Could it happen to us too?

From the outside looking in

By John Crisafulli
Staff Writer

Just as I will never forget where I was when I first heard about the tragedy at Columbine, in my sixth grade science class, I will never forget that first hearing about the greater tragedy at Virginia Tech.

I was sitting in the kitchen/sitting room at my house in Galway, Ireland, getting ready to make dinner.

Lindsay, one of the American students who live in the house, was in the room as well as two of the Irish students, Mikey and Paul.

We were flipping through the channels just looking for something to watch when Mikey noticed that the bottom of Sky News said something about America. Naturally he stopped it for Lindsay and me.

What came next was a very interesting and thought provoking experience. We all sat silent for about ten minutes. We were trying to get upset.

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Virginia Tech juniors Jim McCartin and Christine George share a moment of silence during a vigil on campus on Tuesday, April 17, 2007. Thousands of students and members of the community joined in the vigil to honor the people killed or injured on Monday during a shooting at Norris Hall in Blacksburg, Virginia.

Tragic campus massacre at Virginia
Tech touches communities everywhere

A morbid Monday left the families of at least 32 Virginia Tech students and faculty members with nothing but grief, despair, and confusion. As the dust clears, and the healing process begins, doubt stretches across every college campus in the country: how do we prepare for the unimaginable?

By David Giardino
Assistant Sports Editor

Almost eight years to the day of one of the most infamous school shootings in American history, almost three dozen members of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University community were murdered, stunning the sprawling campus of 26,000 students and shocking the nation. On Monday, April 16, Cho Seung-Hui, a Virginia Tech student, opened fire in a coed dorm room at 7:15 a.m., killing a man and a woman. Approximately two hours later, on the other side of the 2,600 acre campus, he appeared in an engineering classroom, murdering 30 students and faculty members, before killing himself, according to the police. A day that began as any other day across any college campus in America ended with tears and heartbreak, as the nation rallied around Blacksburg with poignant support.

"The University was struck with a tragedy that we consider of monumental proportions," noted Virginia Tech President Charles Steger, "the University is shocked and indeed horrified." Reports indicate that police were still investigating the 7:15 shootings at West Ambler Johnston Hall when they began to receive calls about another shooting at the Norris Hall classroom building. No student has come forward admitting to know Seung-Hui more than as just a loner who never socialized with his classmates. The shooter reportedly left a long disturbing note in his dorm room, and authorities indicate it states "you caused me to do this." Steger went on to add "I cannot begin to convey my own personal sense of loss over the senselessness of such an incomprehensible and heinous act."

The campus was left to pick up the pieces Tuesday morning, as classes were cancelled for the entire week. Many students packed their bags for home, and over 10,000 others gathered in the school's main gymnasium for a nationally televised midday memorial service.
Preparing for the unimaginable

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filling the arena with prayer and encouragement. The day before was swarming with savage silence and chaos, yet the following day brought about a tranquil silence that has consumed the voices of an entire community.

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Senior nights are back again

By Jarlita Cortes

One of the most exciting and important tasks of the senior class is to plan senior night events for the class of 2007. Unfortunately for the small group of students who make these plans, one of the students was seriously injured and had to be transported to a local hospital. Not only was administration livid about the seniors being taken to Parente's, but also upset over the possibility of not being able to host senior nights until further notice.

The senior class committee did what they could to get the senior nights back; they even developed a presentation for administration in defense of their right to have more senior nights. Along with being busy with classes and senior year in general, the committee had to deal with the pressure of possibly not being able to have any more senior nights. After some deliberation, administration decided to grant their request only if they would agree to host a non-alcoholic event for each alcohol-eligible event that they planned.

The first senior event after the McFadden's incident took place last Saturday the 14th in Pawhacket, where they went to a Paw Sox game, which featured an all-you-can-eat barbecue. The most recent senior night was this past Tuesday at Mardi Gras Night Club in Cranston. The seniors finally got to enjoy their first official senior night in a long time. The committee hopes to continue planning more fun events as well as an outstanding senior week.

Senior nights in terms of personally knowing any of the victims, a traumatic event like this can trigger any history of trauma in a particular individual. This is indeed the case, as it is a traumatic event in the past because it threatens one's basic sense of safety, commented Heidi Spruce, Assistant Director of Counseling Services. "It is essential for all of us to feel that our community is aware of and sensitive to this."

No security system in the world will change the grief-stricken community of Blacksburg went through last Monday. Those who were lost in the meaningless act of violence will never enjoy another spring day on campus, will never share a meal in the main dining hall with a friend, and will never return to class in the early morning with a roommate. Though they are lost, they aren't forgotten — nor by friends, family, or the entire community across America. "We sympathize and deeply respect the tragedy of the loss," said President MacEachern, "now we must reconcentrate on our own process and be confident in it."

It would seem that, for now, all we can really do is keep those affected by this horrific incident in our hearts and prayers.

Kenny Thompson (center), a sophomore at Virginia Tech, bows his head during a memorial service on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at Lane Stadium, a day after 33 people were shot to death on campus in Blacksburg, Virginia.

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"As an educational institution, we feel deeply for the pain and anguish of Virginia Tech, and sympathize with their emotional loss," commented President Ron Machtey. "We need to have a plan that everyone understands and that is well communicated."

Bryant's incident Command System (BCS) has had an advanced and well-trained security staff since 2001 and has an emergency plan in place. The plan was activated when a massive environment like Virginia Tech was declared an active shooter threat. Bryant's campus Public Safety, with over 80 officers on duty, has also been certified in the Active Shooter System (ASS), which allows visitors to freely move on campus.

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Cranston, the error occurred when the committee failed to split up into the different buses to supervise the drive back.

Once the committee members got on one bus, the other bus was left full of eager seniors ready to continue the party. After one outspoken student suggested to the bus driver that they be dropped off at Parente's, a local family restaurant which many are familiar with, the night progressed eventfully. The bus driver gladly let them off, assuming that there would be no problem with this decision.
FYIs

* Res Hall brawl at 9pm in the Bryant Center, gather a team of 4 to 6 players. This is put on by Special Events and Bryant Late Night.

* Trip to the Newport Mansions- bus leaves at 11:30am and returns at 5:30pm, tickets are $5, which includes transportation and tours of The Breakers, The Elms, and The Rosecliff mansions.

* You’re invited to the Bryant Jazz Ensemble for their annual spring performances on Sunday April, 22 starting at 6pm in the South Dining hall. Refreshments provided.

* Apply for an Archway position. Applications can be found in the Archway office and are due April 20th.

* Volunteer for the Special Olympics, for more information email Kari Snow at ksnow@bryant.edu.

Sife’s Credit Craze

By Daniel Terrell
SIFE member

In order to have good credit, you need to use smart practices. The second step after receiving a credit card is using it wisely. This article explains some things to keep in mind when making purchases with your credit card.

Be careful of cash advance advantages. Interest rates on cash advances are almost always higher than what you would have to pay on purchases. Usually you start paying interest right after the cash advance has been made, whereas with purchases, you can pay off the bill before you start paying interest. You need to pay interest whenever a cash advance is made. Cash advances are meant to be used for emergencies. It is a better idea to use cash that you already have in your checking account if you can. A better way for you to build your credit is to use the card to make the purchases and then pay off the total balance every month. Traditional American Express cards make this mandatory for their clients, but have relaxed this rule for their new “American Express Blue” card which allows customers to pay only a part of the principal.

Identity theft is a huge issue in today’s society. Many times people with stolen credit card numbers will charge a small amount on a card, and wait a few weeks to see if it goes unnoticeable. It can be prevented by looking over your monthly statement carefully and remembering the changes you make. If you are anything suspicious, make sure to report it immediately.

For additional tips and resources go to: http://www.smartercreddittips.com/index.html

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DON’T GRADUATE WITHOUT THIS WORKSHOP!
Women get defensive

By Bright Clancy
Assistant Variety Editor

Every two and a half minutes, a woman is sexually assaulted. One in six women has been assaulted is a victim of abuse. According to a National Crime Victimization Survey of all sexual assault victims between the ages of 18-29, two-thirds have had a prior relationship with the rapist. The Bureau of Justice's National Crime Victimization's 1997 Survey reported that sixty-eight percent of the assaults were carried out by perpetrators who knew the victim. A National Violence Against Women Survey reported seventy-eight percent of women who were raped or physically assaulted since they turned 18 were assaulted by a date, live-in partner, or current or former husband. It also reported that only fourteen percent of these women were assaulted by a stranger.

Last Wednesday, April 11th, Bryant held a free self-defense seminar sponsored by the Office of Health and Wellness Education. The seminar was held twice during the day, once at 11AM and once at 7PM, in order to accommodate more students' schedules on campus.

Instructors from East West Black Belt Academy were on campus to teach effective self-defense techniques. Four mental and physical principles were used to teach effective self-defense.

The mental principles of self-defense are awareness, confidence, verbal defense, and physical defense.

First, awareness means to be constantly aware of your surroundings to avoid getting caught in compromising situations. In public places, always position yourself to see the most area and activity possible. Second, confidence means that you must keep your eyes up and shoulders back. Walk with purpose and direction. Third, verbal defense means knowing what your comfort zone is. Yell or stomp on your foot first to let a potential perpetrator know if your personal space is being invaded. Fourth and finally, physical defense includes several simple defense moves you may follow to protect yourself. These moves are hands up to block, a push with the palm of your hand, and if possible a knee or kick to your attacker.

The physical principles of self-defense may have varied between the two sessions, but the main moves that are listed above were adeptly demonstrated in both classes. The instructors from East West Black Belt Academy were extremely patient and took time from East West Black Belt Academy to help each student perfect self-defense techniques.

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Concluding the seminar, one of the instructors shared her personal experience in using these self-defense techniques. On one occasion while out with her friends she admitted to not being aware of her surroundings. She had put herself in a dangerous situation and had to defend herself from unwanted attention using her basic self-defense techniques.

The seminar was informative and empowering. By knowing these basic techniques, the startling statistics listed above should begin to decrease in the near future. The best case scenario for safety is to never put yourself in harm's way.

Women get defensive

By Greg Hirsborn
Variety Editor

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The virus entered through the academic network, which means it may have come through one of the computers in the classrooms. Once the virus had reached one computer it searched for other computers in the network and infected them. The virus could have come from a laptop which had a virus on it originally and then was plugged into the network, or one of the PCs in the classrooms could have mistakenly accessed this virus.

Once the school realized there was a problem they attempted to update the virus software from a central location, which did not work. This meant that every computer on the network had to have its antivirus software uninstalled and then reinstalled individually.

The virus protection has holes in it through which viruses can enter. With the rapid introduction of new viruses it is impossible to stop every virus from entering the system. There is while listing software that is more effective in limiting virus entry, but the more antivirus programs and similar programs you have running on your system, the more they limit the things you can do with your computer.

If this was found on Bryant computers we would not be able to download any executable programs such as AIM or Google search bars. The cost of these programs is also very high. What Bryant tries to do is provide the maximum amount of security while at the same time making systems usable.

An article in Network World says that anti-virus programs may be near their end, based on the rapid evolution of viruses. The flow of viruses can't be contained by self-updating anti-virus programs. This is what Bryant was told when they contacted experts and asked for advice in dealing with the virus.

It appears what the virus creators were looking for were CD license keys so they could illegally run programs. We are unsure of what computer brought the virus into the system and with the large number of machines, it is hard to tell. The next step is a "lessons learned" meeting among people involved in the Bryant technology. There will be a brainstorming session and senior management will also make recommendations for virus protection in the future.

Did you lose internet last week?

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Name: Elsa Guzman  
Class of: 2008  
University: Capital Normal University  
Location: Beijing, China  
Partner: Through Bryant University  
Semester Abroad: Fall ‘06  
Duration: August 28th – January 7th  
Reason for going: Requirement for my major  
Best experience/memory: After being done with school, we went to Sanya, a tropical island in southern China, to spend new years and our last days with friends we made while being in Beijing. After four and a half months of hard work, we were able to enjoy a week on the beach where our days consisted of sleeping, laying out in the sun, and going out at night.  
Funny cultural experience: Every shopping trip we took we were always greeted by happy Chinese salespeople. They called me “beautiful lady” to get my attention and would try selling us clothes, claiming that they were “original” and of better quality than the shop next door. The best shopping experience was when the lady selling me a sweatshirt thought I was Chinese and sold me the sweatshirt for the price she would sell it to a Chinese person.  
How was the school different from Bryant University?  
The campus that we attended was for international students, the majority of which were Koreans. We had class Monday through Friday for four hours straight (8am – noon) with ten minute breaks every hour. These were the same classes everyday.  
Also, the school cafeteria was nothing like Salamanca. First, you had to get a ticket for however much the food you wanted to eat was, and then you had to fight through a crowd in order to get your food.  
How did this experience change you?  
To spend five months in China was such a culture shock! I was very changed by this experience. I feel that I now have a different outlook on things and have more tolerance for different opinions.  
Would you study abroad again given the opportunity?  
DEFINITELY! I wish International Business majors had more flexibility to study abroad more than one semester.

#### Intern Spotlight: Joe Atkins, ’07

Concentration: CIS  
Minor: Marketing & Communications  
Internship Site: Fidelity Investments, PISC, Smithfield, RI  
Location: Summer 2006  
What did you learn about the profession?  
How to apply what I’m learning in the classroom to the corporate world, how the corporate world works and that it was a young culture.  
Attending department meetings showed me how departments work with each other.  
I learned how the software application field works  
What were your primary responsibilities?  
Build a program that would automate their monthly metrics. Update their SQL database. Attend weekly meetings.  
What did you find most challenging about your internship?  
Everything changes; you get something done and then it needs to change again.  
There were technical areas I didn’t know that started out challenging but there was someone to always help me or for me to ask questions to.  
What did you find most rewarding about your internship?  
The networking contacts that I made.  
All the technical information I learned from my mentor (Sr. Software Developer).  
Having my own office space.  
One person in senior management told me that he had never had an intern that he didn’t make an offer of full-time employment to.  
Fidelity likes to keep people on after graduation – they gave me a letter of recommendation and then told me that if there was a spot open they would like me

**Organization Spotlight: ISO 4th Annual Gala**

On the night of April 14th, the International Student Organization hosted its 4th Annual GALA event. This semi-formal with a three course meal took place in the Providence Ball room at the Westin Hotel in Providence. The room was lit up in gold and burgundy colors, decorated with shimmer and Aladdin lamps, which gave you a sense of entering into a glamorous Arabian night.  
The GALA event brought together over 200 students, faculty and administration to celebrate the end of yet another successful ISO year at Bryant University. Throughout the night the participants were engaged in discussions with their peers and faculty members complete with a great meal and a wide variety of music. This enchanting night wouldn’t have been complete without its exclusive entertainment in the form of a dance competition. The participants of the GALA event were able to have their picture taken while remembering this great night. Participants enjoyed a dance party after a delicious dessert.  
The International Student Organization recognizes everyone for their support and participation in the GALA event and thanks those who helped ISO make this a successful year.

**Study Abroad Spotlight: Beijing, China**

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Pressler, however, never waved. He was steadfast in his belief that his players were telling the truth and that justice would prevail. "It said it a couple of weeks ago that I was very confident that justice would be served, and I said that to all the people it applied to. What goes around, comes around, and we're counting on the powers of North Carolina to do that."

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Bryant's lacrosse team has been dominating the competition in the Northeast-10 conference. Bulldogs continue winning streak.

By Stephen Deemers Sports Editor

Last week the public found out what Mike Pressler knew all along. The allegations against three of his former Duke University players were completely false. "Two days after this happened I knew what the truth was. When you say you believe in someone, you stand by them," said Pressler.

For the last thirteen months, Pressler has dealt with a myriad of attacks against his family and former players such as Nancy Grace and Dan Abrams were quick to target Dave Reade and his family.

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Finding success with wooden bats

By David Nelligan
Staff Writer

Wooden bats in college baseball? That is what the Bryant men’s baseball team has been playing with for the past five years. Bryant’s athletic conference, the Northeast-10, made the decision to switch from aluminum bats to wood for several important reasons. With the use of wooden bats, the games would have a lower score, be shorter in time, and take some emphasis off hitting and add it to pitching and defense.

With the use of metal bats, players were able to hit the ball a lot harder and further than they can with wooden bats. This caused very high scoring games and discouraging outings by pitchers. Pitchers no longer wanted to come to the league only to be dismantled by the power hitters this conference attracted. Since the transition to wooden bats, many skillful pitchers and defensive players are being recruited in the Northeast-10 schools. When asked about the move from high school, which uses aluminum all the time, to college, which now uses wooden bats, Jamie Pinzino, prefers the use of wooden bats over metal and thinks the change has “been great for the league.” He suggests other leagues should make the switch as well, which some are considering for the near future. He also explained how the change “brings in better players” because wooden bats are more challenging to hit with. He feels the games are more exciting for the fans, the players, and coaches as well. It leads to more aggressive play (by stealing bases), key hits, and not relying on the long ball to drive in runs. More skilled players are being drawn to this conference.

Mark Dondaro and Ben Conn, two of Bryant’s elite baseball players, play on one of only a limited number of college programs that use wooden bats in games.
By David Giardino
Assistant Sports Editor

The Easter weekend provided a Mecca of sporting events that even the casual sports fan could get excited about. I, like many others, was glued to the final round of the Masters on Easter Sunday, fully expecting Tiger Woods to make a dramatic comeback after a tough start in his opening rounds. Going into the final round, Woods was over par, like every other golfer, pulled ahead on the second hole on the front nine, pulling ahead of the field by one stroke, everyone - perhaps even the competition - was fully expecting the fist pumps, the birdies, and the chips to within an arm's length of the hole.

And so, the 2007 Masters champ took control of the back nine, imposed his will on the field, and was dubbed with the traditional green coat to accompany his blue shirt and white turtleneck. Wait, what? Doesn't Tiger wear red on Sunday? He does, the winner didn't. Zack Johnson, the 2007 Masters champ, out-Tigered Tiger on Sunday; the same Zack Johnson who never finished better than 17th in a major tournament; the same Zack Johnson who admits to not even being the best golfer on his high school team. Let the insanity ensue.

The media was abuzz with disappointment over Tiger’s weekend performance. Tiger Woods had written a major story trailing coming into a final round. Tiger Woods went beggared-to-finish his Saturday round. Tiger Woods was two strokes back with five to play and couldn’t close the door on some nobodies. With the opportunity still in his grasp on 17, Tiger’s 2nd shot landed deep in the sand, leaving him cursing the skies, arms up in air. “Hey did you hear? Some nobody just beat the supposed hot player on the planet.” Thus the rumblings of Tiger’s tarnished legacy drifted across the lips of lachrymose columnists, a time-killer used by ESPN in almost every show segment.

So Tiger didn’t have the greatest final round. He began the final day at three over par, and ended the same day the same way, which won’t win you many majors, and is generally the road to a three-way tie for second. So this wasn’t the same Tiger Woods who won tournament after tournament for months, who didn’t even need to break out a driver in one tourney to leave opponent in his dust. I guess it’s time to rework that winning again, right?

Instead of dwelling on the one rare occasion in which Tiger Woods was actually shown lacking, why not let some other guy get his moment in the sun? Johnson overcame a first hole bogey to grab sole possession of the lead by No. 14, and never gave it back from there. Even when Tiger looked to close the door on Johnson’s comeback, he didn’t even need to break out a driver in one tourney to leave opponent in his dust. I guess it’s time to rework that winning again, right?

So Tiger Woods didn’t have a memorable weekend at Augusta. Why is the attention on his poor performance and not on Zack Johnson’s memorable final round?

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**Top Dogs**

By Alan Waters
Staff Writer

Hafiz Greigre
Year: Senior
Sport: Track & Field

**Why this dog was picked:** Greigre won both the men’s 100 meters and the 200 meters at Saturday’s Northeastern Huskie Invitational. Greigre won the 100m in a time of 10.97 seconds and captured first in the 200m in 21.21. He would later help lead the men’s 4x100 meter relay team to a first place finish in a time of 42.43 seconds and a second place finish in the 4x400 meter relay in 3:24.24.

Amanda Wilbur
Year: Senior
Sport: Softball

**Why this dog was picked:** Wilbur led the Bulldogs to a 4-2 week with a .571 batting average. She clubbed 3 home runs, knocked in 8 runs and scored 7 more. Her 1.238 slugging percentage led the team. On the season Wilbur is hitting .436 with 6 HR and 23 RBI. She also recently became Bryant’s all-time leader in at-bats (522), RBI (150), runs (118), hits (186), and total bases (300).

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**Women’s Lacrosse Riding High**

By Alan Waters
Staff Writer

The Bryant women’s lacrosse team has continued their great play during the 2007 season with two more solid wins. They are now 3-1 in the month of April. After suffering a tough loss against George Washington, Bryant bounced back with a powerful 22-6 win over Southern Connecticut, and then followed that up with a 17-5 win over New Haven. Bryant has yet to see great play from their entire offense and has seen great balance. Leading the way in scoring once again is Shaun Laddie, who racked up 15 total points over the two games, scoring 11 goals and adding 4 assists.

In the Southern Connecticut match up, Bryant saw great distribution in scoring with Lauren Carroll scoring 4 total points and Amanda Gallant scoring 3 total points and Amanda Gallant.

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Ho Down: Imus vs. the Hip Hop Top 10

By Greg Hirshorn
Staff Writer

Don Imus was fired for a comment he made on the April 4th radio show when he called the Rutgers female basketball players "nappy-headed ho's." The outrage over this incident was tremendous. It was the first story on most news stations. What Imus said was wrong, but he does not deserve the amount of criticism that he is currently facing from anyone and everybody.

One thing that Imus used carry implications and hidden meanings which can be de­bated and interpreted as we meant by what he said. As I listened to the audio of what Imus said, I honestly believed that he had no ill and hateful will behind what he said. It was a lighthearted comment that crossed the line. Those comments are extremely offensive, regardless of the context, and it was the first time that captured the attention of an entire nation.

The outrage should still be on the air today and a main responsibility of the actions of leaders such as Al Sharpton. People like Shar­pton were willing to look the other way. To anyone who makes any kind of racial comment. I do not agree with the first story at all. But Sharpton and like peo­ple are only around to point fingers, blame others, and complaint about society only to elevate their own platform.

In order to remember Shar­ton himself encouraging pro­testors during the Duke rape case, which was then dropped. His encouragement sparked groups of protestors to head to the basketball campus, causing property damage and even body harm going as far as sending death threats to Duke lacrosse players. These innocent players had to deal with unbearable criticism all because it fit the agenda of Sharpton. The lives of these players were made worse due to the encouragement of good old Reverend Al.

Don Imus’ comments may have offended some of the Rutgers basketball players but he did not nothing to invite others to use physical or emotional violence against them because we women. I would be shocked if any of these athletes even listened to Don Imus on a fre­quency basis, which is a differ­ent matter entirely. As closed to the actions of Sharpton, Imus did not encourage people to take wrong actions against a group of people. If Don Imus were in this situation he could have had some positive, long term effects. Instead, the people were too quick to jump on Sharpton’s bandwagon, call­ing for the head of Imus. A college ought not to take place between Imus and the black community discussing important issues the airwaves. Now that he is jobless, Imus will not have a chance to have a peaceful dialogue with the community to talk about the root cause of the issue at hand.

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The Daley Soap Box:
Separate and Unequal

By Ryan P. Daley
Opinion Editor

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights..." These are the Rights of Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Two hundred thirty-one years after Thomas Jefferson revealed these words, we still live in a world full of discrimination and outright bigotry. It was not until 1863 that we first gave blacks the freedom they de­erved, 1870 we first allowed blacks to vote, 1920 we first allowed women to vote, and 2007 we first allowed same-sex couples to marry and own businesses. Massachusetts, first allowed same-sex couples to become married. Sure, we are making some progress but there are some more obvious cases: neo-con bigots stuck with the mental­ity of Neanderthals sitting at the tables that a civil marriage is not over poli­tics and all its foul language, or so we are led to think. The religiosity of the term is what the feminists most op­ponents of civil same-sex mar­riage so, they advocate for civil unions instead. Civil unions are also argument of a family. Marriage is recognized around the world with it and puts into effect legal rights, reciprocal obligations, and some major obstacles: neo-con rights. Civil unions must file that they do not return separate. In addition, partners in civil un­ions are not equal as far as the law is concerned. Civil unions lack this on a social or political basis but there are some that do not have any of this. The argument for civil unions again is if a same-sex marriage is inherently an argument for separate and unequal institutions in our society.

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Kennedy Uncensored: Fighting the Culture War

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Cont'd from page 11 liberal idealocpation in class is more than nothing offbeat political commentary. "People your idea is all figured out, I'm aware," there is a Culture War I prefer to be called a hypocrite and a conservative to say that instead of having the rest of the class be fed another leap- ing helping of propaganda that otherwise would have re- sulted without me.

The point is while the War on Terror is central to Amer- ica's psychic survival, the Culture War is pivotal to America's cultural survival. The Culture War can be summed up thusly: feminists, multiculturalists, and anti­

Cont'd from page 11 these hand. These conversations could have been on the air making serious historical leaps in the way in race relations.

Amer- ica's mass media. Looked at was the hip hop music top 10 songs and of those 10 songs included words like "nig­ hocents. 

Looking In

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over 10% of all households are single parent homes. There has to be a line drawn somewhere between society and propri­

ety and prohibiting that which "breeds" the Culture War.

The gambit is this: the government's job to regulate sex, those of who are biologically capable of procreate, the role of marriage, the fact that the marriage is between two people, whether male or female, is simply unjust. How do the naysayers feel about couples with the same sex benefits of marriage, marriage, or because they perpetuate sui­

cide. Homosexual couples have the right to perpetuate society. A ho­

dosexual male couple has the same ability as a heterosexual couple to adopt children. Homo­

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embarrassed. Lindsay and I explained that "no, Virginia, or Blacksburg for that matter, were not considered to be "hot beds" of violence. From there, the discussion started rolling from American culture and gun laws to cam­

pus safety and personal experien­

ces. Mike was really interested in what Lindsay and I had to say, he was also seemed as lost as what something like that would happen, but the other hand, thought it all figured out that Americans were violent people and that everyone owned a gun. The litigious view- back­

ground, treated like a sports car, getting the latest death toll like another rugby score. It was very unnerving. They

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Words of Wellness: Take Charge of Your Health!

By Jen DiPrete
Staff Columnist

On Tuesday, April 10, the Office of Health Leadership at the Bryant Center hosted a workshop on stress management. Unfortunately, attendance of the workshop was low; however, the organizers and programs on fitness, nutrition, and mental and women's health were presented throughout this semester prior to the workshop on stress management. Sadly, once again, the turnout was lower than expected. I find all of this quite disheartening.

Men ages 15-50 have the highest suicide rate, and one in four people has a sexually transmitted infection (STI), and cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death for Americans. Tobacco use is the number one cause of preventable deaths for Americans, closely followed by overeating and obesity. While genetics may play a role in some of these illnesses, many can be controlled with lifestyle behavior modification.

In the state of Rhode Island, the workplace is being used as a platform to make the correct choices about your health is in your control. Why do individuals binge eat? Binge drink? Use tobacco products? Most people I have encountered give a similar response: "I'm stressed out." Students I have spoken with seem to think they are healthy habits will mysteriously vanish once they graduate from college because they have "come too much stress." Ah, if only it were that easy. Stressful events in life happen regardless of age and one's place in life. The type of stress and its effects may change.

In addition to the stress management program that took place on Tuesday, April 10, the Wellness Councils of America (WELCOA) and the First Well State in the country. WELCOA focuses on helping workplace and is dedicated to the health of employees at both small and large businesses. I was at the Rhode Island State House on April 10 with Bryant colleagues for the announcement and celebration led by Governor and Mrs. Carcieri. Twenty percent of the workforce in Rhode Island is employed in organizations that have earned the designation as a "Well Workplace," Bryant University and its employees are included in that figure.

Okay, why does this matter? Upon graduation (whether it be this May or three years from now) many will be working in the workforce. Employers do not want to pay health care costs for unhealthy employees, especially if the health condition of employees are not treated for can be prevented by making better lifestyle choices.

If you want to look at this from a bottom line perspective: a healthy workforce is a productive workforce. A present employee is more productive, profitability is good for business. As a result, profits are increased. An employee that is absent because of chronic bronchitis, treatment for emphysema and asthma due to tobacco use, costs a company in more ways than one. The total health care price tag in the United States is now nearly $2 trillion a year. Projections suggest the cost may increase to $4.3 trillion by 2012. Between 95% and 98% of spending is for treatment of disease and illness. No more than 5% is spent to prevent illness (Wellness Councils of America, 2005). In order to control the frightening costs of health care, we need informed, educated, and accountable citizens.

Bryant is an educational institution preparing individuals to do their best in their chosen profession and in life. While attending curricular events on the latest business trends is important, one's overall sense of well-being is equally crucial. Exercising and eating properly isn't just about looking good. The numerous decisions you make throughout a day, week, month, etc. impact your level of well-being. Strive to "claim your education," and attend presentations to enhance yourself as a whole. As busy as everyone is, I encourage you to take some time to treat yourself well. Please take advantage of the FREE workshops on health and wellness that are available to you throughout the school year. Be PROactive, not reactive. Be well!
Bulldog Reviews: Aqua Teen

By Michael Pickowicz

Colin Movie
Film For Theaters

Here's a movie I've been waiting a long time for. It's the film whose promotions not only caused a panic in Boston, but also got the head of Cartoon Network to resign his position. That movie is none other than "Aqua Teen Hunger Force Colom Movie". Now, those crazy food items are back and ready to cause some comedic chaos, big screen style.

"Aqua Teen Hunger Force" is an animated comedy that follows the ongoing adventures of Master Shake, a milkshake, Frylock, a side of fries, and Meatwad, the transforming ball of meat. While it's difficult to describe the plot of this movie, I can basically say that it involves an ancient piece of exercise equipment, the Aqua Teen's origins, Time Traveling Lincoln, star swipes, and an evil slice of random and tasteless humor. This movie receives 3 1/2 Bulldogs out of 5.

Alan & SPB: The Joint Adventure

Stand Up Comedian Eric O'Shea

By Alan Waters

Staff Writer

Yet again Alan was able to take some time out of the day and, thanks to SPB, get some laughs in. Once again he was not let down by the slightest. Eric O'Shea was on last week, and as the College Comedian of the year for 2007, he did not disappoint. He was able to use his natural A.D.D skills, something that we all have in college now-a-days, and yes, I did just call it a skill.

I'm not saying that other than college kids today can be watching television, playing XBOX 360, listening to some music, talking on the phone, and be busy. No problem, just make your parents proud! Okay, maybe the book is just out for you. Honestly, A.D.D is not as bad as it is made out to be and Eric O'Shea can sure make it work. He combined his material with a natural ability to make everyone laugh — something Eric says "keeps things going" — and many comedians struggle with this. Eric believes "you need to have enough material for people to think about and then add in some call back references along with some ADD." In his mind that is how he keeps the crowd laughing and interested in the act, and it worked.

Eric O'Shea has been in the business for over 14 years and loves performing in front of colleges, having done so for over 10 years now. He has been on VH1's "I love the 70's" along with small films dealing with comedy. All of this experience has something in common, laughs. Though he had many great references through the 70's, he was able to use the crowd to his advantage, playing off every person that walked in late, especially a guy who strangely laughed at a cat, and a guy in the front row that just could not help but shake his arms violently while laughing.

There were some great parts but I have limited the best to three in my mind. 3) His Elmo impersonation, which by the way have had over 70 million hits on break.com. Now I do not know whether it was funny that he could do it or whether it was sickeningly good. 2) This one is "Aqua Teen Hunger Force" playing out like a long television episode, this is in no way a bad thing for fans who have grown attached to their favorite fast food items. And is filled with weakly random and tasteless humor. This movie receives 3 1/2 Bulldogs out of 5.
Taking Back Sunday thrills at Tsongas

By Dave Giardino
Assistant Sports Editor

The city of Lowell, Massachusetts, is just a bit louder now—purposely intended—because of the commotion at Paul Lasara and Fred Mascherino described above, all energy now focused on the arena's new album, "Liar (It Takes one to know one)," and the crowd reflected in the wall-to-wall audience.

"The band always did a good job of not just being well-known but also of maintaining a sense of surprise," said Lasara and Mascherino.

"It's the perfect tool to create a sense of mystery and excitement," said Mascherino, "and it's a great way to keep fans guessing what's next."
Students Speak Out

Do you feel safe at Bryant?

"There is an image of safety here at Bryant but it isn't actually as safe as it seems."
Rob DesMarais '09

"I feel safe here at Bryant. Unfortunately, tragedies can't always be prevented, but I think Bryant has a safe environment."
Beth Schlatterer '07

"I feel really safe here with the faculty and students. There aren't many problems and when there is DPS is always there. I even feel safe walking around at night because it is such a small community."
Alicia Coleman '09

"I feel pretty safe because there is only one way in and one way out. It is a small school so if there was a shooting we would notice."
Mark DeMelin '10

"I feel really safe at Bryant. I transferred here from a big school and the security was nothing compared to Bryant. The fact that you can only sign in one guest at a time and checking cars as they come in makes me feel safe and comfortable."
Christine Lasota '08

"I think it is pretty safe because of where we are located and there is only one building so it is much easier to keep track of where people are located."
Lindsay Tatelman '08

"I'm pretty safe because of how DPS is at the boot and their presence on campus, plus we are rated one of the most safe campuses."
Adam Vuolo '08

"Open the size of the school and the amount of DPS patrolling, I feel safe. There are cameras all over the place and the regulation of guests on campus makes it much safer."
Nick Leger '08