By The Spring Weekend Concert Committee

Contributing Writers

This year the Student Programming Board is proud to announce that this year’s Spring Weekend act is Third Eye Blind. Third Eye Blind has been a favorite band of essentially anyone who grew up in the 90s. When one hears “Semi-Charmed Life” or “How’s it Going to Be,” it is impossible not to be put in an enjoyable mood.

The band released their first album, Third Eye Blind, in 1997 which featured several of their hit singles. As of August 2009, the band released their fourth album, Ursa Major, and they are potentially releasing a follow-up album, Ursa Minor.

This year’s Spring Weekend Band Selection Committee consists of seven students including SPB President Cailin Rocco ’10, Treasurer Dan Tothill ’11, Bands and Concerts Co-Chairs Alison Boucher ’11, Anthony Franco ’12, and Carissa Schneider ’12, and Theme Weekend’s Co-Chairs Emma MacDougall ’12 and Meghan Aloisio ’10.

Bryant students have had the opportunity to voice their opinions during SPB’s Awareness Day in September and during SPB’s Spring Weekend Forum. The Student Programming Board took the feedback from these events into account when deciding which act to choose.

In previous years, the campus has been split 50/50 between rock and hip-hop/rap groups. Since the school hosted Fabolous last Spring Weekend, SPB felt that it was time to bring a rock act back to Bryant.

“Third Eye Blind is a well-known band that our generation has grown up with. This year’s selection committee worked hard to bring a popular band to campus, and I truly think that they will put on a great performance that the whole campus will enjoy,” says Alison Boucher. We strongly believe that Third Eye Blind will fit perfectly into the campus’ atmosphere this Spring Weekend.

Only the senior class has experienced a rock band during Spring Weekend with OAR in 2007. SPB felt that the rest of campus was ready for a rock concert experience.

Third Eye Blind is such a fun group with energizing music that will bring campus to life during this year’s Spring Weekend,” says Meghan Aloisio. Details of the concert and the rest of Spring Weekend are to be determined but the Student Programming board is working hard to make the weekend the best for the whole student body. The concert will be held on Saturday, May 1 at 7 p.m. The location is still TBD.

Other events to look forward to throughout the weekend include:

Friday:

2-4 pm Jason Levasseur will be playing on the Bryant Center lawn
5 pm Festive Meal in Salmonson
Friday night consists of a bigger act (normally a hypnotist, magician, or comedian) and then Big Bingo in the Main Gym at 10:30, followed by a BBQ outside the Bryant Center

Saturday:

2-4 pm Field Events and WJMF Springstock on Salmonson lawn area
7 pm Third Eye Blind Concert

Sunday:

9 pm Outdoor movie
Women’s Summit returns to Bryant in March

By Zafirah Zainal
Staff Writer
The annual Bryant University Women’s Summit this year will take place on Thursday, March 11th at the Chace Wellness Center. Coming into the 13th year since its inception, the theme for the Women’s Summit is ‘New Decade, New Directions.’

Director Kati Machtley has fond memories of the humble beginnings of the Women’s Summit, having been the co-founder of the annual summit with President Machtley in 1996. “The Women’s Summit(R) was an idea that President Machtley and I had when we first arrived at Bryant. We felt that a women’s conference would help encourage women to have an interest in business, and therefore want to attend Bryant for their education.”

Kati Machtley continues, “We also wanted to better educate women as to the current trends and needs in business and how they could make a difference and become empowered to meet the challenges that they faced in their chosen professions.”

What started off as a way to empower female students at Bryant University ultimately grew to support a bigger cause that extended to the community outside of Bryant. Last year alone, nearly 1,000 business professionals flocked to Bryant to attend the 2009 summit.

This year’s three accomplished keynote speakers will hopefully shed some light on rising to the top as a modern businesswoman in America. Keynote speakers include Ellen Alemany (Chairman and CEO of Citizens Financial Group, Inc. and RBS Americasm, Glenda Hatchett (formerly the highest-ranking African-American woman at Delta Air Lines and the host of award-winning syndicated television series ‘Judge Hatchett’), and last but not least - a famous name you may know well – Bobbi Brown (the CEO and Founder of Bobbi Brown Cosmetics).

“We chose ‘New Decade, New Directions’ as a theme this year because we are in a New Decade in 2010. Many who have gone through the economic turmoil of the last year have found that they must take a ‘New Direction’”. The sessions offered at the summit offer new approaches to communication, negotiation, financial advise, social networking, entrepreneurship, leadership, and time management, etc.

When asked what she wishes students and business professionals alike will gain from attending the summit, Kati Machtley said, “My hope for all who attend the 2010 Women’s Summit will be the same as it has been for the past 13 years. I hope by learning new information and listening to the experiences of the keynote speakers, it will encourage them to think about the direction they hope to take in their lives in the New Decade. Knowledge is power and that is what the Women’s Summit intends to impart on March 11, 2010.”

Students may attend the Women’s Summit for only $10 and registration forms are available at the President’s Office. For more information, please visit http://wsummit.bryant.edu.

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By: Amy Angeloni
Senate Secretary

Tired of the food at Bryant? You’re not alone. In a recent survey of 870 Bryant students, 51% said that food is the biggest problem at Bryant University right now. Recy cling came in second place with 22%, but with SIFE’s major green initiative launched a couple of weeks ago, this will hopefully be improving very soon. However, the bigger question still remains: what do we do about the food?

First, let’s talk about where the numbers came from. Two surveys have been distributed so far (a general survey in October, and a food-focused survey in December) as a result of a recent campaign called “Knocking Down Doors,” in which members of Student Senate go door-to-door to every dorm, suite, and townhouse on campus and ask residents to fill out a brief survey about how they feel about what’s going on around campus.

Why, you ask? In the words of senior Tiago Machado, “As an organization that was formed to serve the community, we did some self-reflection and realized that we had been failing in our efforts to really hear what students had to say. In order to remedy the situation, Student Senate felt it was necessary to launch a campaign to really get a feel for what was going on in the typical Bryant Student’s mind.”

A Couple of Interesting Statistics:
- Asked, “What do you consider to be the biggest problem at Bryant University right now?” 51% of students replied Food, followed by Recycling (22%), Bryant Center (12%), Academics (8%), and Other (7%).
- 71% of students said “Yes” when asked “Do you think Dining Dollars should be interchangeable (i.e. Pay $6.50 in Dining Dollars to eat at Salamons, rather than a meal limit)?”

So what comes next? Well for one thing, as part of its major re-structuring and re-focusing this year, Senate has created an entire committee devoted to Food and Dining. What do you consider to be the biggest problem at Bryant University right now?

Other problems ranking high were recycling and the Bryant Center.
Services, and improving the food options on campus is one of their primary goals for this year. Their ultimate long-term goal is to make the meal plan optional for Bryant students, which in the words of committee head Jarrod Gibbons “would allow students who are not satisfied with the meal plan to go elsewhere.”

If you feel strongly about this issue and would like to find out how YOU can get involved to help improve dining options on campus, feel free to contact Jarrod Gibbons (jgibbon1@bryant.edu). Look out for more surveys and updates coming soon. And in the meantime, watch out for the mystery meat.

A recent survey, conducted by the Bryant Senate found that 51 percent of students found food to be the biggest problem on campus (Amanda Dunn).
Survivor Series: Julie Moran

By Meredith Salvas
Contributing Writer

What type of cancer were you diagnosed with? I was diagnosed with a Wilms' tumor in my left kidney. This is also called nephroblastoma which is the name for a tumor of the kidneys.

When were you diagnosed? At what age? I was diagnosed at 18 months old.

What was your initial reaction to your diagnosis? Luckily, I don't remember much from my entire battle with cancer because I was so young. But I do know that my diagnosis took a huge toll on my family and friends.

Did you know of a family history of this particular type of cancer, or cancer in general? This cancer is usually found in children and rarely is found in adults. Many of my family members have unfortunately suffered from breast cancer though.

How did your diagnosis affect your friends and family? It caused many arguments between my parents, family, and friends. Also, all of the medical bills were insane and my family had very little money. They were constantly worried about if they would have enough financial support to help me get cured.

What do you enjoy most about life now? I am just so happy to be alive and healthy. I have yearly check-ups at Dana Farber Hospital in Boston and every time we go, we are sitting in the waiting room with 10 children all hooked up to machines, who we know are dying. I can't help but look at their families surrounding them thinking that was once my family. Now, I just want to get the most out of life that I can.

Do you have any hobbies? Having one kidney my whole life made it very hard for me to play contact sports. That's why I took up swimming; because it was the one sport my parents didn't have to worry about me getting hurt in. I have been swimming my whole life and swam here at Bryant last year. Other than that, I just love to have fun, shop, travel, and hang out with my friends.

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Contributing Writer

Constant Kate

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HARASSING/THREATENING CALL: FEB 9 2010-Tuesday at 16:00 Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: A student reported receiving harassing phone calls.

VANDALISM (School Building): FEB 9 2010-Tuesday at 17:13 Location: TOWNHOUSE Summary: A student reported a broken window in their townhouse.

LARCENY ($50-$200): FEB 9 2010-Tuesday at 17:57 Location: BRYANT CENTER Summary: A report of a male who is believed to have stolen a book from the book store.

LARCENY ($50-$200): FEB 9 2010-Tuesday at 20:00 Location: CHASE ATHLETIC CENTER / GYM / MAC Summary: A student reported his wallet stolen from the Wellness Center.

LARCENY ($200-$500): FEB 12 2010-Friday at 01:59 Location: UNISTRUCTURE Summary: A staff member reported the theft from the Rotunda.

ATTEMPTED BREAKING AND ENTERING: FEB 12 2010-Friday at 02:31 Location: TOWNHOUSE VILLAGE Summary: A report of someone attempting to break into a residence.

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CREDIT CARD FRAUD (Under $100): FEB 12 2010-Friday at 16:57 Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: A report of a credit card being used to make unauthorized purchases.

POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA: FEB 13 2010-Saturday at 22:35 Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: A report of drug activity and alcohol violations.

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Extravaganza is back!

By Jenna Morris
Campus News Editor

Carol-Ann Lundy, Extravaganza chair of MSU. This year, Extravaganza is going to be more inclusive by having aspects of numerous cultures involved in the show, while also keeping some elements of Black History month in the show, such as a performance of the Black National Anthem by Bryant student Sherika Nicholas.

Extravaganza will feature various types of clothing ranging from swimwear to gowns. T.J. Maxx owner of T.J. Maxx and Marshall’s, will be sponsoring the event. There will also be other local fashion designers, such as Lisa Milan and Alexander Cobb. Estefania’s Boutique in Providence will be providing all of the gowns, and Bryant’s own Danica Kwan (’12) will be showcasing some of her designs too.

This year’s theme is Animal Kingdom, and scenes will include the Birds of Paradise, Ocean Euphoria, and Safari, among others. There will be performances from local dance crews such as Drastick, who recently competed on MTV’s America’s Best Dance Crew. In addition, Bryant’s own newly formed dance team aDvanced Evolution will be performing a mix between hip hop, vogue-ing and krrumping.

Along with Carol-Ann Lundy, many other students helped plan this event. Victor Feralta and Christina Lee are the co-chairs for Extravaganza, and Pratik Parikh is the president of MSU.

Extravaganza will be taking place Friday, February 26th at 8 PM in the MAC. Doors open at 7. Presale tickets are $5 for students and $7 for the public and will be sold in the Rotunda. At the door, tickets are $7 for students and $10 for the general public.

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The Student Entrepreneur: It's not the economy, stupid

By Michael Adams
Assistant Editor-in-Chief

I'm going to jump right into what has been driving me up the wall. I've been on campus for about a month and keep hearing some variation of “it's the economy,” “we're in tough times,” “this stupid economy.” I can’t find a job because of the economy, and lastly, my all-time favorite, “we’re in recession.” Sure, we were in a recession, but do we have to blame everything on the economy? My cat died — it’s the economy. I burned my French toast to a crisp — apparently spending more money, this wouldn’t have happened. It’s just ridiculous statements like that that I am plain sick of. It’s pretty obvious the economy has a broken right leg and gotten a nasty right hook to the sniffer, but does it really dictate our lives? I liken it to the weathermen forecasting 10-15" of snow last week. What did we get? A mere five inches — half of which melted in 24 hours. We’ve created in the American people these false thoughts about our financial state — let alone the cold fronts. We would be in great shape if people put a smile on their faces and went to work, spending their hard-earned cash on Main Street to support the independent retailers and are in the plan-ning stages right now.

I’m trying so hard not to talk about politics in this article — after all I could not last thirty seconds in a political debate — but this is what it centers on. You need to work with your town’s government to re-create the backbone of Main Street. That is what is most important here.

Everything, in my opinion, starts locally. Sure, the stimulus package helps big corporations, but what about incentives to keep local businesses or help local businesses expand? Do the government policies that are enacted actually make a real impact? I don’t think so, which is why individuals just like ourselves, young people, need to get involved in solving the problem — instead of spending money on beverages and lavish items.

We have a choice of whether or not to do this. The more people we get on board, the more innovation we foster on college campus, the better off we are. Just imagine when your favorite local cafe closes. You could do something at least help them — go there once a week with some friends, offer to land more retail accounts, etc.

We need to learn from this downfall is that we need to focus on the future — the rebuilding of our local business and industry landscape. Let’s get some manufacturers in here, stop relocating half of the workforce to China and focus on local growth — it’s the only thing that will keep our local and national growth. Oh, and stop blaming the economy! Instead, do something about it.

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Top ten signs you might be an entrepreneur

By Brian Cox
Contributing Writer

Each of these attributes represents one reason, in a long list of reasons, for starting your own venture or changing jobs to become an entrepreneur. Each day I am thankful for the ability and courage to break the mold and compete on a playing field I chose. These are ten signs you might be an entrepreneur, too:

1. I can’t sleep because I’m infatuated with my newest venture
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6. I have an eccentric and infectious personality
7. I love describing my business plans to anyone who will listen
8. I actively create ventures that solve peoples current problems
9. I work hardest when the task is self-assigned
10. Wealth is created through smart work not necessarily hard work

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Duane Reade acquisition

By Michael Roberto
Faculty Columnist

Walgreens announced on Wednesday that they are acquiring Duane Reade, a 257 store pharmacy chain in New York City. The deal provides Walgreens the much needed presence in New York, where Duane Reade locations seem to be on every other corner, particularly in Manhattan.

The articles written about the acquisition note all the same — Duane Reade has the highest sales per square footage in the industry. Let’s consider that for a moment. What does that mean? Typically, we think of sales per square foot as a critical metric of retail success. However, in the case of Duane Reade, we have to proceed with caution. The New

York City locations involve very expensive real estate. Thus, one needs a great deal more sales per square foot simply to cover the additional overhead costs.

Yes, the Duane Reade locations generate a great deal of revenue per square foot since they can support their employees who, in turn, spend money in town. It’s the most positive circle I know of. Why aren’t we starting on this local level?

I know my tiny little town of Richmond, Vermont is headed in that direction. After all, Vermont has been home of great entrepreneurial endeavors in food, lifestyle brands, and other successful ventures. I’m not saying this passion and drive to innovate is not present elsewhere, but it needs to be in every town and city. There’s no reason that we, as citizens cannot bring this economy back to life. It does not start on a federal level.

In Richmond, we have started an economic development committee to bring the town’s residents together and plan our vibrant future. It’s a great idea, headed mainly by residents and business owners with support from other area organizations. There were over 100 people at the first meeting in January (Rich- mond’s population is just over 4,000 people). The pizza was from the local bakery, and the sodas were flowing from two local breweries — the owners happen to live in town. It was a great brainstorm that should be happening in your town. We generated tons of ideas and are creating actionable goals that are coming to fruition and are in the plan-ning stages right now.

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Bulldogs lose heartbreaker to Colonials

Senior captain Kelsey O’Keefe led Bryant’s unsuccessful comeback against Robert Morris as she led all scorers with 33 points, including eight 3-pointers. (Courtesy of Bryant Athletics)

Bryant swimming places fourth at NEC’s

“The Bulldogs set five more school records out of six events and competed to finish with 276 total team points for fourth place.”

Kelsey O’Keefe
Year: Senior
Sport: Basketball

Jameson Love
Year: Sophomore
Sport: Lacrosse

Love had a career high 20 saves in the Bulldog season opening 5-4 loss to No. 4 North Carolina.
One and done

By David Niles

Throughout the decades there have been numerous college basketball stars that made it to the NBA, but few of themselves and dominated the collegiate ranks. The exception is to Hall of Fame careers. In the 60s it was Lou Alcindor, who later became Kareem Abdul Jabbar, who was the best, but only during his senior year in Carmelino's single season or Texas in Durant's? If you did, you probably didn't get to cheer the next year. You have to be the coaches be-stars and faces of the sport Pitino, and Jim Calhoun. The Coach K, Roy Williams, Rick.
No Bay, no way

By Brett Millier
Staff Writer

Let me just preface this article by saying that I am a die-hard Red Sox fan. I have been watching games with my grandpa since I was born and even have a Sox tattoo on my arm. That being said, the only way I can describe my relationship with the team is by saying it’s like having a girlfriend. I know deep down that I love the Sox, but they just really get on my nerves sometimes.

For example, how in the world do you let your best player just walk out the door? Granted, Jason Bay may have given me my firstborn to Jason Bay to make him stay. At least if you are going to let your best player leave, pick up a superstar in the off-season. The most notable off-season acquisition has been Adrian Beltre, who hit an amazing 8 homers while batting .333 last season. With all the money in the Red Sox organization, Theo Epstein needs to pull in the free agent. What it comes down to is that the Red Sox are putrid. The Sox have had a drought. What it comes down to is that the Red Sox are putting too much faith in old tal- ent. Not every player is Mike Lowell, no careers last forever. The sooner the bosses realize that you can’t win games on

First couple months of last season, Kevin Youkilis is a great player, don’t get me wrong, but he is not a superstar; same with Drew. Jason Bay was the closest thing we had to Manny, and we let him go. Instead of going after washed-up players and gold-gloved fielders, Theo Epstein needs to pull in a big hitter. If he doesn’t do something soon, we could be in for another World Series drought. What it comes down to is that the Red Sox are put-

ting too much faith in old talent. Not every player is Mike Lowell, no careers last forever. The sooner the bosses realize that you can’t win games on

pitching alone, the better off they’ll be.

I’m not asking for the days where Ramirez and Ortiz each bashed 40 homers a sea- son, that’s a little excessive. All I want is for the Red Sox to go out and get one stand- out hitter. I’d settle for a Jef-

maine Dye or a Carlos Delgado, just how much effort I’ll explain about this until the season starts, but of course I’ll be there watching every game. I guess I can only ways look forward to the trade deadline.

Ask the Coach

Question: I have been working out and really want to try my luck and I want to look good for “Spring Break”. What do I need to do to burn calories? Answer: Try decreasing the resting times between sets of weight training and increasing the amount of spot that you are using on the various cardio machines that we have here in the fitness center.

A really great method of adjusting the weight training aspect of your workouts is to do what we call complex training. The idea of complex training is to set up different exercises and start with a high amount of reps and work your way down to a minimum amount of reps. I utilize the clock while doing this. For instance if you are using the Body Mas- ter equipment try using six of them and start with 12 minutes. I think your way through a circuit doing 12 reps then 11 reps 10 reps etc. Use the clock and see if you can finish in a desig-

nated time and then beat that
time every workout! Remember to eat well and not starve yourself to get ready. That is unhealthy and can lead to serious medical problems.

Coach Tim’s Weekly Workout:

Day 1
- Leg press-lat pull-down chest press-seated rows-leg extensions-shoulder press - Perform 12 reps on each machine in a circuit. Work your way down from 12 to 1 reps and do this in a rapid session.

- Core: Stability ball exchanges 3 sets of 15 reps
- Stability Ball Crunches: 3 sets of 30 reps.
- Planks: 1 minute each for 3 minute

Day 2
- Forward lunges 1 minute alternating legs-backward lunges 1 minute alternating legs-side lunges 1 minute alternating legs.
- Lying dumbbell press: 4 sets of 10 with 20 body-

weight squats between sets, seated dumbbell press: 4sets of 10 with 10 pushups between sets. Lat pull downs 4 sets of 10 with 25 crunches between sets. Seated cable rows 4 sets of 10 with 25 lying leg raise between sets.

- Note: perform this workout as rapidly as possible while maintaining proper form!

Day 3
- Barbell squats/forward lunges 20 each for 3 sets.
- Stability Ball: 50 crunches to 10 push ups 3sets.
- 20 ball exchanges with 20 leg curls between sets.
- Bench press 3 sets of 7 reps with 10 push ups between sets.
- Dumbbell Curl/Press 4 sets of 8 with 12 dips between sets.
- Stability Ball lateral raises 4 sets of 8 reps with 20 back- ward lunges between sets.

These workouts should get your heart rate going and keep burning calories long after your workout has ended.

Thanks to Tim Brien for his weekly contribution to

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Top 10 Reasons...

...to watch the Winter Olympics

By Jackie Ammirato
Assistant Sports Editor

10. Shaun White

The 2006 Gold Medalist in the halfpipe competition White is back looking for more medals. White signed an endorse-

ment deal and turned pro when he was 13. He was the first athlete to win a medal at the Summer and Winter X Games.

9. Apolo Anton Ohno
An American short-track speedskater, Ohno went to Van-

couver chasing Olympic gold. Ohno has already won five Olympic medals. In his first event, the 1500 meter, he took silver. He now has six Olympic medals and will compete in three more races before these
games are done.

8. Figure Skating

Changes have been made to the scoring system in an at-

tempt to avoid the questionable judging that went on at the 2002 Olympics. However, critics say the system might actu-

ally be worse.

7. Men’s Ice Hockey

Hockey is the biggest sport in Canada and there is enor-

mous pressure on the Canadian team to win gold. The most talked about match up is the US versus Canada on Sunday.

6. End of Speed Skating

A lack of snow in Vancouver has a lot of people talking. En-

vironmentalists use it to fuel their arguments over climate change. Meanwhile, Canadian taxpayers are starting to grumble as the government imports snow into the region on the taxpayer’s dollar.

5. Skeleton

At no other point can you watch this sport on TV. This is a sport where a single athlete, man or woman, lies on a fiber-

glass toboggy face first and races down a track. Between the force of gravity and the presence of friction the athlete’s body is said to undergo 5G’s of force. By the way the tobog-

gan has absolutely no steering or braking mechanism.

4. Kwan Nkrumah-Acheampong

The 35 year old is Ghana’s first ever Winter Olympian, com-

peting in alpine skiing. His trip to the Games was sponsored by an online poker site, and any extra money he makes will be donated to save endangered snow leap-

ards from extinction.

3. Biathlon

A sport that combines cross country skiing and rifle shoot-

ing, I think that says it all.

2. Ski Cross

2010 marks this sports Olympic debut. In ski cross, four skiers start simultaneously and attempt to reach the end of the course as fast as possible. The course features jumps, turns, and banks. Contact between racers does occur, but in-

tentional contact is banned.

1. Curling

If you have never seen this sport played, you must. It is a combination of shuffleboard and lawn bowling, played on a sheet of ice. Curling is played in teams of four. Each team sends granite stones down the ice towards a button, called the button, that is located in the center of the ice. The closest team is the winner. The button can be anywhere between 3 and 4 feet closer to the centre of the house than the other team’s. Two sweepers follow each stone down the ice with brooms, at-

tempting to alter the distance the stone travels. Ten men’s and ten women’s teams from around the world qualified for the round robin competition at Vancouver.

Bryant On Tap

Saturday, February 20th:
- Women's Lacrosse, HOME vs Boston College, 12:00pm
- Men's Lacrosse, HOME vs Vermont, 3:00pm
- Women's Basketball, at Mount St Mary's, 7:00pm
- Men's Basketball, at Mount St Mary's, 7:00pm

Tuesday, February 23rd:
- Men's Lacrosse, at Army, 4:00pm

Thursday, February 25th:
- Women's Lacrosse, at Villanova, 4:30pm
- Women's Basketball, at St. Francis (NY), 5:00pm
- Men's Basketball, HOMe vs St. Francis (NY), 7:30pm
- Men's Basketball, at Nicholls St., 7:00pm
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Two months in the bathroom for cheating?

By Michael Adams
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I think that I am going to send a letter to the executives of ABC, CBS, FOX, and NBC trying to push this new reality TV program I have in mind. What is it you ask? How about a spin-off on “Yo Momma” from MTV fame, with previous Vice Presidential Candidates and actual Vice Presidents as the competitors?

If you cannot remember, or simply never heard of the show, the premise was that individuals would make jokes at one another (typically about their moms) in attempt to get the most laughter from those watching and be declared the winner.

My spinoff would have each of the VPs attacking a President from the other party. And since our VPs and VP candidates have become more outspoken recently, this bodies well as a primetime comedy on any major network — or at least put it on CSPAN. That may double CPSAN’s viewership from 10 to 20 people at any given time.

You want to know what is the best part about this potential program? The VPs and the former candidates are already holding tryouts to make it into the cut of potential competitors. Leading the way are current Vice President Biden and former VP Cheney. It does not come as much of a surprise to have these two taking jabs at each other and their respective Presidents. Cheney has been doing this since he left office. Biden has been playing an effective counterpart to Cheney’s point in many situations.

The most recent account of VPs gone wild occurred this past weekend with Cheney and Biden offering differing accounts about the effectiveness of each others’ Administrations’ actions with regard to national security — more accurately, the Administrations’ actions involving terrorism. However, Cheney continues to show Palin how to be “my way”, and repeatedly teach McCain just what a Maverick does by taking some subtle, and some not so subtle, jabs at his former partner in action, former President Bush.

Mr. Cheney has made it clear that he would handle terrorist suspects and detainees differently. However, he did not get the way he wanted and he is going to take the proverbial shotgun to the face of his own Administrations’ efforts with respect to national security.

On the other side there is VP Biden who continues to advocate for the policies set forth by President Obama over the last year. He repeatedly debunked the notion that the Obama Administration is weak on terrorism by pointing to the increasing success of the fight in Afghanistan — culminating this week with the capture of the highest ranking official in the Taliban since the war began over eight years ago, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar. It has not been all high marks for the administration as turmoil still persists with regards to the impending trial of Khalid Shaikh Mohammed. Through all of this Mr. Biden has done what he can to respond to the criticism being thrown at President Obama in recent weeks.

While these two heavy-weights certainly are the most credentialed of VPs in this ongoing war of words, they are not the only ones out there. I am, of course, referring to the rogue one, Sarah Palin. In her new political analyst, Tea Party supporter medium, she has been one of the most outspoken individuals criticizing what President Obama has been doing in what seems like all realms of politics. During her latest appearance in front of a Tea Party convention she took multiple jabs at President Obama with regard to national security. And if there is one thing that Palin has learned, it is that in politics, politicians will also mock you. It will not be David Letterman, the entire Saturday Night Live cast, Bill Maher, any political analyst on MSNBC, Seth McFarlane (Family Guy creator), and the list goes on. No, even the Press Secretary Robert Gibbs mocked Mrs. Palin and her middle school-esque crib sheet she had on her hand during her speech.

Three people may not be enough to start a show, but do not tell that to these three who have been making video clip after video clip of political attacks on opposing political viewpoints. It seems pretty obvious that these three will continue this as time goes on — at least until Mr. Cheney publishes his book and Mrs. Palin runs for office again, possibly.

In the meantime, I still wish to see this become a TV show. How do I resolve this short-handed issue of only three people? Easy. I will just tell Al Goire that we are having a debate about Climate Change.

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A vice presidential war of words

By Drew Green
Opinion Editor

I have always wondered what people think, how their neurons fire telling them that abusing their child is a perfectly acceptable practice.

When the police showed up, the father of the child looked visibly shaken at the sight of his daughter who was no longer in the bathroom. Nonetheless, the parents were both arrested, and somehow managed to post the $36,000 bail and were released — meanwhile the daughter and her four siblings were placed in Child Protective Services.

Before I get into my rant, this isn’t the first time the daughter was abused. She told police that in a previous home her father and stepmother forced her to sleep on an outdoor patio for five months, locked her in a closet for a week, and locked her in a bathroom for a week.

First off, after some quick calculations, these young parents had their daughter at the ages of 17 and 19 years old, and as we have seen on MTV’s show, Teen Mom, having a baby that young is hard to handle and can be incredibly frustrating. How ever, in no way am I blaming this teen pregnancy for locking their daughter in closed quarters.

Secondly, what the father was punished for is just flat out ridiculous: taking food — excuse me, stealing food—from the kitchen and cheating on a home school test. Let’s deal with the food first. Now, in a family unit that lives under the same roof, a general assumption is that what is in the kitchen is up-for grabs by any member of the family, except maybe the chicken breast that’s for dinner. So, in effect, stealing from your kitchen is a little absurd. It’s your kitchen — let your daughter eat.

Now, let’s tackle cheating on a home-schooled exam — first of all, is that even possible? If their daughter was sitting at the table I guess she could look at the year when Columbus sailed to the US (which is written on her arm or call her friend Molly or maybe she doesn’t have any friends because her parents choose to lock her up so often) to find out the answer, but most tests are proctored by the parents or so I would think.

These are both ridiculous claims to lock your daughter up for two months and torture her. I have always wondered what people think, how their neurons fire telling them that abusing their child is a perfectly acceptable practice. And, to top it off, this has happened before, unfortunately all across the nation. By other psychotic parents. I only hope that these parents witnessed what happened to these other children and that maybe, just maybe, they should stop doing what they’re doing. Just a thought.
Haiti is a dime a dozen

By Michael Cohen
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As money poured into Haiti, I began thinking about other impoverished nations. Problems are intriguing ideas to think about. We are all so engrossed in work, school, and activities, that we often fail to consider what is happening around the world, especially in impoverished nations.

It is difficult to tell over the circumstances that so many people struggle.

It is hard to grasp that people throughout the world are suffering so greatly. So, it would not rather not swallowing the fact that so many people are afflicted by unbelievable hardship.

While we are sipping beers and slurping down mixed drinks, others are looking for clean water. It is sobering stuff to think about, but it puts your life into perspective.

Crises are really the only things that effectively bring to light problems and provoke action. It takes national headlining and media attention to bring problems that have been brewing for decades to our attention. A problem that is frustrating is that Haiti is one of many. There are innumerable nations which suffer just as badly as the people in Haiti. Haiti is the poorest nation in the Western hemisphere, not the world. It is disappointing that it took a massive earthquake to finally bring notice to Haiti.

According to the CIA World Fact Book, Haiti’s GDP per capita for 2009 was $1,300. This ranks Haiti 203 out of 228 nations in terms of annual income per person. Zimbabwe by comparison ranks last on the list, whose citizens make an average of $200 a year. Haiti has the highest infant mortality rate generally indicates a lack of contraceptives (which in turn contribute to spread AIDS and health problems), a poor education structure, and a struggle for food and clean resources. Birth rates, death rates, and infant mortality rates illustrate the same problems. Clearly Haiti is not the only nation with serious issues.

Hopefully Haiti serves as a wakeup call. The United States and many States and European nations should be giving in- calculable aid to nations in Africa, South America, and the Middle East.

Many of these nations suffered under dictatorships, prioring the US and Europe with the fruits of prosperity. Likewise, many of these nations have struggled with civil wars and multiple leadership changes.

You know what really grinds my gears...

By Dylan Ford
Staff Writer

What really grinds my gears is when I ever finally find an open parking spot on a crowded weekend at the super market. I start walking in the space but some idiot wants to park in the bathroom stall in the middle of the space. The collections space is only a few steps away but you were too lazy to take 30 seconds to walk those few steps. Now because of your laziness I have to get out of my car, move the cart out of the way, get back in my car and pull into the space. While I’m doing this traffic is being backed up and people are honking their horns. Just put your cart back when you’re done. It’s like gevgidxzing your hands dirty in the bathroom for whatever reason, wiping it off then looking at the soup and thinking “I’ll just do it later.” NO, DO IT NOW! Think of everyone else affected by your laziness.

Facilities learned how to clear snow!

We don’t know what happened with the snow-clearing crew from last year, but this year the snow has actually been cleared from campus. It must have been a great excitement seeing how to clear sidewalks for college students that typically don’t watch the weather report.

Remember the pollution?

We noticed that Relay for Life decided to spray paint “Remember,” among other phrases, across campus, but failed to account the CFC’s they were polluting the air with.

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Bryant Said What!

Person 1: “I’m going to finish reading this between 9pm and 10 pm because it is incredibly dry.”

Person 2: “Yeah. School should be moist”.

“I like her intelligence, it’s smart.”

“My mom’s best friend, Kyle, who is a woman...”

“Is that guy holding a gun or an umbrella? Because one is definitely less threatening than the other”.

P1: “I have a twin sister.”

P2: “Oh, really? Are you fraternal or identical?”

P1: “Let’s think here. I’m a guy. She’s a girl. Hmm.”

“This is crap. My 8th grade sister could have written something better than this.”

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By Ann Lamott  
MCT Campus

I'm doing fairly well for a grandmother who had a monkey tangle up her hair last month on a ghast in Varanasi at sunset. Back home again now, I can report that in the midst of the zap that is India, with its heartbreaking, gorgeous, hallucinatory, dazing, kaleidoscopic, mind-blowing grandeur and loud reality, a place where having a monkey's hand trapped in your dreadlocks is pretty par for the course, I came to three decisions about my own country.

The first is that if the people on the streets of India can keep their humor and good nature, I can keep mine.

I left for the subcontinent the day before the Massachusetts election, and so arrived in a state of rage, despairing that we would ever see health-care reform. I nearly bit the head off the kindly driver of a tiny rattletrap car, which had broken down by the side of the road to Agra when he inquired innocently, from under the hood, if I knew anything about wiring.

But after a few days on the subcontinent, I came to the unshakable belief that we will have decent enough health-care reform, and soon. What's going to help America return from Bush/Cheney is what saved and saves India: love, nonviolence, a lot of help, and cool perspective. I saw Indians living in spaces the size of my bathtub, giddily colorful amid the squalor and deprivation, making themselves beautiful in spaces the size of my bathtub, giddily colorful amid the squalor and deprivation, making themselves beautiful in spaces the size of my

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Bulldog Flicks:
‘Up in the Air’ makes you think

George Clooney and Anna Kendrick in the dramatic comedy, ‘Up in the Air’. (MCT Campus)

By Coburn Childs
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Ryan Bingham is alone, and he likes it that way. A corporate “career transition counselor,” Ryan’s job is to fly all around the country and do the dirty work for bosses who are too spineless to fire their own employees. In this economic time, Ryan’s business is booming, and he is content to live his life in the air, as he spends 322 days of the year on the road and away from any real human connection.

“No make mistake your relationships are the heaviest components in your life. The slower we move the faster we die,” Ryan tells us. He lives by this advice, and he has no need or desire to try any other way.

Ryan’s ideal way of life is upended when Natalie Keeter, a naive and fresh-faced Cornell graduate, is hired by his corporation and proposes a new online method of firing people that will cut costs by more than half. Ryan doesn’t like this, he ironically prefers the “personal touch” of face-to-face firing, and his boss agrees to let Ryan show Natalie the ropes before they decide to change their way of doing business. So begins a poignant journey for both Ryan and Natalie, as both learn much more than they expected from the other.

Writer/director Jason Reitman (‘Juno’ and ‘Thank You For Smoking’) has done it again. He has crafted a genuinely thought-provoking and occasionally witty film that will stay with you long after you’ve left the theatre. ‘Up in the Air’ explores what it means to hold human connections and what a life without any real personal relationships actually looks like. It is an occasionally sad story that serves more as a cautionary tale than as a feel-good crowd-pleaser.

As Ryan Bingham, George Clooney gives a wonderful (and Oscar-nominated) performance that evokes a steady progression of emotion. Ryan starts as a cynic, yet experiences a number of lessons that start to give his life a sense of meaning, even if he doesn’t expect all that those lessons eventually have in store for him. Pivotal to the story is another corporate frequent-flyer, Alex Goran (Vera Farmiga) who meets Ryan in a hotel and bonds with him as they share with each other how many “miles” they have and which hotels have offered them the best staying experiences. “We are both turned on by elite status,” she remarks, and so begins a passionate relationship between the two, as they arrange to meet up frequently in their travels. This is quite a change for Ryan, who opens up to the possibility that there may be more to life than just his cold, fast-paced existence.

Probably the most surprising part of the film is Anna Kendrick (of ‘Twilight’ fame), who gives a wonderfully sympathetic performance as the hot-shot Natalie, a stubborn girl who seemingly has her life all together and doesn’t need to learn from anyone older. But she is certainly in for a surprise, as she gradually forms a sweet father-daughter relationship with Ryan and discovers much more about who she is and specifically what she wants in her life. Kendrick and Farmiga were both also nominated for the film’s award, including, as Best Actress and Supporting Actress, respectively.

In addition to the wonderfully sharp performances, it is the film’s poignant and often clever writing that makes us start to develop compassion and a genuine feeling of sympathy for Ryan. This is a fine film, and it definitely deserves the 6 Academy Award nominations it has received.

I give ‘Up in the Air’ 4 out of 5 bulldogs.
Bulldog Flicks: ‘Valentine’s Day’ disappoints

By Luke Stankiewicz
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There’s nothing more irritating than a movie that is written, filmed, and marketed solely for the purpose of making money. It’s a slap in the face to the art of filmmaking and to what actors, directors, and crews do every day. As a critic, it makes you feel cheap and unimportant. If the Godfather is college basketball, this film is the NBA. It has no substance, no value, and worst of all isn’t real but rather just a big show where its biggest stars are only there to draw the big crowds and the all mighty dollar.

Is there even a point in talking about the plot? Not really, because there isn’t one. It’s a bunch of people whose lives somehow become intertwined, fall in (and sometimes out) of love, and all end up happily ever after, as long as they deserve it. The plot isn’t what’s important here, it’s the stars. This is made clear by the beginning where every single scene is listed out on the screen and subsequently introduced with brief back stories.

The list of stars is endless, but the women who you wind up caring about are Ashton Kutcher, Topher Grace, and Anne Hathaway. The first had his fiancée walk out on him, the other two are a blossoming young couple. It’s only too bad their stories get lost amid all the other rather unnecessary ones.

I wouldn’t say this movie caters to all audiences, but then there is one important oversight by the filmmakers that I feel is worth mentioning. With the exception of Queen Latifah and George Lopez, there are absolutely no characters in this movie that aren’t white. Even those two don’t end up in a relationship, they’re just thrown in.

Frankly it’s offensive, and since this movie takes place in Los Angeles I’m not buying it at all. I’m sick of seeing young people beyond their apparent means, and attractive couples go through pathetic melodrama and end up happily ever after. Imagine how I felt after ten of these.

The film is funny at times, such as a scene where Jessica Biel gets caught on a ever speeding up treadmill or when a young couple attempt to have sex for the first time, only to get caught by the parents. How funny, how cliché. I didn’t really laugh, but the audience did. Maybe that’s all that counts.

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Still, after having seen great romantic comedies like ‘Four Feet’ (change the setting to NYC and it’s 5 Bulldogs) and ‘Music and Lyrics’, I can’t help but wonder why this movie fails so miserably. That the film tries too hard to get too many things, and does it all at too fast a pace, is definitely its biggest down-fall. Most good rom-coms try hard to get us to identify with two people who are in love, not fifty of them. ‘Valentine’s Day’ was des-tined to fail on this front, but there’s more to the story. Take the lack of diversity, the obvi-ous pandering to an already commercialized holiday, and finally the lack of any innova-tion in storytelling, and you get a pretty poor piece of filmmaking. I saw this movie in Boston on Valentine’s Day with my girlfriend. My mem-o ries are of her telling me to wake up every couple of minutes. I gave ‘Valentine’s Day’ 2 out of 5 Bulldogs.

By Joe Flint
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For those rumors that Howard Stern is joining “American Idol,” the Parents Television Council is throwing in its two cents. Big surprise. They don’t like it.

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That’s no shock to anyone familiar with the PTC, which has spent the last few years battling the Federal Communications Commission with complaints about programming on broadcast television and radio that it finds indecent. Stern left FM radio for satellite radio in 2006 for a bigger paycheck and more freedom after 20 years of being a target of the PTC.

The Stern-for-Cowell rumors have been fueled by the self-proclaimed “king of all media” himself on his satellite radio show. Over the last few weeks, Stern, a big fan of “Idol,” has talked about being a judge without specifically saying he’s in any real negotiations or has ever been approached.

Of course, Stern’s own contract with Sirius XM is up at the end of this year, and no one is better than he is at using the public airwaves to leverage his own situation.

In its release denouncing Stern and pleading with Fox to go on the record as saying this would never happen, the PTC quotes the radio personality talking about former “American Idol” winner Fantasia. Let’s just say it’s harsher than anything Cowell would say to a contestant about her appearance and appeal to the opposite sex.

“Any involvement by Howard Stern on ‘American Idol’ would be disastrous and would immediately de-stroy the show’s hard-earned reputation as the Gold Standard of friendly programs on broadcast television,” said PTC President Tim Winter.

Fox has neither confirmed nor denied the Stern rumors. If it were to deny this rumor, argu-ably it would be to start denying or con-firming every rumor about the show, and there are many of them every day. Also, the network may figure little can be gained by angering Stern. In keeping with that spirit, a Fox spokesperson declined to comment on Stern or the PTC release.

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“Who would you like to see as the spring weekend performer?”

“I'd like to see Trapt because they are my favorite band.”
-Jim Delvecia ’12

“Rihanna- she has had a good comeback, she has good music, and she is a strong inspiration.”
-Mariah Springs ’13

“If we had the money I’d love to see Beyonce, but I don't think its going to happen…”
-Carol Ann Lundy ’11

“I'd like to see some country like Rascal Flats or Taylor Swift.”
-Anthony Dejulao ’12

“Old Crow Medicine, they sing my favorite song.”
-Sean Sullivan ’10

“Trey Songz because he has the hottest songs out right now and I think everyone would enjoy his music.”
-Norah Justin ’13