Sunday you should feel better, and you'll be ready to tackle a tough project.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20). You're lucky this week, especially if you play by the rules. No problem, right? Travel on Monday and Tuesday but watch where you're going — on Tuesday, especially. You have to jump through a few hoops on Wednesday and Thursday, but you could find a few openings to slip through on Friday. A friend will be helpful on Saturday. You are awesomely lucky by Sunday. Make careful decisions — the kind you can build on.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21). You may feel pensive and moody this week. Don't worry about money; get creative instead. On Monday and Tuesday figure out how much you've got. Travel looks too complicated on Wednesday; Thursday's a little better. Do what an older person wants on Friday. You're learning a lot, some of it from your dreams. Keep a pencil and paper near the bed, especially over the weekend.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22). Friends and social groups are important this week. Take on a big project; you'll get a lot out of it. Discuss your plans with a partner on Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday and Thursday figure out a way to get money. It's out there, so watch for a brilliant idea. Travel should go well on Friday and Saturday, especially if you watch where you're going. Get together with a favorite group on Sunday.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22). If you can pass a big test, you can advance to the next level. Focus on your work Monday and Tuesday, especially whatever you can do for other people. Get a partner to help on Wednesday or Thursday. Decisions you make now will last, so take care. Put as much as you can into savings on Friday and Saturday. You could get an awesome opportunity on Sunday. Show you know what you've been talking about.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Been thinking about going back to school? In Madrid? Maybe you can make it happen. Your vision should be clear on Monday and Tuesday. Plan the next several years. You could run into complications on Wednesday. Don't give up; you should break through by Thursday. Use your common sense to make a big decision Friday. On Saturday and Sunday you'll notice that you're getting wiser and more sophisticated. This weekend take a class if you can. If you have to travel to get there, so much the better.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You may notice an uncharacteristic fascination with funding during the next few weeks. Monday and Tuesday would be excellent days to buy or sell land or household items. On Wednesday and Thursday discuss financial matters with your loved ones. You'll feel creative on Friday and Saturday, and you could make a bunch of money at it, too. That's the name of the game! Go for it!

**Scorpio** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your partner is important in your life this week. Let him or her take the lead — and possibly even do the driving. On Monday and Tuesday you can get some things talked out and cleared up. Make some big decisions about household matters on Wednesday or Thursday. If your mate cares more than you do, just go along with those choices. This could be a nice weekend for romantic commitments, starting around Friday. Make the most of it.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Find ways to take care of others on Monday and Tuesday and receive marvelous benefits, maybe even more money. You can find whatever you need close to home on Wednesday and Thursday, so don't wander far. Fix things around your place on Friday and Saturday. Do whatever your family wants on Sunday. They'll love you for it.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The coming week should be a lot of fun. Set it up that way on purpose. You're strong and decisive on Monday and Tuesday. Communicate your love and have tons of fun, too. On Wednesday and Thursday buy something nice for somebody else. On Friday and Saturday expressing your feelings may be easier than usual. Surround yourself with loved ones on Sunday.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb 18). This week completion is your theme, as well as home and family. It's a good time to put down roots. Contemplate your situation on Monday and Tuesday and figure out what you want to change. Make decisions on Wednesday and Thursday. If you want to turn over a new leaf, now is the time. Start living the life you love. By Friday your mind should be made up, so this weekend should be much easier. Talk about the tough stuff on Sunday.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20). On Monday and Tuesday your friends can be helpful. You're in a massive learning phase, so ask them to teach you. Don't let rules and regulations slow you down too much on Wednesday and Thursday. Just jot them down and do it right. Your confidence increases on Friday and Saturday. By Sunday you should notice you're stronger than you have been. By then, you'll be past the tough part.

If You're Having a Birthday This Week ... April 24: Travel could be your reward for a job well done. You're lucky in May if you stick to the routine. April 25: Reach out and make a friend far away. Don't let old fears block a new relationship. April 26: At first a dream seems to be impossible, but don't give up. Later a surprising development leads to success. April 27: First one test, then another, must be passed. With study and persistence, the prize can be attained. April 28: Finish old business first, or a new project could fall flat. Get the facts; then trust your intuition. Don't rush things. April 29: Friends are there for you this year, but not always in the way that you expect. A spiritual connection brings luck in May. Don't spend more than you earn. April 30: You're lucky and powerful all year. Add faith, hope and love, and you'll help others heal.



# ENTERTAINMENT

## Rules of Engagement

By Marilyn L. Radei

*Rules of Engagement* works great as a courtroom thriller about military values and the consequences of when those values are seriously considered. This was one of the first times that I found myself unable to guess for whom the verdict was going to be ruled.

Based on a true story, the film centers on a relationship forged throughout the adult lifetimes of two Marine Colonels, Hay Hodge's (Tommy Lee Jones) and Terry Childers (Samuel L. Jackson). They fought side by side in Vietnam, where Childers saved Hodge's life by shooting an unarmed POW. While it is against the rules of war, it is understandable, in this story anyway, under the specific circumstances.

After years pass, Hodge, whose wounds from Vietnam make him unfit for action, gets a law degree and becomes a Marine Lawyer. Childers, a much decorated officer is, a textbook Marine who is chosen to lead a rescue mission into Yemen, while the US embassy is under threat from violent demonstrators. Exactly what happens at the embassy, and the way it becomes the material of a court-martial after Childers is accused of ordering his men to fire on a crowd of perhaps unarmed civilians, killing more than 80 of them is the plot. He persuades his old friend, Jones, to represent him in the trial as the movie surges into a debate on the ethics of conduct in war.

"Rules of Engagement" was a great movie. Initially I felt like there were questions that should have been answered and I wanted justice for those who had behaved unethically in the proceeding of the trial. However, once I thought about it, I realized that there really wasn't one person who was the villain. *Rules of Engagement* is a little slow moving at some parts, but for the most part, it was a great movie, well worth catching.

By Alan C. Barker

*Rules of Engagement* is an awesome flick! Questioning the rules of battle, this movie puts a new perspective on some of the unclear aspects of war. It was also quite relieving to finally see Tommy Lee Jones out of the *Fugitive* roles he's been casted in for the past few years.

It's a fine line that a soldier walks in combat, between what is in and out of the scope of a military commander while in the field. When Samuel L. Jackson, Colonel Terry Childers, is sent on a mission where there is no right way to proceed, his judgment is put on trial. He was the only one with the vantage point to know whether or not his actions were the best ones to remedy the situation.

The action in the movie is great and the courtroom aspects are intriguing. *Rules of Engagement* wasn't just a guy movie, it was a film that everyone can get into and anyone who has ever known someone in the service can relate with. I highly recommend checking out this movie.

## Going Solo

Submitted by Donna Meierdiercks

Donna Meierdiercks and the Carriage House Theatre will present *Going Solo* a showcase of contemporary dance by New York and Rhode Island choreographers including: Heather Ahern, Heidi Henderson, Donna Meierdiercks, Cathy Nicoli and Pamela Vail. The performers will take

place Thursday through Saturday, April 27th-29th at the Carriage House Theatre, 7 Duncan Avenue in Providence. Curtain time is 8pm. Tickets are \$12 general admission and \$8 for students and senior. Call (401) 751-7152 for information and reservations.

The *Going Solo* pro-

gram is comprised of ten short works (eight of which are solos) including three premieres, four Providence premieres, two popular works from the repertory of Groundwerx Dance Theatre and one work that was premiered last year at the Carriage House.

## A Life

By Jessica Stetson

As a playful breeze,  
So goes the life of the leaf.  
Twirled and twisted across valley and hill.  
Uprooted and lifted to a place way up high.  
Then tickled and teased,  
While it appears to be seized by the  
excitement of the moment.  
But then, lifted and blown far far away.  
And moved to a place,  
Where it can't help but join in the pile,  
And allow the others to quickly cover and  
protect it.  
However, beneath this protection,  
(The question I pose),  
Is how long will it take it to decompose?

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♦ Applications are due by April 21, 2000. Please mail them to either Angela or Kathy!



# SPORTS

## Bryant Sports

By Luis Etherington

Hello and welcome back to another edition of Bryant Sports. It has been a busy couple weeks of activities with the Men's lacrosse team christening their field to a win against Franklin Pierce and the Men's Rugby team's Bryant Rugby Tournament last Saturday. Lets get right into the sports happenings, and the athletes of the bi-week. Credit Chuck Sullivan for much of the stats mentioned.

**Men's Baseball**-(20-10 overall, 12-1 NE-10) The Men's Baseball team has christened their brand new field to a ten game winning streak. They have staked a claim as the number one team in the Northeast-10 Conference riding a very impressive 12 game win streak until a loss to Assumption college last week. Players on fire right now include Juniors Scott Hoyt with 13 RBIs last week and Scott Yan-

kee with a .405 overall average. Playoffs are this Saturday and the Bulldogs luck to receive a first round bye.

**Men's Tennis**-(5-7 overall, 5-1 NE-10) The Men's Tennis team defeated archrival Bentley College last week to move them into second place overall in the NE-10 standings. With the playoffs coming this Saturday they stand to receive a first round bye as long as they remain one of the top two teams in the conference. Freshman Antonio Valero has picked up key wins in both the singles and doubles ranks to lead the team to victory.

**Lacrosse**-(3-3 overall, 1-2 NE-10) The lacrosse team opened the season with a tough four game stretch on the road but have rebounded with a pair of victories on their home turf against Franklin Pierce 25-3 and Bentley 12-10. It is still early in the season, but Freshmen

Mark Weber and Kevin Barletta continue to impress many with their scoring antics.

**Outdoor Track and Field**-Last week the men finished in first place at the Wesleyan Smith Invitational led by strong performances by Sophomore Patrick Rafferty who placed in the 400-meter hurdles, and Junior Paul Brisson who captured the discus throw with 37.56 meters. The girls finished fourth at the same invitational led by Freshman Melanie Butler who scored 30 of Bryant's 53 points capped off with a first place finish in the shot putt.

**Men's Golf**-Junior John Damiano finished eighth out of 132 for the Bulldogs who finished 19 out of 26 teams at the Yale Spring Open. He was the only non-Division I player to score among the top 30.

**Softball**-(1-20 overall, 0-4 NE-10) Going in to this edition of the Archway

the Lady Bulldogs losing streak has reached 11 games but is looking forward to Friday's game against Merrimack. Junior Kim Michaud is batting a team-high .311 for the Bulldogs.

**Women's Golf**-Former Girls Athlete of the Bi-week the Women's Golf Team finished 12th out of 12 teams at the James Madison Invitational. They were led by Senior Rebecca Gatzert who placed 54<sup>th</sup> in the field of 63.

**Bryant Rugby** - The second annual Bryant Rugby Tournament was held on April 2, 2000 at Bryant's Sutton Field. In addition to Bryant the tournament's entrants included Naval Academy Prep, Nichols College and Rhode Island College. In the first match Bryant outdistanced RIC 10 - 5. The match was won when Bryant eight-man Matt Wladkowski spoiled a RIC lineout on their own five meter line and then tapped the ball back

to hooker Jason Murray who scored the game winning try. In the championship match Bryant met Naval Academy coming off a convincing win over Nichols in their first game. Bryant sank Naval Academy 38 - 0. Fly-half Michael Kane led the scoring with two tries, four field goals and converted three of Bryant's four tries. Scoring was rounded out with tries by scrum-half David Donlan and second row man Kahraman Yigit. Naval Academy was held scoreless on the strong defensive efforts of flanker Matt Schill, fullback Matt Fanning, second rowman Josh Reed and props Christopher Ramirez and Donald Foudriat. Bryant Coach Tony Cosentino remarked that this year's club was the strongest he has coached.

Male Athlete of the Bi-Week-Scott Hoyt  
Female Athlete of the Bi-Week-Melanie Butler

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# CAMPUS SCENE

## Student Programming Board By Lynne Morrison

The Student Programming Board is starting to wind down for the semester with only a couple of events left. The nominations for next year's board were this past Monday, the 10<sup>th</sup>, and elections are on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup>. Come find out about next year's leadership and the ideas that they have in store.

### SPB events:

**Band/Comedian Series:** Every Wednesday night in South Dining Hall at 9:00 p.m. Free Food, Free Admission, Lots of Fun! The last Comedian of the semester is April 19<sup>th</sup>. The Band series is finished after last night. Thank you to everyone who attended.

**Bingo Series:** Every other Tuesday night in South Dining Hall at 8:00 p.m. Great Prizes, Free Admission, Free Food, Lots of Fun! The last Bingo will be April 25<sup>th</sup>, the Wednesday before Spring Weekend.

**Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>:** "American Beauty" will be taking the place of "The Green Mile" due to problems with the release of the movie. It'll be playing in Janikies Auditorium at 7 and 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$1.00 and candy/soda/popcorn are all \$0.50 each. The final movie of the semester is "Man on the Moon" during Spring Weekend.

**Spring Weekend, April 26<sup>th</sup>-April 30<sup>th</sup>:** Beginning on Wednesday night with a comedian in South Dining Hall. Thursday night: Festive Meal and event in Salmanson. Friday night: Concert in the MAC beginning at 9 p.m. The two bands are "Run DMC" and "Strangefolk". The Peer Educators "Pasta-Pigout" is also that night during the concert. Saturday: Field Events on the Rugby field (behind Salmanson) from 12-5. The Greek "Bryant's Best" begins after the field events. The Saturday night event is entertainer "Craig Carmean". And to finish off the weekend is the movie "Man on the Moon" on

Sunday night.

The Student Programming Board hopes everyone enjoys the rest of the semester. If you have any suggestions, please give us a call at X6118. Be sure to check out our web page at [www.bryant.edu/~spb](http://www.bryant.edu/~spb) for more information about our upcoming events.

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## Men's Rugby By Donald Foudriat

First off I would like to congratulate the men's rugby team for winning the second annual Bryant Rugby Tournament. We defeated Rhode Island College 10-5 and Naval Academy Prep 38-0. Everyone played great in both games. I would like to congratulate the first player in Bryant history to play 100 games, Shorts. I'm glad none of the women's team forgot their orange juice on Sunday morning.

GT is your poison ivy problem gone; maybe I'll just ask Allison. Deanna, MB, Ice and Twinkie are you guys all rested up after your long night. Allison, should we start calling Josh, Chester? Scrappy your secret is safe with me!!! Deanna thanks for practicing with us last week. "I got first hit." -Chip

The three wisemen showed up at Rente's on Thursday. Bones are you buyin? Allison and Brian are taking off the gloves. Coast Guard taught us a lesson this weekend; we'll leave it at that. Zombie how did you manage to break your neck? Plumber you'll never win with the women's rugby boxing team. The freak monsoon did not stop the F-block on Saturday night. Misty put on the show of the night, but where did she end up Snoop? Spider and Allison we all know your secret.

Let's have a good week of practice or the Beast might be two and out. We have a great chance to win this year but everyone must be dedicated and go to practice.

## Delta Zeta By Kimberly Pike

Hey back again for some Delta Zeta news. We would like to wish Arista a happy 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. For all of you who missed out, Deb was in full effect! Actually I haven't seen much of Arista since then, Deb's been visiting for a while. Updating news, Dawn's getting stupid again, glad to have you back in our world again. I just wanted to ask thought guys where's Waldo? Hey Kitt note to self, where can we get some more of those Fat Girl Brownies for the





floor? I know it was a while ago but do you guys remember the beep conversation? Lately there has been absolutely nothing to do on Bryant College campus on Saturday night so Dawn and I decided to adventure else where. I am sorry to say that we managed to drive around in the same circle about 20 times, next time we'll bring a map. I still have to check the egg for scratch marks from the chain. As for the new festivities on the floor with my pledge class, the Nu's, Dawn and Heather need to stop making me cry. Things are getting too

funny on the weeknights but on the very special nights, Avery and Bailey come out of the woodwork! Yes Avery it's too tight on your head, take it off! I forgot what Junior Status was but I'm sure somebody will remember, please remind me when you do. Wednesdays have also become a fun new adventure for some of us. For those who made it home with me I just have to ask you, "If they get him for Wednesdays, Who do they get for Fridays?" One last note to self before I go, Kitt Grandfather? I thought he was your Godfather?

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 1999-2000 Annual Greek Awards

The Office of Greek Life had its annual Greek Awards Banquet Friday, March 31, 2000. The awards are given to those chapters and members who show an extraordinary commitment to bettering themselves as well as the surrounding community. The awards were based from March, 1999 to March, 2000 and were judged by the Assistant Director of Student Activities. We would like to congratulate the following chapters and individuals that have shown the true meaning of Greek Life. Congratulations!

**Greek Man of the Year**  
**Greek Woman of the Year**

Rob Mancusi-Delta Chi  
Ericka Hagenars-  
Sigma Sigma Sigma

**Philanthropy of the Year-fraternity**

Beta Theta Pi

**Philanthropy of the year-sorority**

Delta Zeta

**Outstanding Campus Involvement**

Delta Zeta

**Outstanding New Member**

Michael Gamble-Delta Chi

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# FEATURES

## A Livas Interview . . .

By Asa Williams

At the Women's Summit on March 29, I interviewed News Channel 10 reporter/anchor Nicole Livas. She co-anchors the 5:30 news with Gene Valicenti. Prior to joining WJAR three years ago, she had stints in her native Virginia as well as at two stations in Ohio. She had recently shot a Spanish-language Census ad currently airing on channel 10.

Q. What do you like about the Providence/New Bedford area (DMA #50)? How does it compare to other markets in which you have worked?

A. I like its East Coast location, as well as its beaches, restaurants, etc. As for the former, the Providence area is, for me, a return to the East Coast, having also worked over in Ohio for some time. The only difference is that the Providence area is much more expensive (to live in) than the other markets.

Q. How long have you been involved in the Women's Summit?

A. This was my second time at Bryant's Women's Summit. I like this event because any advice for women would be great.

Q. If you were not a reporter,

what other career would you have taken?

A. I would have been in a public relations job, such as admissions for a college. There is a people aspect to those kinds of careers; I have a creative element, as well as other traits that would go into jobs in that field.

Q. What is the current state of women in TV journalism?

A. There are outstanding opportunities for women in this field. There is a trade-off, however: women reporters receive unequal pay.

Q. Do you think the Providence/New Bedford television news environment is (sufficiently) diverse?

A. Although we at 10 have a few minorities on our team (two others), there are obviously not a lot of them in this market on the whole.

Q. Is there any advice you have for aspiring reporters and journalists?

A. Do your research and homework, and also remember to follow your dreams.

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Please see Jane, Coordinator of Faculty Suite G  
(x6462 jstonge@bryant.edu)

## Internship Spotlight - Rima Mutreja '01

By Barbara Gregory, Asst. Director of Career Services and Kate Sullivan, Director of Intercultural Center

A combination of curiosity and confidence has enabled Rima Mutreja to "think big at a small school". When Rima asked her father for permission to pursue her undergraduate degree abroad he agreed and has supported her endeavors every step of the way. He often reminded her that "things that can be done will be done, things that can't be done shall be done". She firmly believes that.

Rima planned to complement her academic studies with internships since her freshman humanities course, "The American Dream". She was inspired by Dr. McDonnell and learned that planning was critical to her success. Her very first workstudy job on-campus taught her the value of simple skills, such as answering phones. She thought big and pursued summer course work at Wharton Graduate

School of Business the summer prior to her sophomore year. Rima regarded all her experiences as valuable pieces of her plan and critical to her future success.

"My career planning began in my sophomore year by seeking out information from the Office of Career Services. I was unsure of the opportunities that would be available to me so I took advantage of workshops and counseling appointments and learned that it was possible to do up to three academic internships if I was eligible". Rima engaged in a combination of internships with enthusiasm. She interned at Solomon Smith Barney and Paine Webber. "I learned so much from these opportunities. I gained confi-

dence in my knowledge of finance and knew the value of having entrepreneurial skills as I observed and asked questions of the brokers I worked with".

Rima visited the Intercultural Center to find out about the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) regulations and learned about the Curricular Practical Training Program that goes with the F-1 student visa. This program enables Rima to work in the United States without having to first apply to the INS and without having to use any of the twelve months she allotted for working after graduation.

She also learned that she was eligible to earn credit AND earn pay. It was unbelievable to Rima - this is not what she "heard" from others. She experienced that many times rumors

provide false information and derail students. "I don't listen to what other's think is the truth, I seek it out for myself. When I learned the facts, I took appropriate action which has lead to a successful outcome".

As a result, this summer Rima will be paid for her work, earn academic credit, experience life in an American urban environment and network for the future at Goldman Sachs, Inc. "I consider my different culture and experiences as an asset. At my interview with GS, I was able to discuss specific financial information based upon knowledge from the classroom, from watching the news and from my previous internships. I was confident, knowledgeable and determined to be an outstanding candidate. I was also able

to speak knowledgeably about the INS regulations that are related to my ability to work in the United States thus putting my prospective employer at ease".

She advises interested international students to pick up employment related publications at the Intercultural Center called "A summary of Employment Options for F-1 Students", "Optional Practical Training Before Completion of Studies", "Optional Practical Training After Completion of Studies" and "Curricular Practical Training".

Rima advises students to "make Bryant work for you. Take advantage of resources such as the Office of Career Services and the Intercultural Center to gather the facts and take action!"