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PRESENTS

The time has finally come to announce the 2007 spring weekend band! The Bryant University Student Programming Board will bring the popular rock band O.A.R. to the Bryant campus on April 28, 2007. SPB will be trying out a new time for the concert this year with the act starting 5:00 PM in the Hall 16 parking lot.

Unlike last year, there will be no tent covering the crowd, but the show will go on rain or shine. SPB will provide everyone with souvenir ponchos if it rains.

Some may ask, why have the concert so early this year? The answer to that is sound. Since the Bryant campus is in a residential area, the locals of Smithfield do not appreciate the loud concerts late in the evening so the decision was made to hold an early show.

The band O.A.R., also known as Of A Revolution, started out with a few kids in high school playing for their friends and family. The sound of rock-and-roll-meets-reggae is as distinctive as their members. The band was formed in 1996 in Rockville, Maryland. Now almost 10 years since they recorded their first album *The Wanderer*, Marc Roberge (lead vocals, acoustic and electric guitars), Richard On (lead guitar and background vocals), Benj Gershman (bass guitar), Jerry DePizzo (saxophone and electric guitars), and Chris Culos (drums) are headlining venues all across the country.

O.A.R. recorded their first studio album in 1997; it featured their most well known song "That Was A Crazy Game of Poker." Two years following the release of *The Wanderer*, the band left the frat parties and began going on tour, and have been on tour ever since. With the release of the band's 2005 album *Stories of the Stranger*, the band had their first top charting song "Love and Memories." O.A.R. is currently awaiting the release of their first full length DVD and their upcoming Spring and Summer tours with a new studio album in the works.

SPB's bands and concerts chairs Evan Collyer and Jason Christman spent months in negotiation with the band to reach an agreement for all of the details. The company who has been working with SPB is Concert Ideas. Christman stated "It was a long and arduous process, but through working with our agent and administration, we were able to book one of Bryant's favorite bands."

Spring Weekend is not the most anticipated weekend of the year solely for the concert. SPB provides the campus with an entire weekend of events including magician Mike Super, the Bulldog Games, Field Events, and much more. SPB President Paul Bi informed us "The Theme Weekend Chairs, Shauna Yunits and Kim Franklin, did an amazing job with booking and coordinating the whole weekend. We're very

excited about everything, and we believe that the student body will enjoy the events, acts, novelties, inflatable's, and concert." Look out for more information about the weekend as it soon approaches. Let the count down begin! Only 49 days...

By Sarah Campbell and Evan Collyer, SPB Chairs
Cover artwork courtesy of Joseph F. Domaney



Against popular belief, SPB does not choose the Spring Weekend band at random. There is a long selection process that begins at the start of the school year with a campus-wide survey. The results revealed the number one choice for this year was Ludacris. Unfortunately, this performer costs more than the entire budget for the weekend so it was not possible to bring him to campus. To keep the cost of admission low for students, SPB decided to go with the number two choice of O.A.R. coming in with only 100 fewer votes.

Famed actress Mary McDonnell addresses campus

By Emily Welles
Staff Writer

As business students, we are acutely aware of the power behind a solid resume. Try this one on for size: Formidable female president of the spaceship *Battlestar Galactica*, semi-functional upper-middle class mother of a very troubled Donnie Darko, nun and heavenly advisor to the deeply troubled, Native American companion to Kevin Costner, Emmy nominee, two-time Oscar nominee, two-time Golden Globe nominee, and sister to distinguished Bryant sociology professor Judy McDonnell.

Mary McDonnell has led a lifetime of achievement on both stage and screen. The Bryant University Communication department was proud to welcome Mary McDonnell on Thursday, March 1st in front of a packed Janikies auditorium of students, faculty, and guests. In addition to a prolific career on Broadway, Mary is most notably known for her roles in the films *Dances with Wolves*, *Donnie Darko*, and *Independence Day*, as well as television roles in *Battlestar Galactica*, *Touched by an Angel*, and *ER*. Mary not only possesses an impressive resume, but she has a powerful message to offer tomorrow's leaders: "Connect to who you truly are and the rest will fall into place."

Mary grew up in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania in a household brimming with "feminine energy" and support. "I had five very strong, motivated sisters," she expressed with pride, "and parents who emphasized we could do anything we wanted to." Despite being the "dramatic one" growing up, Mary never considered theatre as a possible career path. Mary's father was responsible for her initial theatrical involvement, suggesting she take a theatre class in high school.

Her father persisted in his support

of Mary, insisting she take theatre classes at the State University of New York where she attended college. It is here that, through acting, Mary experienced a profound "conjunction of ideas", a "chemistry of the brain" which shifted her worldview and made her passionate about all aspects of life. "Acting woke me up," she stated with enthusiasm. One of Mary's first roles was as Mercy Lewis in Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*. "When I started to actually see that yellow bird, I knew I was kind of good at this acting thing."

After graduating college, Mary spent one year in England before beginning her stage career in New York City. Initially, she was the epitome of the starving actress, taking countless jobs in order to get by: waitressing, selling hair brushes, and not-so-successfully selling vacuums. Mary considers these "the most valuable five years" of her life, for all the lessons she learned. Her big break came in her central role in Sam Shepard's Pulitzer Prize-winning play, *Buried Child*.

This play launched her career into epic roles as "Stands with a Fist" in *Dances with Wolves*. When asked what it was like to work with Kevin Costner, Mary excitedly answered, "great!" She admired his "charisma, intelligence" and his ability to "step into the zone" when performing. Interestingly enough, Kevin would host "parties on the prairie" and "proms on the prairie" for cast members.

Inarguably, Mary has succeeded in an unforgiving and relentlessly demanding industry. Being a woman in Hollywood has been "very difficult" for Mary. Women in this industry are constantly subjected to a "cosmetic

measuring stick," which demands youthful and often unhealthy appearances. In addition to this barrier, women are often faced with scripts that "marginalize [them] as human beings." For Mary, playing female roles requires striking a balance between being "marginalized and demonized." In her role as President Laura Roslin on *Battlestar Galactica*, Mary is adamant about portraying women in a positive light, "I will not let the writers use me to be a puppet for anti-politics." Instead, she offers her input to the writers on how to portray the "strong influence" and power of President Laura Roslin.

Mary's poise and powerfully articu-

lated beliefs set her apart from most Hollywood actresses. Her advice to Bryant students on finding future success included an honest and practical formula, "begin to identify what you want...connect to the true core of yourself." As long as you "keep your spirit alive and be yourself" the right career will be drawn to you. "Everything you have to offer is sitting inside you; don't be afraid, stay true to yourself and the rest will fall into place." Mary's inspiring words left the audience with a sense of personal strength and empowerment that will not soon fade.



Photo Courtesy of University Relations

Actress Mary McDonnell, part of this semester's Communication Speaker Series, describes her experiences in Hollywood.

Author inspires students to reach their full potential

By Dave Nelligan
Staff Writer

February 13th, Andy Masters, author of the books *Life After College*, *37 Keys to College Success*, and *37 Keys to Greek Success*, spoke at Bryant University. The event was sponsored by Greek Life for students to learn how to utilize their full college potential and make the most of life after college. The program focuses on career goals, networking, and leadership skills.

Andy, who is an alumni of the University of Missouri-St Louis, attributes his success to three major events. The first is when he joined the fraternity Sigma Tau Gamma the first week of school. He suggests that everyone join a club or organization they are interested in. This will help you get involved in your school's activities and also help you network for the future. Networking is one of Andy's main points because 65% of jobs are filled through networking and can lead to opportunities others are unable to achieve.

The next event is when he printed out his dream resume at the career services department. Andy reminisced about that fateful day when he filled out everything he thought an employer was looking for and everything he wanted to accomplish while at college. He then printed out the form and taped it up in his dorm room for him to view as motivation everyday before he went to class.

The third was his decision to double major. He took the same amount of classes as if he was a single major, but graduated with an edge over everyone he was competing against for jobs after college. He then went on to get his Master's Degree in marketing and human resources development at Webster University.

The advice he gives to people across the country is to think outside the box, visualize your dream job, get creative, and do not settle for entry level college positions. In order to be successful, Andy Masters tells people they must separate themselves from the competition by being different and willing to take risks. For more information on Andy Masters and his program you can visit his website at www.Life-After-College.com

Bryant University

Women's Herstory 2007

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Thursday, March 1st: | FX's <i>Black White</i> with 2 cast members
3:30pm, Janikies Theatre |
| | Eating Concerns Screening Day
10am-3:30pm, Rotunda |
| Saturday, March 3rd: | French Film Festival, <i>The Wild Side</i> *
3pm, Janikies Theatre |
| Monday, March 5th: | <i>TransAmerica</i> (movie)
7pm, Janikies Theatre |
| Tuesday, March 6th: | Telling Her Story with Professor Ciliene DeLourenco
Noon, Papitto |
| Wednesday, March 7th: | <i>Katrina Relief: Hands on New Orleans</i>
2pm and 4pm, TBA |
| Thursday, March 8th: | <i>The Vagina Monologues</i>
9pm, South Cafe |
| Friday, March 16th: | The Women's Summit |
| Monday, March 19th: | Telling Her Story with Loma Hunter
Noon, Heritage Room |
| Tuesday, March 20th: | <i>Water</i> (Movie)
6pm, Papitto |
| Wednesday, March 21st: | Telling Her Story with Fenta Kaba and Andrea Gette
Noon, Heritage Room |
| | Women's Health and Wellness with Jennifer DiPrete and Donna Tawse
4:00pm, Bryant Center 2C |
| Tuesday, March 27th: | Love, Family and Same sex unions
6:45 pm, Bryant Center 2C |

* The festival was made possible with the support of The Cultural Services of the French Embassy and the French Ministry of Culture (CNC)

Controversial show comes alive

By Ashley Palmer
Staff Writer

Have you ever wondered what life would be like if you lived the life of someone else? If you had the option to literally live the life of another person, in race, culture and daily life, would you? Well, two families from Atlanta and Santa Monica had the opportunity to do just this, as they starred in the FX reality television show "Black.White."

On Thursday, March 1st, two stars of "Black.White" paid a visit to Bryant University to share their experiences of trading races as a part of Raise Your Voice Week sponsored by the Multicultural Student Union. Rose Broomfield and Renée Sparks, two members of the participating families,

shared with the audience the experience of living in a strange house, with a strange family, while pretending to be the opposite race for a period of six weeks.

Each day, the participating members of each family endured six to eight hours of make-up for race transformation, as the directors and make-up artists literally transformed the white to black, and the black to white. Not only were the participants expected to look the part of the other race, but they were also expected to act the part as well, as all participated in hours of dialect, life coaching, and racially stereotyped activities such as scrapbook clubs and poetry slams.

Going into this six week television series, the families faced the challenges that both races face in daily life, including many stereotypes, preconceived notions, and the subtle racism that is very much alive in today's world. FX created "Black.White" in hope of bringing forth the conversation of racism so that the general public can come to the realization that although subtle, racism is still a part of today's society. Broomfield and Sparks noted that FX did not wish to solve the racial differences within today's society;

they simply wished to educate the public on the topic of race.

In its short season on television, "Black.White" turned into a hit series as it was recently nominated for the NAACP image award. With the premiere of "Black.White" as well as two of the series' stars visiting Bryant's campus, the stars of the show wish to promote the fact that in life "not everything is black and white."



Joe Domaney

As a part of Raise Your Voice Week, also sponsored by MSU, Rose Broomfield and Renée Sparks from the show Black.White, described their experiences switching races.

Joe Domaney

Introducing himself as "The One and Only," Ramon De Los Santos was one first to ask Broomfield and Sparks questions.



SIFE's Credit Craze Advice

Bryant SIFE's *Credit Craze* project will be submitting a series of credit related articles to The Archway over the course of the semester. The following is a response to frequently asked questions that Bryant students have about credit. The questions were answered by Sal Buonacore, a Bryant graduate who is currently a District Manager at Wells Fargo.

How do I find my credit score? There are a few ways to do this. Whenever you apply for anything, the creditor is able to tell you your current credit score. There are also websites that you can use. The most popular website is www.myfico.com. This website will allow you to access one free credit bureau a year. Keep in mind that if you have not built any credit, you will not have a credit score.

What is the best way to get out of debt? Serious debt would be over \$20,000 in credit card debt. There is no specific time period in which you need to pay

off your credit card. Try to make at least a payment and a half to two payments a month to start knocking down the principal balance. You could also try to consolidate into one loan to pay off the credit cards all together. If you are in serious debt, a good idea would be to call the credit card company and close out the card so you can no longer use it.

What percentage of people own credit cards? Close to about 100% of people that have credit own credit cards. In today's world, even people with good credit need credit cards to make purchases.

How important is credit when buying a house? The main factor in buying a house is how good your credit score is. The top three variables Wells Fargo Financial looks at when trying to approve a customer for a mortgage is credit score, how much you are looking to borrow, and the value of the house.

How much will my credit limit be? It depends on the card. Right away it might be around \$1,000.

Suggestion: If someone approves you for a \$5,000 limit, ask them to lower it to \$500 so you can't get in trouble.

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What is the difference between a debit/credit card? Debit is attached to your checking account. When you use the debit card it is taking the money you already have out of your bank account. It is not something you will get a bill for. Debit cards are much safer to use, however they don't build your credit, even if they have a Visa or Mastercard logo.

Does filling out a lot of credit card applications to get free shirts hurt your credit score? Yes it does. There is a section on the bottom of your credit bureau score called "Inquiries". Any company that you apply to will pull your credit and this is kept track of in your "Inquiries" section. If your credit is pulled too many times it can actually hurt your credit score. You should never have more than 6 inquiries in one year.

Campus Undercover: Roger Williams University

By Jared Neilan, Timothy Osborn,
Michael Oliveri, Philip Weiss
Staff Writers

At the rate that we are receiving feedback from our articles, we could be going for a Pulitzer Prize by May. We really do appreciate all of the responses we are receiving, both positive and negative. On that note we would like to remind you that our conclusions about the various institutions that we write about are based on what we can see from the tour, marketing material, the website and the campus. Many times we have to make judgments based solely on what the institution provides to us via these channels. Our goal is to present our first impressions, the same sort of snapshot impression that a prospective student of a given institution would formulate based on the content and presentation of the campus tour. If you do see any inaccuracies, we encourage you to contact us with corrections.

This week we visited Roger Williams University (RWU), in historic Bristol, Rhode Island. For those of you who have not visited the Bristol area, we encourage you to do so as it is a unique spot in Rhode Island. RWU is a relatively new institution, founded in 1956 and named after the founder of Rhode Island (note: our tour guide did not know this despite the large 50th anniversary banners plastered all over campus). The campus is located right on the Narragansett Bay which affords students not only great scenic views but also the ability to earn degrees in such areas as marine biology and other oceanic programs. Roger Williams also is home to Rhode Island's only law school.

Things we liked...

Bringing Sexy Back- Of all the schools we have visited, RWU is the cleanest we have encountered, possibly even exceeding the standards of our own campus. The buildings were also similar to Bryant in their modern "moderno" facade. We do, however, worry about the ability of the style of these buildings to stand the test of time.

"Two lawyers walked into a bar..." - RWU is home to the only law school in Rhode Island. Interestingly enough, the law school is named after Bryant alumnus Ralph R. Papitto. You may be thinking to yourself that this name sounds familiar, and you would be correct. While an entire school has been

named after a Bryant alumnus, we seem to have only gotten a single room in the Bryant Center (we'll leave it at that). Bryant is catching up with a Government and Law degree.

Fire And Ice @ RWU- The new food caterer Bon Apétit has developed a Fire and Ice style grill and menu as a part of their new main cafeteria. It also seemed as though they had a healthier and larger selection of food options in the cafeteria and other on-campus establishments. We were even able to stop for a smoothie after our tour.

Nice body... of water- Imagine having a water view and it not being the Bryant pond from Hall 7. At RWU nearly every building on campus has a view of the Narragansett Bay. Being by the water creates a sense of tranquility that results in a unique campus atmosphere.

Finishing Touch - The food establishments were equipped with touch screen ordering systems, a far cry from the scribe method used at places like the Sky Ranch Grille and South Side Deli in the Bryant Center. We can imagine that this would cut down on order inaccuracies and reduce confusion and congestion during peak hours.

Things we didn't like...

D for Did It- We found it amusing that at no point in the tour did our guide mention anything about the academic programs, except for the fact that the core classes are "easy and you don't have to worry about them." We also found it funny that in a statistics happy world every parent failed to ask about the academic profile of students who are admitted to RWU.

The F-M-C was B-A-D- The RWU version of the Financial Markets Center seemed to be a rushed and budgeted attempt at putting together what seemed to be the cornerstone of a practical finance education. The room was definitely not setup for its intended purpose. As Bryant students we also found it hard to understand why they did not have Herman Miller chairs.

Ocean View Motel- The RWU freshmen residence hall that we visited made Hall 15 look like the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. From dim hallways to dingy

rugs we found it surprising that prospective students are brought here. It makes us wonder about the residence halls that they did not show us.

See YA!- Look to your left, look to your right, chances are you won't graduate with one of the people sitting next to you at RWU. The retention rate for freshman to sophomores is an abysmal 77% and their six year graduation rate is a disappointing 56%. We would like to point out that the six years does not include a master's degree.

Less Bang More Buck- We are talking about tuition...RWU students have to provide their own computer and receive no technical support. In addition, RWU has a number of fees that are added to their tuition bill. Let's face it, Bryant may charge \$36k...but at least it all comes in one bill.

Things we brought home...

We find it hard to believe that Bryant has not yet capitalized on the fact that Rhode Island currently has only one law school. This might prove to be another way to put Bryant on the map. Bryant is now implementing a pre-law program, but what took them so long?

When Bryant redesigned its cafeteria three years ago they ended up with less seats than they started with. RWU implemented a new cafeteria design that is both comfortable and space efficient. Had we not gone for look over utility we might not be blowing out the back wall of Salmanson this summer.

We recognize that Bryant's student center isn't going anywhere anytime soon, despite our constant knocks at its current state. This however, will not stop us, from voicing our discontent with the situation. Attention to the smaller details through the implementation of such ideas as the touch screens at South Café and the South Side Deli would go a long way toward improving the quality of this building.

As a final note, we think that Roger Williams is on the right track and its potential for growth is promising. We enjoyed our visit and we can see Roger Williams becoming a more competitive choice for prospective students in the future.

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FEB 26 2007-Monday at 23:45
Location: SMITH HOUSE LOT
Summary: A vehicle was towed for being parked illegally.

EMT CALL Medical Services Rendered FEB 26 2007-Monday at 02:29
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: A 911 call was received for a male with a rapid heart rate. EMS was activated.

BURGLARY (RESIDENCE) Burglary/B&E A Dwelling Anytime FEB 26 2007-Monday at 13:00
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: A student reported a stolen laptop.

BURGLARY (RESIDENCE) Burglary / Res. (Unk Time/Attempt) MAR 1 2007-Thursdays at 01:45
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A student reported a missing safe. DPS working in conjunction with the Smithfield Police resulted in the arrest of three Bryant students for burglary.

BURGLARY (from a building) MAR

2 2007-Friday at 09:51
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: A student states her backpack with laptop and cell phone were stolen last night.

VANDALISM Vandalism (Residence) MAR 2 2007-Friday at 20:26
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A report of a broken window in a Residence Hall.

ACCIDENT (MVA) Motor Vehicle Accident MAR 2 2007-Friday at 22:41
Location: ALL AREAS AND BUILDINGS
Summary: A reported motor vehicle accident on the Senior Apartment Roadway. No injuries reported.

EMT CALL Medical Services Rendered MAR 3 2007-Saturday at 23:55
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A report of an intoxicated person. EMS was activated.

ASSAULT Assault and/or Battery MAR 3 2007-Saturday at 01:35
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A reported fight in front of

Residence Hall 14.

VANDALISM (SCHOOL) Vandalism (School Building) MAR 3 2007-Saturday at 22:17
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A reported broken window.

BURGLARY (from a building) MAR 4 2007-Sunday at 01:45
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A report of items taken from a room.

THEFT (from a building) MAR 5 2007-Monday at 1600
Location: BRYANT CENTER and Unistructure
Summary: Four posters advertising the Vagina Monologues were stolen, 2 from the Bryant Center windows, and 2 from the wall leading into the Unistructure.

BIAS INCIDENTS Bias Related Incidents None Reported

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Bias related incident – a threatened, attempted, or completed action that is motivated by bigotry and bias regarding a person's real or perceived race, religion, natural origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, or gender status. Examples of these incidents include name calling, offensive language/acts, and graffiti/behavior.

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E-Board Elections



Speeches- Wednesday 3/21 at 4 p.m. in Papitto
Voting- 3/26-3/27 Outside Salmanson (bring your Bryant ID)
Winners Announced- Wednesday 3/28 at the Senate Meeting

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This Week's Spotlights

Study Abroad Spotlight

Name: Shannon Lavin

Class of: '08

University: University of Westminster

Location: London, England

Partner: Arcadia

Semester Abroad: Fall '06

Duration: September-December

Reason for going:

I went to London to travel around Europe, become more culturally diverse, and have the opportunity to take classes that are not offered here at Bryant.

Best experience/memory:

While abroad I had so many wonderful experiences. I traveled most of Europe and ate dinner in the Eiffel Tower when I visited Paris. I toured Parliament, saw many famous paintings that most people only see in textbooks and I enjoyed

hanging out in some of the best bars and clubs in the world. I toured palaces and castles and experienced so many other things that I can't even list them all! The entire trip was amazing.

Funny cultural experience:

It was very exciting for a group of us to attend a social banquet with one of my professors and enjoy some champagne. Then afterwards he took us to a pub and bought us all a pint. That is the culture in London, while here in the US that would be unacceptable.

How was the school different from Bryant University?

School in London was very different from Bryant University. Classes involved many field trips touring London's history and museums. London has some of the best Museums in the world and it was such a great experience to be able to take an art and society class that involved analyzing some of the most famous paintings in world history.

How did this experience change you?

After traveling to London I have become much more independent and aware of cultural differences. This was a life-changing experience that has already helped me in the business world. Employers like to see that you are independent and aware of worldwide culture.

Would you study abroad again given the opportunity?

If I had the opportunity to study abroad again I would do it in a second. Someday I would like to move back to London and work there for a couple of years. It was the best experience of my life. I will be 90 years old and telling my grandchildren about my time in London; it is one of those experiences that changes your life and you will never forget.



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Organization Spotlight: International Student Organization

What is your organization's full name?
International Student Organization

Who is on your e-board?

President: Nakul Roy
Vice President: Maria Musarskaya
Treasurer: Miguel Flores
Secretary: Sanjana Desai
Historian/Webmaster: Himanshu Bahadur
Public Relations: Deidre Fraser
Advisor- Dee Vieira

When do you meet?

ISO meets on Tuesdays at 4p.m. in Papitto, Bryant Center

What is your main purpose?

We, the members of the International Student Organization of Bryant University, believe first and foremost that ISO should be a means to provide opportunities for students from countries from all over the world to interact, to promote cultural awareness and to create a cooperative spirit within local and world communities, and assist members in their awareness and usage of university resources.

How often do you hold events?

ISO on average holds 4 events per month. Our main events are:

Diwali
IZI
GALA
Cultural Coffee House

How many members does your organization have?

This academic there are 97 paid members.

What are some of your upcoming events?

March 28th: Community Service
April 14th: GALA
April 25th: Cultural Coffee House

How can people contact you if they are interested in joining?

You can contact ISO through:

ISO@bryant.edu
<mailto:ISO@bryant.edu>

www.isobryant.org
<http://www.isobryant.org/>
Office phone 401-232-6303
Advisor ext. 6364

ISO office is located on the second floor of Bryant Center in the ICC.

Also, remember that meetings are open to anyone who is interested and wants to come!

New club hopes to make a difference

By Brigit Clancy
Staff Writer

Colleges Against Cancer is a nationwide organization devoted to raising money to fund programs that search for the cure for cancer. Colleges Against Cancer (CAC) is Bryant's newest campus organization. Bryant's chapter of CAC has become part of a network of more than 175 other colleges and universities nationwide. These chapters share ideas and give support and encouragement through phone calls, regular emails, and a monthly newsletter.

Through the American Cancer Society's Colleges Against Cancer program, college students are enthusiastically getting involved with important issues and making a difference in the lives of people living with cancer. The CAC program allows college students, faculty, and staff to work together to bring American Cancer Society programs and services to college communities nationwide.

Leading the new organization is President Kristen Collins, Vice President Trevor Hambright, Secretary Nickie Archambault, and Treasurer Joe Capezza.

All of the chairs are excited to begin work on CAC here at Bryant. Collins, a member of the sophomore class, said, "By beginning a chapter here on Bryant's campus, our school can now serve as an extremely crucial link in this important cause. I am beyond excited to start involving the campus in this wonderful cause as we begin to take steps enabling researchers to become closer toward finding the cure." Hambright '08, commented, "I am extremely excited to have CAC at Bryant! This is a wonderful organization that allows students to have fun and at the same time make a difference in the lives of people facing cancer. Colleges Against Cancer brings awareness, advocacy, and control of the disease to our community. It is a great pleasure and honor to have Bryant become part of a network of more than 175 other colleges and universities with the common goal of fighting cancer." Archambault '10, said, "I am very excited to have CAC at Bryant. I think this club can relate to the majority of Bryant's population in one way or another. We have the opportunity to reach out to everyone who is willing to get involved!"

Bryant's chapter of Colleges Against Cancer has several main goals. First, CAC would like to establish advocacy programs on campus. Second, the CAC hopes to bring cancer control programs to campus and promote cancer awareness and prevention. Third, this organization hopes to raise money through fundraising on campus. Finally, the CAC would like to have entertaining activities while still raising cancer awareness.

Archambault, on the current goals of Bryant's CAC, said, "Right now, the CAC is focusing on selecting a strong, dedicated group of board members through an application process. After that, the rest of the semester will be dedicated to organizing the Relay for Life and planning events for fall 2007."

Each leader of Bryant's CAC has his or her separate goals for their responsibility as a chair for the organization. Collins said, "My hope is that we can develop the organization to eventually become one of the most popular organizations on campus. I hope to educate the school body on the dangers and risks of cancer and involve each person in various fundraisers that Colleges Against Cancer will be supporting. The club aims to introduce new fundraisers such as 'The Purple Toilet'

and a 'Victoria's Secret PINK Fashion Show' in addition to current programs such as Relay for Life, Making Strides and Daffodil Days. This will enable Bryant University to donate a substantial amount of money to the American Cancer Society."

Hambright commented, "We want to establish cancer advocacy and control programs on campus that promote cancer awareness as well as prevention methods. We will run fundraisers that will raise money for the American Cancer Society. We will also make our organization a collaborative effort that brings students, student organizations, and the local community together. As Vice President, I want to bring these goals to life. I also want to see our membership increase."

Capezza, a member of the junior class, said, "As Treasurer I am looking to implement many cancer awareness programs and fundraisers on campus. Bryant currently has three major cancer fundraisers, which in the past have all gone through the office of Student Activities. But now we are going to take these three major fundraisers and also implement our own fundraisers to help raise money to find a cure. Through these events that CAC is looking to implement, we are hoping that the entire Bryant community, faculty, staff and students, will get involved with this great organization to help find a cure."

CAC will sponsor many cancer awareness events for students. Each month, for example, will have a National Day, such as the National Smoke-out. CAC will also coordinate special off-campus trips for students, such as Making Strides at Roger Williams Park. (Making Strides is a walk similar to Relay for Life.) CAC also plans on taking a trip at least once a month to a children's hospital in Providence to visit patients with cancer.

One of CAC's biggest events is Relay for Life. Capezza said, "Our major event for the semester is Relay for Life and I hope that the entire Bryant community will come out and support this great event. It is not too late to sign up!"

"Relay for Life is a fun-filled 18 hour event that pays tribute to cancer survivors and raises funds for the American Cancer Society," said Hambright.

Cancer awareness in the Bryant community and in communities around the world is the plan of CAC. Hambright said, "We would hope that everyone in the Bryant community would embrace cancer awareness. The disease has touched a number of people's lives on this campus. Our strength comes with numbers. The more people our organization has will ultimately lead to greater awareness, advocacy, and control of the disease." Collins said, "Cancer is unfortunately a disease that has affected millions of people across the world, including many students here at Bryant. I hope that the campus, both students and faculty, can recognize the severity of this disease and will join in supporting our cause. Hopefully, almost everyone will be able to contribute somehow to this new organization's future success."

Colleges Against Cancer's next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 22nd (the week after spring break) at 5:30 PM in Heritage (behind Papitto in the Bryant Center). "I encourage everyone to come to the meeting and learn more about how they can get involved in this club!" said Collins.

Bryant headed back to the NCAA Tournament

By Stephen Demers
Sports Editor

For the fourth straight season, the Bryant men's basketball team has qualified for the Division II NCAA Tournament. The Bulldogs are the three seed in the tournament. They will face the sixth seed, Adelphi University this Saturday at Bentley's Dana Center. Tip-off will be at 12 noon.

Last week the Bulldogs participated in the Northeast-10 Conference Tournament. After finishing the regular season in fourth place, Bryant earned a first round bye and faced AIC in the quarterfinals.

Bryant took control of the game from the start and was fueled by six three pointers in the first half. The Yellow Jackets shot only 38 percent from the floor in the first half and turned the ball over 11 times in the first 20 minutes. Bryant had a 41-27 lead at half time.

In the second half, Jon Ezeokoli and Nate Sudlow helped to extend Bryant's lead to 21 points just five minutes into the half. The Bulldogs made up for AIC's size down low, by using their strength of outside shooting. Chris Burns drained three-consecutive three pointers midway through the half. This put the game away and the Bulldogs ended the night with a 79-63 win.

Burns finished the night with a game-high 19 points and shot 5 of 12 from three-point range. As a team, the Bulldogs made 10 threes and finished shooting 52 percent from the floor.

The win against AIC, set up a rematch with rival Bentley. The Falcons had swept the regular season series against Bryant.

The Bryant faithful packed Bentley's Dana Center and created an electric atmosphere. An early 13-2 run gave Bentley a 25-12 lead six minutes into the game. The Bulldogs would fall behind as much as 15, but Bryant would close the half with an 8-2 run of its own to close at the break, 44-36.



Courtesy of the Athletic Department

Nick Pontes and the Bryant men's basketball team are heading back to the NCAA tournament.

In the second half, Chris Burns hit back-to-back threes to cut the Bulldogs deficit to 56-55. The Falcon's Lew Finnegan pushed the lead back to double digits, 70-59, but the Bulldogs were not done. Orlando Baeza hit a three to cut the lead down to 77-71, but in the final minutes the Bulldogs had trouble hitting key shots and went on to lose the game 85-74.

Baeza had a career-high 16 points, while Dan Hammond posted 12 points and 11 rebounds.

Bentley went on to win the NE-10 tournament by defeating Saint Rose 71-61 and they also set a New England Division II record by winning their 29th straight game.

The Bulldogs will look to get back on the winning track, when they take on Adelphi University in the NCAA Tournament

2007 NCAA Division II Northeast Regional @
Waltham, Mass.

Saturday, March 10, 2007

No. 3 Bryant (19-10) vs. No. 6 Adelphi (18-12),
12:00 pm

No. 2 Saint Rose (21-9) vs. No. 7 Pace (20-12),
2:30 pm

No. 1 Bentley (29-0) vs. No. 8 Caldwell (19-11),
6:00 pm

No. 4 Bridgeport (21-8) vs. No. 5 Philadelphia
(20-9), 8:30 pm

Sunday, March 11, 2007

Bryant / Adelphi winner vs. Saint Rose/Pace
winner, 5:00 pm

Bentley / Caldwell winner vs. Bridgeport/
Philadelphia winner, 7:30 pm

Tuesday, March 13, 2007

Regional Championship, 7 pm

Lady Bulldog season comes to an end

By Alan Waters
Staff Writer

Starting the season, Bryant's women's basketball team was picked to finish 11th in the Northeast 10 conference.

With a predominately young squad, Bryant defied the odds and finished this season ranked 7th and was able to beat St. Michaels in the first round of the Northeast 10 conference tournament. It was a thrilling game, which saw St. Michaels come from behind to force overtime.

Bryant, however, ended overtime with an 11-3 run to move on to the second round where they faced Saint Rose, the number two seed in the tournament. Against St. Michaels, Bryant received another outstanding performance from Kelsey O'Keefe who posted 14 points and 10 rebounds, another double-double for the season. Bryant also got amazing contributions from other key players. Lauren Rubenoff finished with 14 points, while Courtney Schermerhorn added not only an amazing defensive presence, but posted great total numbers, 9 points, 8 rebounds



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and 6 steals along with 37 minutes of playing time. Joanna Skiba had three clutch free throws in overtime to cap off the convincing home court win for Bryant.

Then came the Saint Rose game; Bryant played tough the entire game and came away just short. The final score was 78-73. The Bulldogs got the score as close as 74-72, but just could not pull close enough for the comeback win. This was the result of the great play of Saint Rose's Mary Lewis who posted 23 points. Not to be out done, Bryant had its own share of great performances. Kelsey O'Keefe scored a game high 24 points. Bryant, like it has all season, saw strong performances from seniors Joanna Skiba, Erin Murphy and Lauren Rubenoff.

Lynne-Ann Kokoski and Courtney Schermerhorn also had very productive days as well.

Overall this years women's basketball team did extremely well and proved their critics wrong. Only good things are to come for this team in the upcoming years. Surrounded by youth, the Bulldogs can only look to improve and climb their way back to the top of the Northeast-10 standings.

Top Dogs

Taylor Ferguson

Year: Freshman

Sport: Baseball



Courtesy of the Athletic Department

Why this dog was picked: Had nine hits in 16 at-bats in four games at Ft. Pierce, Fla. Launched his first collegiate home run, a three-run shot in a 24-8 victory over Felician. Scored the game-winning run in the tenth inning in a 6-4 extra-inning win over Concordia after drawing a bases-loaded walk.

Kelsey O'Keefe

Year: Freshman

Sport: Basketball



Courtesy of the Athletic Department

Why this dog was picked: Posted 24 points, two shy of her career high and added nine boards in a 78-73 loss to Saint Rose in the Northeast-10 Quarterfinals. Finished as Bryant's leading scorer and rebounder in the 2006-07 season and was named last week's conference Player of the Week and Freshman of the Week.

Men's lacrosse creating a new buzz in '07

By Stephen Demers
Sports Editor

Success has followed the Bryant men's lacrosse team since its inception. The program has never experienced a losing season and is regularly in the top-10 Division II rankings. The hiring of Coach Mike Pressler this summer, however, has created a new buzz around this sport on campus.

The Bulldogs' 2007 schedule is definitely the most competitive in the program's history. It features seven teams ranked in the top-10 Division II preseason poll. The highlight of the schedule will be March 24th when the Bulldogs take on NE-10 rival Le Moyne at home. Le Moyne has won the NE-10 regular season title for the past seven years and has won the Division II national championship two out of the last three years. The move to Division II may be an adjustment for Coach Pressler, but he is well aware of the strong programs his squad will face this season.

"I don't have a feel for the Division II competition yet. I'm well aware of Le Moyne and their success, and Adelphi, and C.W. Post," said Pressler.

The 2007 squad has twenty-seven returning players, seven of whom were starters last season. The team, however, does have limited experience and depth. There are only two seniors on the roster, Co-captains Bryan Molk and

Corey MacDougall, and only 37 players on the entire roster.

The attack looks solid for the Bulldogs, as they have three starting sophomores who combined for 76 goals last season. The sophomores are Bryan Kauffman, Matt McKeefrey, and Kevin Hoagland. Hoagland feels that the team has been working well together so far. "It's been a great team experience.

Veterans dominate the midfield for Bryant. Senior Bryan Molk and junior Jim Long will combine to set the tempo offensively. In addition, freshman Brad Burton has emerged as a starter.

The last line of defense also is strong for the Bulldogs. Corey MacDougall and Sean Pasley are both experienced defenders. Meanwhile, freshman Matt Murnane will also see a lot of playing time.

Last year's All-American, Andrew Hennessey returns as the team's face-off specialist. As a freshman, Hennessey won 65 percent of his face-offs. The Bulldog net will be manned by Michael Kennedy. Last season Kennedy made 89 saves.

The Bulldogs, picked to finish second in the NE-10 Preseason Coaches Poll, have dropped their first two non-conference games this season. In their opener, the Bulldogs lost 6-5 to seventh ranked Adelphi. Last weekend, fifth ranked C.W. Post pulled out a 10-7 win. In both games, the Bulldogs out shot their opponents, but strong opposing goalies have been the deciding factor. Both games saw large crowds supporting the Bulldogs.

During spring break, Bryant will play St. Andrews at Georgetown University and practice for four days at the home of University of Virginia. They will then face 2005 Division II national champion New York Institute of Technology. The Bulldogs return home March 20th to face NE-10 foe Pace.

As the 2007 lacrosse season picks up steam, it looks to be very exciting for the Bulldogs.



Courtesy of the Athletic Department

Midfielder Jim Long and the Bulldogs are creating a buzz around campus this spring.

We only have a couple upperclassmen so it's been the younger guys bringing the team together," he said.

High expectations for upcoming Lady Bulldog season

By David Giardino
Assistant Sports Editor

The Northeast-10 preseason coaches poll predicted the Bryant University women's lacrosse team to finish third in the conference in the upcoming 2007 spring season. The Bulldogs received precisely 100 points in the poll, including one first place vote. Only Stonehill, the defending Northeast-10 conference champion, and Merrimack, the team that ended the Bulldog's season last year in the conference semifinals, warranted a higher ranking. Bentley and St. Michael's were chosen to round out the top five of what is expected to be a competitive and formidable conference.

An impressive run to end the 2006 season is certainly one reason for the high expectations in the forthcoming year. The Lady Bulldogs were victorious in eight of nine games before suffering a heart-breaking loss to Merrimack in the NE-10 semifinals, just one game short of the conference championship. The team won their final seven regular season conference games, including impressive victories at Bentley and at St. Michael's. Overall, the Lady Bulldogs compiled an 11-5 record (8-2 within the conference) en route to a successful 2006 season.

Coach Karen Rife, in her third season as the Lady Bulldog's head coach, has put together two successful seasons during her time at Bryant. Coach Rife welcomes back seniors Shaun Leddy and Lauren Carlisle, two all-conference players that started every game for the squad last season, a key to the team's overall success. Leddy recorded 40 goals and 20 assists in 2006, while Carlisle added 41 goals and 12 assists of her own. 2006 freshman standout Delia Glover also played a starring role in the Lady Bulldogs' previous season. Glover tied Lauren Carlisle with a team-leading 41 goals, and was highly regarded as one of the best freshmen in the Northeast-10 conference. In fact, much of the Bulldogs' potential success in 2007 hinges on the play of the aforementioned athletes. Leddy, Carlisle, and Glover were responsible for exactly 50% of the



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Senior Shaun Leddy and the Lady Bulldogs have been picked to finish 3rd in the Pre-season poll.

team's goals last season. Mix in the fact that the team lost some valuable seniors going into this season, and look for those three women to have stand-

out years.

It is evident by the last two seasons and the 2007 projections that the Lady Bulldogs are expected to have great success this spring. Yet the term "success" is highly subjective, depending on the perspective. It isn't to say the last two seasons haven't been marked with accomplishment; still, the team was handed disappointing losses to Merrimack in the NE-10 semifinals in each of the last two seasons. Certainly overcoming this hurdle is high on the team's to-do list this season. The team can certainly start off on the right foot with a victory in the season-opener, a March 16th showdown in Florida against regional powerhouse CW Post, a team that has handed the Lady Bulldogs losses in the last two seasons as well. The squad should have no trouble remembering it was CW Post that handed them their worst loss of last season, a 21-8 defeat on April Fools Day that fueled the team to win their next five games.

Another key aspect that will be a core component to a successful season is a quick start – something the women's lacrosse team has been unable to do in their recent history. Before the Lady Bulldogs' impressive stretch run in 2006, they were 3-3, and merely 1-2 in the conference. A quick start, especially in such a short season, can make all the difference in a competitive conference, and it can be certain that a strong showing in March against four conference opponents is high on Coach Rife's priority list.

The Lady Bulldogs will play their first home game at 4:00 p.m. on March 19th against New Haven, part of a three game home-stand that may very well set the stage for what the team hopes will be a successful, impressive spring. With the return of a quality head coach and three players with strong potential to be all-conference in 2007, there is no doubt that the upcoming spring is expected to be loaded with achievements, achievements superseding what any preseason coaches poll predicts.

As Bryant takes the field, Pressler returns to coaching

By Stephen Demers
Sports Editor

(Note: This article originally appeared on ESPN.com and Insidelacrosse.com)

The long awaited return to the sidelines for former Duke Coach Mike Pressler finally ended Saturday when his Bryant Bulldogs took on Adelphi. The short rows of aluminum stands surrounding Bryant's lacrosse field may have been a far cry from Duke's Koskinen Stadium, but for Coach Pressler this was the beginning of a new chapter.

"Nine, ten months ago, there was no way I thought I would be sitting here. I thought my career was over. But I'm back in an area that I love, in Rhode Island," said Pressler.

The day-to-day pressure of managing a Division I lacrosse program such as Duke may be gone, but Pressler scoffs at the idea that coaching at the Division II level is a walk in the park.

"Playing Adelphi is just as exciting for me as playing Virginia. I take offense to people telling me that, 'coach, you will be right back coaching at a Division I level again in a few years. You'll be right back on top.' And that bothers me. It's not about the Roman numeral in the division you're coaching; it's about where you are."

For the placid campus of Bryant University, the hiring of Coach Pressler introduced the school to a brand new world of celebrity. The school was inundated with interview requests from various local and national media outlets. His new athletes were thrown into the spotlight. Pressler, however, was quick to address the situation with his new players.

"They had to know what the deal (the Duke situation) was when I got here. They weren't a part of it, but they became a part of it. I had to be up-front and truthful about everything that happened at Duke with my current players. I certainly addressed it, and they know what's coming."

Character is a concept that Pressler has always stressed at all levels throughout his coaching career. The character that his former players have shown over the last few months is a source of pride for him.

"There are certain core values that you do this with, and you never deviate. I don't care what adversity you face. We stayed the course and stayed loyal. When I look back at my tenure at Duke, the one thing I am most proud of is that not one man from Duke transferred after what happened. Can you believe that? That's a tribute to the character, and how they stayed the course. And here we are today, the truth is coming out."

Pressler's return also prompted support from some of his former players. Dan Flannery, a senior on last year's Duke squad, came to Bryant to support his former coach.

"I'm at Bryant to support Coach Pressler and the Bryant university lacrosse team," said Flannery. "What happened to coach Pressler was a travesty. I admire Bryant for hiring Coach Pressler and look forward to watching them this season."

Pressler resigned as head coach of Duke University last spring amid allegations that three of his

player had raped an exotic dancer at a team party. The rape charges have since been dropped but kidnapping and sexual assault charges remain for three former Duke players. The case has brought about a lot of emotion for Pressler and his family.

"There's a lot of emotions you have to work your way through when you're home alone with your family, walking six, seven miles around the block, thinking what's next. One of the best things we did was not comment publicly. We knew the truth was on our side. We weathered the storm, and we came out on top."

Since its inaugural season in 2000, the Bryant University Bulldogs have posted a .652 winning percentage, reaching their conference championship twice in the last three years. Pressler, however, hopes to bring the program to the next level. He is already excited about next year's recruiting class.

"Well, I wasn't on the road recruiting this summer so I had not seen this freshman class play until I got here. But it's a great class, and moving forward, four of the recruits coming to Bryant next year came off our Duke list. I'm not sure if it's the best group, but the one thing that next year's class has is their strength of character. It's second to none and we're going to build around those guys. We're in this for the long haul. There's no quick fix here. Hopefully down the road, we can entice scholars in the classroom and terrific athletes on the field."

Bryant's lacrosse players are also excited about the upcoming season and the opportunity to play for one of the most recognized names in the game.

"Coach coming here has given us that chance to succeed at our highest level. You have 37 individuals in the locker room all going for one goal," said senior co-captain Bryan Molk.

His teammate, sophomore Kevin Hoagland, added "It was exciting to play for one of the best coaches ever in men's lacrosse. We worked hard in preseason and we're ready to play."

On this cold February afternoon, the Bryant Bulldogs dropped their season opener to Adelphi University 6-5. For Coach Pressler this was not just another game, but the return to doing something important, coaching young athletes.

"It's great to be back in the game and doing what you love to do, and to be working for a university that is committed to success in athletics and is doing it the right way. We have an exciting vision for the future in Bryant athletics, and men's lacrosse is right in the middle of that vision."



Courtesy of the Athletic Department

Coach Mike Pressler returned to the lacrosse field and looks to bring the Bryant program to the next level.

Waters Way: Baseball is back



By Alan Waters
Staff Writer

March is here and for many true fans that means baseball is back! That is right, baseball is upon us and it seems like just yesterday we were watching perhaps the worst World Series in many, many years. Do not get me wrong, I think the St. Louis Cardinals have a good team, but to win the World Series? The playoffs last year were more pathetic than Prince's halftime performance during the Super Bowl,

which I am still bitter about in all ways...Go Pats! Anyways, that is over and done with now and we officially had the start of the baseball preseason this week. I could not be happier, unless we found a quick way to fast forward through this dismal 40-50 degree weather and extend spring break to last a month. However, since we live in reality and in the now, let us talk about what really is at hand.

RED SOX baseball, that is right sox nation, we are back and this year newer than ever, literally. This season the Red Sox will look to combine their veteran talent along with many new faces, even more so than last year's club, which, let's be honest, was a bit disappointing. But heck, we can get over that considering the Sox spent more than enough

money this season to correct last year's mistakes. We brought in fresh faces in our lineup which are upgrades compared to what we brought in last year. We finally have a solid, proven lead off man in Julio Lugo, who if fans remember always played well in a Devil Rays jersey. His presence allows Coco Crisp to relax and play solid defense, and I truly believe last year was a small bump in the road for him. Look for big things from each of these guys with their tremendous speed and defense.

The Sox are also bringing up a prospect in Dustin Pedroia, our new starting second basemen. He can not only play strong defense, but in all likelihood will provide a bit more offense than Alex Cora. In the outfield we also added strength with the final signing of J.D. Drew, which just adds to our strange outfield happenings. We always have to deal with "Manny being Manny", and listening to others say he will not show up to spring training on time, and then he magically appears like a jack in the box.

Pitching wise it looks as if the Sox came into Spring Training not only reloading their guns, but waxing and shining them as well. Theo Epstein went out and signed a boat load of guys for the bullpen. Many of them will look to compete for the infamous closer role for the Red Sox this season. The list includes **Joel Pineiro, Brendan Donnelly and J.C. Romero. All these guys are looking to compete for the closer's role as if it were the MTV show NEXT. Hopefully the Red Sox have found one lucky pitcher in their bus.**

Finally the Red Sox went out and invested over 100 million dollars for a kid (yes I said; kid he is only 26 years old) that could be one of the most dominating pitchers in the world, according to some scouts and general managers. **Daisuke Matsuzaka** has already made a name for himself. Personally, I love the nickname "Dice K". I am a craps player myself so it seems only fitting, and oh by the way I am wearing my "Dice K" shirt as we speak. This kid is unreal and he throws a pitch that, unless you're taught at the age of 4, is at times completely unhittable.

With all these new faces and the strong returning cast of Tek, Lowell, Ortiz, Manny, Schilling, Beckett, who I promise will have a great year, and the always faithful Tim Wakefield, this team looks to be strong. Of course there are many questions. Who is the closer? Will Manny stop whining? Is Clemens going to pitch for the Sox? Are Schilling and Wakefield too old? Will "Dice K" be worth it? So let me just say it happens every year; we make moves and then we question them. Everyone does it.

My advice is this, sit back, enjoy the season and bask in the glory that summer is getting that much closer and nice weather is upon us. Go Sox!

2007 American League Preview

By Greg Hirshorn
Variety Editor

It's that time of year once again; it is a tangible feeling that can be felt in the air outside, it feels like baseball. After the long winter, fans are ready to hear those all too familiar words, "Play Ball"! Spring is great because every team has a new start, a clean slate to work with. Anything can happen as the possibilities for this season are endless. Every team has strengths and weaknesses and I will be reviewing the American League teams in this issue and the National League teams in the next issue.

Let's start in the American League East. This is by far the most talented division in the entire game. With the large payrolls of the Yankees and Red Sox, the talent on the field is tremendous each and every year. The rivalry that the Yankees have with the Red Sox only intensifies the race for the crown in the east. I will spend more time talking about the Sox and Yankees than the rest of the league, as I realize this is what people are interested in.

AL East

1) Yankees- The Yankees enter the upcoming season with the return of talented pitcher Andy Pettitte. Pettitte is the type of pitcher who is built for New York and knows how to perform under the amount of pressure that is placed on a player when they enter Yankee Stadium. Last year Pettitte went 13-14 with the Astros. I feel he will improve this year pitching somewhere he is comfortable and will be on his way to a 17 win season. The line up is stacked from top to bottom with the only possible exception being the first base position. The Yankees have several first basemen for the upcoming year in Mientkiewicz, Philips, Phelps, and Giambi. Giambi will be used primarily as a designated hitter in the 2007 season. The outfield for the Yankees is almost too talented, meaning that they have so many great caliber players but not enough spots on the field to fit them all. With the signing of Abreu and emergence of Melky Cabrera the Yankees have four outfielders who deserve to be starting with only three spots available. It will be interesting to see how Joe Torre handles this situation through platooning the four or possibly using the extra outfielder as a DH on the days Giambi does play first base.

2) Red Sox- The Sox's main activity in the off-season was the major acquisition of Daisuke Matsuzaka at a total cost of just over 103 million dollars. This is an extremely gutsy move on the part of the Red Sox as there are no guarantees as to whether or not Daisuke will be able to adjust properly to the major leagues which are remarkably different from the type of ball he was playing in Japan. With expectations so huge, due to the amount of money it cost the team to sign him, it will be difficult to perform at the level people are going to be expecting. Matsuzaka will be a solid number three starter, not the ace of the league that some people are making him out to be. Boston also does not have a permanent closer in place as they may end up using a closer by rotation system. Papelbon was a terrific closer last year but for some reason I do not fully understand why the Sox agreed to give him a chance as a starting pitcher. JD Drew will be a new outfielder for Boston to fill the void of Trot Nixon; fans can just hope that this will work out for the best. The biggest weapon the Sox have which will benefit them the most during the season is the monstrous combination of Manny Ramirez and David Ortiz, who always seem to be at the top of their game.

3) Blue Jays- One change for the Blue Jays that is difficult to miss is the acquisition of Frank Thomas. For the small amount of money that Toronto spent on Thomas this is a great addition to the team. Thomas adds needed power to the lineup and continues to prove his critics wrong as his age does not appear to be as much of a factor as it is with some other ballplayers. It comes down to pitching for the Blue Jays, they need more of it.

4) Devil Rays- For the amount of money the Devil Rays spent, the team that they put out on the field is a very good one. The pitchers that they do have are smaller names for the most part but they are capable of keeping their team in the game when performing at their peak. With star pitcher Scott Kazmir, speedster Carl Crawford, and young gun Delmon Young, this team is headed in the right direction.

5) Orioles- The Baltimore Orioles may just be the worst team in the American League. They have no legitimate starting pitching which makes it impossible for the team to stay competitive. The big player in the Oriole line up is Miguel Tejada who I do not see as that great a player; he tends to come through when it does not matter as much, and struggles under pressure filled situations. The fans of Balti-

more are not happy with the team and attendance has shown this; the team is not in good shape.

AL Central

1) Twins- The Twins have built a team that is prepared to win now but at the same time the squad has the youth to be a power into the future. It all starts with pitching, something that the Twins are filled to the top with. Johan Santana is the team's ace and the best pitcher in the American league right now. He went 19-6 last year with an ERA under 3.0, almost unheard of against the powerful American League hitters. This staff is the best in the league with Liriano as a number two starter and help in the bullpen from Nathan and Reyes. The offense is just as potent with stars Joe Mauer and reigning MVP Justin Morneau. The outfield needs



Courtesy of MCT Campus

Daisuke Matsuzaka and the Red Sox will be looking to overtake the New York Yankees in 2007.

some work with the exception of Torii Hunter. The Twins are a force to be reckoned with in the upcoming season and should not be forgotten.

2) Tigers - Not many people expected the Tigers to have a breakout year last season but hey, that's why they play the games; you never know. It will be difficult, if not impossible, for Detroit to come through with the same kind of pitching they did in the playoffs last October. Their pitching is talented with Verlander and Zumaya but, Kenny Rogers can not be relied on for his playoff type performance of last year. The Tigers added outfielder Garry Sheffield who is a good player when he feels like trying. He stopped trying in New York but in Detroit he will perform better as he is being managed by longtime friend Jimmy Leyland. Most of the remaining players on the Tigers are average with the exception of Magglio Ordonez. Last year was a dream season for the Tigers with just about everything going their way but, this season will be a dose of reality when the Tigers do not make the playoffs.

3) White Sox - Their pitfall is the fact that they lack the proper amount of starting pitching. Closer Bobby Jenks is the bright spot of the pitching staff who finished last year with an impressive 41 saves. The offense is led by Jim Thome and Jermaine Dye, both bringing a large amount of power to the plate. You can expect good numbers from Thome this year as he is one of my favorite players to watch with his consistent and beautifully formed swing. Dye is becoming a reputable threat (last year he hit .315 with 44 home runs), the pop he brings in his bat with every trip to the plate is incredible. Games are won and lost with pitching and that is why the White Sox are going to have some problems.

4) Indians- You can draw a line above Cleveland and Kansas City separating them from contention with the rest of the division. It is a toss up in which order these two teams finish in the close battle for last place. Lee, Sabathia, and Westbrook are a few of the starting

pitchers for the Tribe who can hold the team above water for a short period of time with a good amount of luck involved. The pitching on this team makes the offense look stellar in comparison. The Indians do not have a semi-star or standout player that can produce for them. Sox fans may be interested in the Indians to watch their former outfielder Trot Nixon.

5) Royals- I do not understand what the Kansas City Royals are trying to do with their 'team', if you can even call it that. Most teams either acquire young players and play for the future or they acquire veterans and play to win at a sooner time. What the Royals are doing is keeping around a large number of middle aged players with limited talent and no specific goal in sight. That luxury tax money that the Royals receive must be going to fatten the pockets of the owners as opposed to being spent to sign talent to put on the diamond. They have no pitching and a small amount of hitting which will lead to a painfully long season for the Royals.

AL West

1) Angels- Jared Weaver is the ace of the Angels' pitching staff and if he puts forth an effort like he did last year the rotation may be able to hold its own. He does not have that much support in the starting rotation; he is going to have to bring his top game to every game that he starts. The bullpen looks much better than the starting pitching with a great closer in Francisco Rodriguez. I like the way the offense is set up because they have several players who run the bases aggressively, putting themselves in scoring position frequently. The majority of the offense comes from the bat of Vladimir Guerrero who can hit the long ball as well as compile a solid batting average. You can expect a solid performance from Vlad as he is always a consistent and talented player.

2) Athletics - This off-season Oakland lost their star pitcher in Barry Zito who was overplayed by the San Francisco Giants. Whenever a team loses their ace it is never a good thing but the A's are in shape to deal with the inconvenience of losing their top starter. Danny Harden will be the new ace of the staff; I feel he is of age now and mature enough to take on that the position of number one starter. The support around Harden is not what it needs to be which will lead to problems for the team. Oakland will be improved with the addition of Mike Piazza who is very talented for his age and a good veteran voice in the locker room for such a young team. The Athletics are not a team built for power hitting but rather ABC baseball, which is a fundamentally sound game using bunts, sacrifice flies and whatever it takes to move runners around the bases. They have been successful using this type of game in the past so I predict it will continue to work for the future.

3) Rangers- Texas has issues with their pitching which will be their downfall in the long run. Vicente Padilla will be one of the top starters, just going to show how shallow and ill prepared they are for the upcoming season. If a baseball fan like myself does not know the majority of starters in a team's rotation it can be easily said that the team is in need of some major changes. The infield defense is solid with two great gloves in Blalock and Young. That pair along with fellow infielder Mark Teixeira are able to hit the ball and make it difficult for opposing pitchers to work around that meaty part of their line up. The hot hitting is not true for the outfielders as the big bats that most outfields in the major leagues contain are not in place for the Rangers.

4) Mariners- I have said it before but it can never be said enough, if you do not have pitching you will not win games. The Mariners are a team with no pitching. When I say that the Mariners have no pitching I mean that there is not one even potentially reliable starter who can provide the team with much needed support. There is not much more to comment on in terms of pitching because, like I said earlier, a team with no strong arms will lose and lose often. For offense the Mariners rely on the bats of Ichiro and Richie Sexton, a good combination of power and contact. Ichiro is one of the most skilled players in the game with the ability to hit any pitch thrown and be a menace once on base. Sexton specializes in hitting homeruns; you can always expect a good amount of dingers from Richie. In all, Ichiro and Sexton will not be able to bring Seattle out of the hole they are in.

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Students Speak Out

Would you hook up with
someone you met on craig's
list?



"Meeting someone on
Craig's list is creepy. You
don't know who you're
dealing with on the other
end, you could run the
risk of getting brutally
raped or mugged."
Ashley Ammendolia '08



"No way, I have much
higher standards than
that."
Drew Green '10



"No I would NOT date
or hook up with some-
one online because it's
sketchy and unsafe. Plus
he would probably be
ugly."
Melissa Daley '07



"Never! I would never
meet up with anyone on
any of the online meeting
sites."
Dita Fraser '09



"Absolutely not because I
wouldn't want to get her-
pes!"
Paula Welch '08



"No way, chances are I
would get AIDS or some-
thing. It just doesn't
sound like a good idea."
Blaine Flore '08



"I wouldn't want to get
raped by a diseased sketch
ball."
Meghan Johnson '10



"Probably not because it
is not the most personal
way to meet someone.
Usually people have a
tendency to over adver-
tise themselves on the in-
ternet."
Ryan Cipriano '09

Words of Wellness: Keep Spring Break Healthy and Safe



By Jen DiPrete
Staff Columnist

Finally, after a cold, but not snow-filled winter, Spring Break is upon us. It's time to relax and forget about the responsibilities of papers, meetings, exams, and deadlines. Most are ready for an escape and some will be heading to warmer and sunnier destinations. With the welcomed respite come thoughts of "MTV's Spring Break," "Girls Gone Wild," and other images we have become accustomed to identifying with Spring Break that make some of us laugh and others turn away in disgust. In hoping that all return safe and re-

freshed, here are some reminders to help yourself, your friends, and others.

-Limit alcohol consumption.

If drinking alcohol is part of your break, remember that it can impair your judgment and actions. Don't accept open containers from others as it only takes a second to add a date rape drug to your drink. If you have been out in the sun all day and have not eaten, you are already dehydrated; alcohol will only make the dehydration worse and make for a very unpleasant evening. Don't hit the ocean or pool water if you have had too much to drink. Your chances of injuring yourself in the water, or worse, drowning, greatly increase.

-Be active.

Take advantage of the shoreline and soft beach sand. Take a jog or brisk walk to keep your metabolism from slowing down. If you're on a cruise ship, work out in the designated areas of the ship for physical activity. If you're at a resort, check out the fitness center. Almost every hotel these days, regardless of rating, has some type of exercise equipment. Enjoy the surrounding areas and walk to as many locations as possible - given it is a safe environment. Just because you're on "break" doesn't mean you should abandon your fitness routine.

-Plan a successful trip.

Are vaccinations required where you are going? Are there special food, destination/environmental or other things you need to consider? If you're taking medications, do you have enough for the trip? Know what's happening en route or at your travel destination. Be familiar with local emergency contact information.

-Protect yourself.

Love is all around and so are sexually transmitted infections (STIs). The only 100% sure way to prevent STIs and unintended pregnancy is by not having sex. If you choose to have sex, using latex condoms will help decrease your risk. Be sure to check the date on the condom to ensure it has not expired. Women are more likely to be victims of sexual violence than men. Take precautions to avoid situations or persons that may

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Kennedy Uncensored: 3,560 Dead, Society Wounded



By Brian S. Kennedy
Assistant Opinion Editor

During Women's History Month, we are provided a chance to be exposed to the issues that affect women in society. There is no issue at present more destructive to women than abortion. Turning mothers into murderers in the name of "choice" and personal freedom is despicable. A choice to kill is a choice to kill, whether the propaganda lords decide to count the victim as a person or not. Pregnant women never say they are having a fetus, they say they are having a baby.

You may be asking what the number in the title is. I will give you three clues: It is not the death toll in Iraq over 4 years (that number is still around 3,100). It is not the number of people killed on 9/11 (that number is around 3,000). It is a number that those who wish to call these deaths irrelevant never want you to reflect on. 3,560 is the number of abortions that occur daily in the United States. This number is calculated by taking the number of abortions annually: 1,300,000,

and dividing by the number of days in a year: 365.25. Proponents of abortion say that abortions should be safe, legal, and rare. If over three thousand people died every day from any other cause, no one would dare call such deaths a rarity. Disregard for a moment the fact that death by abortion isn't so much passing away as it is being killed at the direct request of another.

The idea that the termination of a pregnancy does not destroy a human life is itself counterintuitive; if a fetus is not alive, there is no need to destroy it. These days we have the marvel of human medicine called the sonogram, now in the 4-D version. Anyone who can look at a moving sonogram and tell you that it is only "your body and attached appendages" is either unqualified to read sonograms or deliberately lying.

Worse still is if you dare to bring up this little hitch in Planned Parenthood and other abortion providing agencies' propaganda, they will accuse you of being anti-woman and then go on an insane rant full of insults and personal conjectures that have nothing to do with your criticism. I should know; I addressed them last year and let us just say that criticizing the abortion lobby for not taking a stance on the double murder of Laci and Connor Peterson (Laci's unborn child) does not have anything to do with whether I want a "pure girl"

for my wedding day, although that is where the conversation ended up.

Then there is the monstrosity of partial-birth abortion, where a child is partially delivered, and then surgical forceps are applied to the head, crushing the skull and delivering the baby dead. The smokescreen employed to get off that topic is that Partial-Birth Abortion is not a scientific term and purposely invokes emotion; the proper term is "Intact Dilation and Extraction."

This argument is a non-sequitur; nobody uses myocardial infarction to describe when a loved one has a heart attack, even though it is the proper scientific term. If I committed a murder and called it Kwygibo to be obtuse, it would still be murder. This procedure has been deemed to be never medically necessary by the American Medical Association, yet Wikipedia says it accounts for 0.17% of all abortions. That is still six and three-eighths abortions a day, or 2,210 a year. Over two thousand patently unnecessary deaths a year! If this were bird flu we'd be shouting "Apocalypse Now!"

That is enough about the purveyors of this evil and their tactics, now to move on to the second part of the title: the wounding of society caused by this evil. Abortion is celebrated in pro-choice circles as "a woman's right to

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Letter to the editor: To the Coward(s) who removed The Vagina Monologues posters:

Get a life. Get a clue. Get some help. You need it.

When Eve Ensler wrote *The Vagina Monologues*, she wanted to raise awareness about violence and sexual assault. The thought-provoking monologues are the result of hours and hours of conversations with many women all over the world. Some are humorous and allow the audience to laugh and celebrate women's sexuality. Others are disturbing and upsetting. With Bryant's annual production of *The Vagina Monologues*, we are part of a national movement on campus.

Although we may hold different views on some aspects of female sexuality, we can all agree that there is way too much violence against women in our culture and that we must find ways to decrease this shameful part of our culture. The *Vagina Monologues* raise awareness and concern about the treatment of women.

Sadly, this year's production was marred by a coward or cowards on this campus who took it upon themselves to remove as many of our posters as possible which were taped to the Bryant Center and the Unistructure. It seems the word "vagina" prompted someone to trample on our right to free speech. Pathetic.

Sincerely,

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KU: Abortion

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choose." They leave out four crucial words: "to kill her children." Is turning the womb, historically a symbol of safety, warmth, motherhood, and protection, into a lethal injection chamber really the best option the "pro-women" lobby can think of? Turning mothers into murderers has had a horrendous effect on society; when you devalue the weakest and most vulnerable of human life, you devalue all human life. First it is abortions based on "viability," "definition of personhood," "every child a wanted child," and "future quality of life." Next thing you know Terri Schiavo is being starved to death because she isn't worth saving, even though her parents are willing to incur the cost. Then you start looking at recently born handicapped and retarded children through your Mystical 8-Ball, making conjectures about their future quality of life and whether they can be counted as "persons" if they can't understand Shakespeare. What if Grandma goes into a coma? Her living will could be overridden based solely on what future quality of life her caregivers predict and what they want for themselves. "Every sick grandparent is a wanted grandparent," otherwise pull the plug and screw the old hag!

According to research compiled from the Alan Guttmacher Institute (Planned Parenthood's research branch, accepted by both sides), most of the reasons cited for abortion are social reasons, which make up 96% of all

abortions (the remainder is 1% medical and 3% unknown). While the abortion lobby often touts the "hard cases" of rape, incest, and medical issues, one does not create the rule by applying the exception. If you dare cite such statistics, you will be met with "abortion is always a hard decision, how dare you trivialize it you *invective usually goes here*." I don't make the statistics; I just know what they are. Abortion should be a hard decision! Any decision where you destroy another human life solely to preserve your current standard of living should be so difficult that it should dissuade you from making that decision in the first place.

Pregnancy is no more a "punishment" for having sex than falling on your ass is a punishment for recklessly running onto a patch of ice; you can predict the natural outcome of your actions. It isn't "the patriarchy" or "those damned misogynist pro-lifers" fault. If the "pro-woman" feminists honestly believe men and women are too stupid to know that sex leads to pregnancy, they suffer from a lack of faith in human intelligence.

Women deserve better, society deserves better, than a procedure which does not help women with the root causes of their problem – such as an abusive boyfriend or poor finances. It does not aid society, permits the devaluation of human life, and disproportionately targets the most vulnerable segments of the population. This is America; we deserve a solution that doesn't trample on the inalienable right to life.

Surprise, Surprise, Surprise



By Greg Hirshorn
Staff Writer

I enjoy all types of surprises. When I was younger some kids would try to find out what presents they were receiving for their birthdays, but I on the other hand would go out of my way to not find out what I was getting. Not knowing that you are going to get an item, and the fact that it could be pretty much anything, was such a thrill as I got to go through the possibilities in my mind, dreaming of all of the wonderful things I may receive in the morning. I am not as excited about surprises at this point in my life but I still enjoy them. That is why I am disappointed every year when somehow the spring weekend band is leaked and the surprise of the band is ruined.

About a month ago I found out from a friend of mine which band was going to be appearing at the school for spring weekend. I was excited to hear this news but not as excited as I would have been, knowing the surprise band was going

to be announced on a certain date at a certain time. When there is a date in advance I enjoy trying to guess the band, but this fantasy is ruined every year when I learn who will be coming ahead of time.

It was not just me who found out about what band was appearing but many students in the Bryant community. To prove my point, when I announced my idea to write this article during an Archway meeting, (every Monday at 4:30 in room 2B) and a person who will remain nameless blurted out the name of the band so that anyone who may not have known who the band was going to be at that point knew. Another person I know has the band's name in his or her AIM profile.

It makes me realize how difficult it is to keep a secret. At a young age almost everyone is unable to keep secrets. Even as a college student I would be willing to say that, as much as you may not want to face the facts, if you knew a secret and a conversation you were in regarding the secret at hand was taking place, it would prove very difficult to not blurt out the information.

Wouldn't it be so much more fun if nobody on the campus knew which band was coming to perform until it was officially announced? The entire campus would be buzzing with anticipation as

everyone would be on edge and waiting for the moment that they have patiently waited for. It is not as much fun when everyone knows in advance and could care less about the official announcement because they know what is going to be announced.

The fact that everyone knows what is going to happen so far in advance makes the actual concert, once it comes around, a lesser deal than it would have been. Now that I have known for a month, by the time O.A.R. comes to the school I will have the mindset of "Finally! That took way too long." If I found out when it was meant to be announced that would leave just enough time to get excited for the show without feeling like it took too long to arrive.

Something that I would suggest for the future to keep the spring bands secret is have the students vote for an artist and then an administrative official hire the band. Thus, the odds of information being released is much lower. SPB could still run spring weekend by making t-shirts and other forms of promotion without students knowing who the band is. The fewer the amount of students who do know the band, the better the odds of the band remaining a secret until officially announced.

Observations

By Lauren Cimino and Ryan P. Daley

Vandalism is Intolerable

To whoever the jerks are that vandalized those Vagina Monologue posters, shame on your sorry hides. People put a lot of work into creating posters and other flyers for events, and to treat their effort in such a manner, regardless of content, is despicable. Grow a backbone, losers.

Impressive Annoyance

We understand you are strong as an ox and a bad, buff dude, but please don't throw the weights down on the floor of the Gym. It is completely unnecessary.

Flying solo in Salmo

Please... for God's sake don't take up a whole table during rush hour at Salmo if you're alone. Some of us do four rounds at noon on any given day and can't get a damn table because too many singles take up a four seater or booth.

What's the dilly yo?

We've been hearing rumors about no cars for freshmen next year... no one seems to know and the ambassadors are going crazy with kids on tours asking about it.

Congrats on your letters kids.

It's cute to see all the cherubs finish pledging and get their new lettered t-shirts. We understand you're proud of your new affiliation but we just want to take this opportunity to remind you to wash the t-shirt at least once every few times you wear it during these first few weeks since people do have to sit next to you in class.

WoW: Safe Spring Break tips

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place you at risk. DON'T let your friends leave with someone you or they do not know. Look out for each other!

-Watch your step.

There may be lots of temptations or "dares" during the trip that involve different, potentially risky, or unsafe activity. Think twice before putting yourself at risk for injury. Be sure to use appropriate safety gear before venturing out, such as seat belts, life vests, or knee pads. Remember that unintentional injuries kill more Americans in their first three decades of life than any other cause of death.

-Avoid excessive exposure to the sun. After a cold winter, it's tempting to stay in the hot sun all day. It's important to protect yourself from excessive sun exposure. Ultraviolet (UV) rays cause skin damage during any season or

temperature. UV exposure appears to be the most important environmental factor in the development of cancer and a primary factor in the development of lip cancer. Although getting some sun exposure can yield a few positive benefits, excessive and unprotected exposure to the sun can result in premature aging and undesirable changes in skin texture. Always wear a broad-spectrum (protection against both UVA and UVB rays) sunscreen and lip screen with at least SPF 15.

-Sustain your body with fuel – eat healthy.

Having fun takes energy and fuel. Do your best to eat a variety of foods. Drink lots of water and go easy on salt, sugar, alcohol, and saturated fat. Don't ignore healthy eating habits while on vacation.

Wishing everyone a healthy and safe Spring Break! Don't forget your aloe!



Bulldog Reviews: *Reno 911*

By Michael Pickowicz
Staff Columnist

I'll admit it. I've never been a big fan of "Reno 911!" The show never really appealed to me, but I don't think I ever gave it a fair chance. What sparked my curiosity in this movie were actually the humorous trailers on television. After laughing a few times just at those clips, I had to go see what this movie was all about.

"Reno 911!: Miami" is a comedy that follows the adventures of the Reno, Nevada Sheriffs Department and their cameraman as they serve and protect citizens in the most random and unhelpful ways possible. In the movie, the crew gets an invitation to attend the National Police Convention in Miami, Florida. When they arrive, however, their name is not on the list, causing them to stay at a cheap motel. Fortunately for them, the hotel that all other police stayed in was contaminated with a dangerous gas. With all the police out of commission, it's up to the Reno team to protect the city of Miami and find an antidote for the gas.

Even though there is somewhat of a plot in place, it's important to understand that almost the entire movie revolves around scenes that have nothing to do with anything. This, however, is the major appeal of "Reno 911!: Miami."

Just watching the crew get a simple task and screw it up in the most improbable way is great. To put it simply, the movie is brainless in a good way. Another aspect of the

One of the complaints I had was that I found some of the characters to not be that funny. Particularly, I wasn't a fan of the three female cops. I found most of their scenes more

strange than funny. Thankfully, other characters played off them well enough for it not to matter too much. I also wish they had a few more random public help cases. The movie was pretty short, so a few more pointless cases that could only happen in Miami would have been great.

While "Reno 911!: Miami" isn't the greatest comedy in the world, the movie, just like the Reno crew, gets the job done the only way it can: through pure stupidity. If you're willing to take your brains out for 90 minutes, there's a good chance you'll enjoy this movie. For fans of the show, this is a must see if you haven't done so already. On the other hand, haters won't be converted because the movie sticks tightly to its television roots. "Reno 911!: Miami" is easily the funniest movie so far this year. This movie deserves 3 1/2 Bulldogs out of 5.



Photo Courtesy Twentieth Century Fox

Some of the officers from *Reno 911* hit the big screen in their first movie.

movie that was great, which most fans of the show will recognize, was that it was filmed documentary style. It's good to see that the movie doesn't stray away from its roots in that aspect. One other aspect I liked was Patton Oswald, who plays the "acting" mayor of Miami in the movie. I personally thought he was hilarious, even accounting for one of my favorite quotes in the movie.

This movie
earned 3.5 out
of 5 Bulldogs



The Parker Star Band officially coming to Bryant

By Ryan Daley
Staff Writer

On March 31st, Bryant University will be presenting The Parker Star Band! The Parker Star Band is a rock-based pop group comprised of Parker Star on vocals and acoustic guitar, David McGinn on the electric guitar, Calvin Harper on the bass, and a drummer known only as "ALEX". They refuse to be pigeon-holed into a specific genre.

The Parker Star Band draws upon diverse influences ranging from John Mayer to Live to The Beatles to Iron Maiden, while still retaining their signature sound of catchy, hook-laden tunes.

Fresh off the success of their independently produced album, "Whiskey & Roses," The Parker Star Band is currently in the studio recording their follow up entitled, "VI" with Tony Ricci, a veteran music producer with 6 Grammy Considerations for 2005.

Come see The Parker Star Band as they stop by Bryant during their current tour in support of "VI." Also, be sure to check them out at www.myspace.com/parkerstar. In addition, Jeff LeBlanc will be featured as the opening act.

The show is free to all Bryant University students and starts at 10 PM in the Bryant Center. Food will also be provided by SPB so be sure to stop by on March 31st!

Horoscopes

Scorpio



10/23 - 11/21

Gather your favorite people around you. Listen to their suggestions, not just about your business but also about what interests them. Their creativity will inspire your own, even if you're in different genres.

Sagittarius



11/22 - 12/21

Gather a group of imaginative skeptics to discuss your great new ideas. You won't get total agreement, but you will get provocative feedback. Provide snacks.

Capricorn



12/22 - 1/19

You're fast approaching a turning point in your education. Don't overlook the importance of home and family in your big picture.

Aquarius



1/20 - 2/18

As you figure out the mechanics, also be practical. Don't talk about your ideas until you've got the copyrights. And, of course, the patents. Get help with that if you need it, but not with the competition.

Pisces



2/19 - 3/20

You may be accused of spending too much time in your own head. Others are envious of how much fun you're having in there. Actually, as mentioned before, you're working. Tell friends you'll get back to them later.

Aries



3/21 - 4/19

Put the data you've just acquired into useful order. Sort out the contradictions and obvious fallacies. Don't take direct action, yet. More pondering is required.

Taurus



4/20 - 5/20

It's a good day to play with your friends. Don't expect to get much accomplished, except laughter and eating and drink, of course. Do your chores on Monday.

Gemini



5/20 - 6/21

At first, it may seem like an unsympathetic teacher is squashing you. You won't be, if you'll stop arguing and absorb the lesson.

Cancer



6/22 - 7/22

Travel beckons, but it's not clear it's a good idea. If you can do some business while you're out there, you could make the day profitable after all.

Leo



7/23 - 8/22

You'd like to be lazy now, but that's not really a good idea. You're wiser to spend the time making sure your future will be secure. Review your investments, and put in corrections.

Virgo



8/23 - 9/22

Others admire your work, and that's as good as it gets for now. You still aren't getting rich from this, but the recognition is nice. Soak it up.

Libra



9/23 - 10/22

You know your love is healthy when it gets you motivated. You want to build and create and do things you've never done before. Awesome, isn't it?

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Alan and SPB-The Joint Adventure:

Real World Key West housemates visit

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Another week means another adventure with Alan and SPB, and on Friday, Real World came to Bryant. The beginning of MTV's Real World states, "This is the story of seven strangers picked to live in a house and have their lives taped so people could see what happens when people stop being fake and start being real." Well last Friday night, Bryant students got to see a piece of the "Real World." Zach and Paula, members of MTV's 17th season Key West, came and answered questions for students and both gave memories of the show and what has happened in their lives as a result of being on national television. It was a chance for students to get to ask about the "real side" of the Real World and get an inside perspective of what it is like to truly have your lives taped and shown on television. Zach and Paula each had different approaches to being selected for the show. Paula, who at the time was a recent graduate of Quinnipiac University, sent in her own audition tape and was then selected for the interview process. Zach, a graduate of Lewis and Clarke College, tried out during a casting call and was selected out of the thousands that tried out for the show. Similar to their contrasting auditions, each has taken different paths after the Real World. Paula has been making celebrity appearances at bars, clubs and schools, as well as partaking in what have become the highly watched "Challenges." Zach has steered away from the life of a Real Worlder; he moved to California

where he has been pursuing a career in Hollywood and is now making a movie that will be coming out soon.

Both explained that once you become a part of Real World you really stop living the life you currently are and are then expected to resume your normal day-to-day activities when you return. Zach and Paula both agreed that is a hard task. Zach explained they get pulled in a million directions, trying to stay in touch with friends but at the same time trying to make appearances with the Real World cast and keep their professional life in check. It can be a tough task but both agree it was a once in a lifetime experience that was worth it.

During questioning, they each were asked if anyone in the house had "hooked up" and both answered no. This came as a surprise to many, but Zach and Paula both stated, "there was no sexual chemistry in the house"; they were all just friends. They both agreed this should have been shown more in the actual footage taped, which viewers only get to see one percent of. Both then revealed some interesting facts about the behind-the-scenes action that took place. When asked about the taping of the show, they revealed, "you could take a dump on their (production team) shoe and they couldn't move." They also explained how



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Housemates from the Real world make a stop at Bryant to discuss their experiences as part of the hit reality show.

they did not receive the tapes of the show until one day before it aired to the public. They even said they were shocked about some things shown. Paula stated that she wished there were more times where she remembered things and Zach wished there was more love shown by the cast mates. Both revealed "Key West was the most honest show" in their minds and they really felt as if the camera crews really cared about them. Another secret revealed to the audience was that they actually had a curfew in Key West of 1:30 am, which was met with much disgust, not only by Zach and Paula but the crowd as well.

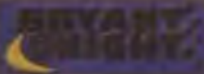
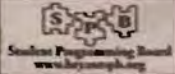
When asked what their favorite memory of the show was, both explained Fantasy Fest, a Mardi Gras type of event during Halloween which lasts for seven days. Zach and Paula described it as "a bunch of naked old people all around," but they still had a blast during it.

Both feel the Real World has helped their lives in different ways and are happy with their decision to be taped. They look back on it as a positive part of their life. Zach said, "you have a chance to make a new life for yourself; you either do it or you don't." The best bit of advice for most college students was given by Paula, who encouraged the students to do what feels right for you and what makes you happy. She said, "I am 25 years old and I still have no frickin clue what I want to do." One thing is for sure though; Alan Waters wants to live the life they are now.



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Alan chillin' with Paula and Zach Key West style!



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Without this ability we'll be lost,
It brings most together but separates all;
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Keeping it bound a whole country could fall.
But yet everyone has it.

The King used it best to spread out his word,
Affecting a world where hate swarmed their mind;
And now the end seems no longer diverged,
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But yet everyone has it.

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