Alternative Spring Break makes community service a priority

By David Nelligan
Staff Writer

Each year, thousands of college students head to Cancun, Florida, and many other places for sun and fun during their spring breaks. However, this past year a select group of Bryant students take it upon themselves to give the less fortunate a chance during spring break to help the less fortunate through the Alternative Spring Break program. The students are travelling to Washington, D.C. where they will volunteer at three different organizations for the week, while staying at the Washington Retreat House.

After going through the application process back in November, fourteen students were selected to attend the trip. The students were asked to describe what should be chosen to attend and were picked based on who was the most deserving of the opportunity to experience a program like Alternative Spring Break.

After narrowing down the selection the students that were picked are: Elena Barkalova, Kristin Castellano, Tiffany Crapps, Stephanie Del Mistro, Matthew Gallagher, Thomas Lapinski, Ryan Malone, Mikala Mann, Jenna Morris, Hana Nguyen, Pratik Parikh, Kelly Partridge, Alyssa Robidoux, and Liz Stapleton. They will be advised by Hurley and run by Rob Mannhouse.

The trip lasts from Sunday to Friday during spring break; three days volunteering, two days for driving, and one day designated for touring D.C. Each year the group volunteers at Food and Friends, Little Sisters of the Poor, and St. Anthony’s Elementary School. At Food and Friends students will prepare meals, cut up potatoes, and deliver meals and groceries to the students.

Students attended the LEARN weekend experience (pictured above) as well as the CHANGE weekend experience to develop their leadership skills in a peer-run setting.

By Brigit Clancy
Variety Editor

After a week of classes and meetings, sixty students traveled to the YMCA Camp Woodstock in Woodstock, Conn. to participate in the Linked through Leadership Program weekend retreats on Friday, February 19.

Students took part in two retreats that are included in the Linked through Leadership Program. These two retreats are the LEARN Weekend Experience and the CHANGE Weekend Experience.

The LEARN Weekend Experience had thirty-eight participants. This experience is focused on the individual goals related to strengths and weaknesses; goal setting; leadership styles; defining individual uniqueness based around diversity; communication styles; personal conflict resolution; personal motivation; and team building.

Rich Hurley, the Assistant Director for the Center for Student Involvement, Kristal Ristaino, Area Director of Hall 14 and Amy Angeloni, Learn coordinator, planned the LEARN Weekend Experience with ten students—Stephanie Barone, ’10, Matt Carrau, ’10, Emily Cisek, ’11, Brian Cohen, ’10, Danny Hackerson, ’10, Julie Kent, ’11, Angela Marchio, ’11, Jenna Marzec, ’10, Spencer Pace, ’11, and Haley Trenholm, ’11. Each member of this group, named the Lead Team, was nominated to join. Nominees then applied, if they so chose, to help organize the LEARN retreat.

“We are all established leaders on campus in many different facets of Bryant culture,” said Marchio.

Hurley, Kristal Ristaino, and Amy Angeloni, ’10, advised the retreat.

Students who wished to participate in the retreat were required to write a 250-word personal statement on why they should be chosen. Out of 50 students who applied, 20 were chosen.

Marzec said, “[The LEARN Weekend Experience] is for up and coming leaders in the Bryant community, generally underclassmen. It is a week-end to learn about yourself and what your strengths and weaknesses are as a leader.”

Marchio commented, "There is a lot of reflection at the individual level. It is about learning about your

Weekend experiences offer ‘life changing’ lessons for 67 students
Bryant’s first public speaking colloquium coming in March

By Sara Larabee
Staff writer

Calling all undergraduate students! Calling all majors! Have you always wanted the opportunity to showcase your public speaking ability in front of an audience? Do you want to win $500 in cash prizes? Well then you should participate in Bryant University’s First Annual Public Speaking Colloquium. The main event will be held on Monday, March 22nd from 7-9 pm in the Bello Grand Hall and the event is open to the public and the entire Bryant community. So come on down to support the finalists! Light refreshments will be served.

In order to participate, students must fill out a simple application form outlining the type of speech they plan to deliver as well as the topic of that speech if selected for the final round. All speeches will consist of 3-5 minutes. Each participant will be notified by email as to their scheduled 30 minute time-slot within the 10 am-5 pm time-frame. During that time they have the opportunity to deliver a prepared, short speech. If students cannot make their assigned time, they must IMMEDIATELY contact Susan Baran via email at subaran@bryant.edu or Wendy Samter at wsamter@bryant.edu. The final deadline for submission of forms is in the last week in February. Applications can be picked up in the Office of Student Affairs, from any Communication Department faculty, or downloaded from the Communication Department website at http://web.bryant.edu/comm and then handed to the office by the final deadline. If applications have been received, students will receive an email with very important information regarding the rules and regulations for the competition, a crash course in public speaking abilities, and a time slot for competitive speaking, and a time slot for the preliminary/elimination round. This first round of speeches (the preliminary/elimination round), will be held on Friday March 19th from 10 am-5 pm in the Koffler Communication Building, TV Studio (down-stairs). Here’s what the preliminary/elimination round will consist of:

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Now to the good stuff… the prizes! All participants will receive a certificate of congratulations, but for the top three finalists there will be cash prizes awarded. Third place will receive $100, 2nd place $200, and the winner of the competition will receive $300. The event is sponsored by the Department of Communication, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the on-campus public speaking club, Toastmasters.

Every participant can benefit from participating because presentation skills are the number one quality that employers look for in a potential candidate. Not to mention the possible networking opportunities with members of the audience that will be in attendance on the final evening and recognition by our fellow peers here on the Bryant campus. This event gives students the opportunity to practice speaking skills, writing skills, and also to receive feedback on their delivery. This is a definite resume builder and something employers will notice,” says Professor Susan Baran, the program coordinator and advisor to the Toastmasters. If you have any questions regarding anything about the Public Speaking Colloquium, please do not hesitate to email Susan Baran at subaran@bryant.edu or Wendy Samter at wsamter@bryant.edu. You can also reach Professor Baran at 401.258.5838. Good luck!!

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government struggles to manage. Each of them was personally changed from this experience for the better.”

Becca Sirarc, ’10, said, “Emotions are things that I cannot always express honestly, but with a group of friends and strangers I found myself discussing things that I never talk about with people outside of my closest friends and family as well as things that I have never shared with anyone.”

Sirarc, who attended the CHANGE retreat, commented, “Going into this experience I expected to discuss difficult topics, but I never expected to learn that just knowing about a problem does not mean that you are actually acknowledging the issue. Even though we started as strangers many of us felt as friends, but we all left with respect for each other.”

Caitlin Lynch, ’13, who attended the LEARN weekend experience, said, “At this camp… I slept in a cabin with twenty people and froze while looking over a beautiful lake. What did I get out of it? The best weekend I have ever had at Bryant while making unbreakable bonds and memories that will never fade.”

Marcio said, “You are left with lasting memories of a weekend that very likely changed your life forever. You have around fifty new best friends and you have a new found sense of self and you feel so empowered.”

When I went on this retreat as an attendee last year, it changed the course of my life,” Marcio commented. “This year, as a facilitator, it had just as much of an impact. I felt such a tremendous sense of pride for everyone. It was so powerful to be there for them and to see the impact I had in just 48 short hours. It reaffirmed my decision to go into student affairs and to keep making an impact on people’s lives. It was incredible.”

This week’s SPB Info!!!

Commediene Jessi Campbell
Tuesday, 3/2
9-10:30 in South

General Meeting Monday @ 4:30 in South
Text ‘JOIN’ to SPBTXT@gmail.com for event updates, raffles, and free stuff!
Bryant Pride to support Rally for Marriage Equality

By Zafira Zainal
Staff writer

To celebrate the national ‘Freedom to Marry Month’, the Marriage Equality USA chapter in Rhode Island and its annual Coalition for the Year of Love on February 10th. Organizers, however, were forced to postpone the rally due to threats that never came. Blame it on the weatherman, but that doesn’t cause MERI (the Marriage Equality Rhode Island organization) to forget their annual ‘Rally for Marriage Equality’ that takes place each February on Providence, Rhode Island. It also does not stop Bryant Pride from offering their support at the rally as they did in years past. Everyone is welcome to come out to support the rally as they did in years past and enjoy the event at Rhode Island State House Rotunda in Providence 4pm on Wednesday, March 3rd 2010. "We went last year, and it was really fun and exciting” says Bryant Pride President, Mackenzie Schroth 12. “There were a lot of good, important speakers, including some Bryant alumni. It was a very positive atmosphere. We did a lot of good and offered our support by bringing banners and wearing our ‘Canes’ Fine By Me’ t-shirts, not to mention put out a good name for Bryant and Bryant Pride, but it also helped that people in Rhode Island care about the issue of marriage equality as well. We also filled out short letters to state representatives showing our support.”

Bryant Pride is a growing organization on campus. Last year, if you remember, we got offerring information and awareness on blood donating laws and their bias against non-heterosexual individuals. With plans for continuing to raise awareness to issues affecting the GLBT community, the Bryant Pride rally will also bring together many traditions that the group will carry on in years to come. The group welcomes students and supporters alike to support the rally with them. The Rally for Marriage Equality will be held at Rhode Island State House Rotunda in Providence 4pm on Wednesday, March 3rd 2010. Interested in attending the rally? Be a member of Bryant Pride? No problem - Bryant Pride welcomes non-members to join them at this fun event! Contact Mackenzie Schroth at mcsroth@bryant.edu if you’d like to attend. If you are interested in joining Bryant Pride, the organization welcomes all students, regardless of sexual orientation, to its meetings held on Monday at 5 pm in Bryant Center Hangar Room. For more information on MERI, visit www.marriageequalityri.org/
While studying abroad in Australia, Mike Cronin had the opportunity to go on an underwater adventure. While snorkeling near the Great Barrier Reef, the opportunity to travel to his own destination presented itself. Mike seized the opportunity and went scuba diving, exploring the underwater world and discovering a new passion for marine life. Mike's experience inspired him to continue his studies in marine biology and pursue a career in the field.

- Would you study abroad again?

If it was free, I'd be abroad right now!
IAA and Interfaith Center host inspirational film

By David Nelligan

Bryant’s Interfaith Center along with the Italian American Association is inviting the Bryant community to a viewing of the movie Alla Luce Del Sole, translated Come Into the Light. “The film is based on the true story of Father Giuseppe ‘Pino’ Puglisi, a Roman Catholic priest in the Brancaccio District of Palermo, who was murdered on his birthday September 15, 1993 for his efforts to keep children of his district out of the clutches of the ruling Mafia. Father Puglisi rallied his parish by asking, ‘And what if somebody did something?’”

John Nesbitt, program associate for the Interfaith Center, says the movie is about “Standing up to evil. The story is very inspiring, encouraging, and gives hope.” He also feels the viewers will be “heartened by the Father’s efforts.”

The viewing of Alla Luce Del Sole is in connection with the Interfaith Center’s new film series which started this past fall. Previous showings include Wall Street, Defiance, and It’s Wonderful Life. The movies are shown in an effort by the Interfaith Center to stimulate discussion around religious or ethical themes. The center also offers a speaker series, “Five Faith Perspectives on Building a Peaceable World.” The series involves Bryant faculty, students, and outside speakers to allow people on campus to better learn and understand different religions around the world. Mr. Nesbitt thinks this is especially important for a business school like Bryant as so many students will be dealing with different world cultures and religions during their careers.

Alla Luce Del Sole will be shown on Sunday, February 28th in the Interfaith Center. The movie runs about an hour and a half, presented in Italian with English subtitles, followed by a discussion of the political, religious, and sociocultural issues raised by the incident. Discussion will be led by Lecturer in Italian Elisabetta Moulaca, Father Joseph Pescatello, Gaetana Albanese, and Cinthia Fruci.

“I have a wonderful life,” says Pino. “I have seen the best and the worst. I have seen the difference between life and death and the difference between right and wrong. I have seen the difference between love and hate. I have seen the difference between hope and despair. I have seen the difference between joy and sorrow. I have seen the difference between peace and war. I have seen the difference between freedom and slavery. I have seen the difference between love and hate. I have seen the difference between hope and despair.”

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Special Olympics committee chosen for 2010 games

By Julie Kent

Recently the Special Olympics Committee was announced. This committee is a selected devoted group of student leaders who will plan and execute the Northern Rhode Island Regional Special Olympics, which has been held at Bryant for the last twenty-nine years. This will be its thirtieth year.

The committee consists of twenty-two students and a representative from the Special Olympics Rhode Island organization. The committee is split up into three different groups. It contains the executive board with Stephanie Kirk as the games director. Nick Mancuso as assistant games director, and Chris Hopkins as the Special Olympics Rhode Island representative. The next group is the core directors; these students are responsible for managing a specific task during game day. Lastly, the chair group is assigned very specific jobs within the tasks that the core directors are responsible for. For example, there is an awards chair, registration chair, and fundraising chair. The meetings are held on Wednesday nights, which are generally open to committee only, and the event will take place on Saturday, April 24th at the Bryant track.

During the day of games there will be an array of events in which the participants can partake. These events consist of both track and field events. Track events include the twenty-five-meter motorized wheelchair race, the 3000-meter run, and the four by one hundred meter relay. Some of the field events include the softball throw, and the shot put.

When asked what type of events will be held during the Special Olympics, games director Stephanie Kirk put it best when she said, “All of these events, both track and field, are favorites of the Bryant students, as they all require hands on work with the athletes, which is many committee members’ favorite aspect of the game, including mine.”

With all the planning and events that go into and occur on the Special Olympics game day, it not only takes a lot of work and effort by the committee, but the students as well. To recruit volunteers the committee will be having a “Kick-Off day” in the rotunda. Here the team will raise awareness, get the students attention for the event, and take on volunteers. Be on the lookout for future announcements about the “Kick-Off Day!”
The Student Entrepreneur: Asking for help

When I was launching Eddie’s Energy Bars in high school, I had no idea what I was doing. I had an energy bar that was literally hand-wrapped in saran wrap with an address label on the front of it—talk about homemade. We met with local natural foods retailers to see what they thought about our product. They loved it and were quick to talk numbers about how much they would sell my product to them for and what profits they would make on each unit. Yep, no idea, so I asked for some help. I asked my Dad to help me calculate product cost and my high school business teacher to work out the margins. Little did I know that I was completely ignoring my direct labor cost.

1. Other entrepreneurs have tons of knowledge. This is crucial to know. You might think that just because they are the owner and founder of their own thriving enterprise that they have no time sit down with you or reply to an e-mail looking for assistance however, they were once in your shoes, struggling to keep their own businesses afloat. What more would they want to do on their tri-umphant failures and tid-bits of advice to you?

2. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. I’m sure you’ve heard this if you have been pushed to start your own company. After all, it rings true for anything else, especially asking for help. It’s kind of like how men can never think you can get what you want for free—yes, you read correctly—for FREE. I attempted to pay for lunch, but to no avail. There are people out there. You just need to find them and ask for their help with your company.

3. You should never stop learning. From professors at Bryant to random customers in one of our retail locations, I am always learning about new insights, feedback on new products, and other strategies to pursue when it comes to growth. It’s similar to reading a book. You learn, reflect on the experience, and then take action to readjust your life. I had that occur with me in a number of recent reads. Talking to people and getting to know their back-grounds and who they know is a great way to build larger networking circles that increases your chances of finding the right person who can help you through the hurdles of running a business.

I have also found that, after running three companies, I have a lot of real-world, down in the trenches experience, so small business owners and entrepreneurs have been ap-proaching me for assistance in launching a food product, boosting their brand identity and learning how they can better market their company on the internet. It’s quite flattering, but I was there at one time asking everyone if they knew anything about growing a food business, and I found the right people to help me grow my business—acting somewhat as a virtual advisory board. It’s good karma, I guess, and it only makes sense to pass my knowledge on to other aspiring entrepreneurs.

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Eye on Bryant Entrepreneurs: Kevin Mandeville

By Michael Slafsky

Success is something that every Bryant University student seeks upon graduating. Kevin Mandeville, creative director for Bounce Web Solutions, a web development company, has found it before even leaving school. Kevin, a junior at Bryant, is an entrepreneur who has developed multiple websites and is currently working on several others. A communications major and a marketing minor, Kevin works to balance the effort that goes into his business and his work as a normal college student.

Kevin’s passion for entrepreneurship began in high school. He ran a website called StreetballOnline.com which received 400,000 hits a year. The website was the main media channel during the surge of interest in streetball. The perks of that job were exciting; court-side seats to various games in Boston, New York City, and Providence. It was this website that sparked Kevin’s interest in web design and becoming an entrepreneur.

Coming in to college, Kevin joined Collegiate Entrepreneurs’ Organization (CEO). He says the group “encouraged me that I did not have to wait to launch my business ideas until I was older”. Through the group, he attended a conference in Chicago, which led to the connection that would help further his entrepreneurial dreams. Christopher Slearni-Nwanzie, a University of Baltimore student, attended the same conference and the two connected. They spent hours discussing ideas and collaborating on a new project. This project would later become Bounce Web Solutions, which launched in April of 2009.

In terms of putting time into the company, Kevin says that “it varies with your current project, but the great thing about our company is that we can put in as much or as little time as we want depending on our schedules. Some weeks, it practi- cally feels like a full time job.” He never forgets the fact that he is still a student and acknowledges he “must take care of the priorities that come with [being a student].”

Kevin’s feelings about Bryant are mixed in terms of advanc-ing his career. He believes that “95% of [his] learning comes from outside of the classroom.” He feels that blogs are the most successful tools an entrepreneur can use to help find answers and help on how to solve problems. When it comes to the courses Bryant has to offer, his communications classes are more useful in terms of his business than are the business courses. He is happy to see Bryant add entrepreneurship as a major, but feels the school is still behind other schools, such as Babson, in terms of the entrepreneurial culture. Thus, he be-lieves, will come with time. The majority of his classes do not help him in terms of his business, he states. Kevin says “the business models of success are shifting and changing so rapidly that universities are having a hard time keeping up.”

Kevin credits professors such as David Greenan, Cary Collins, and Michael Roberto for their mentoring during his time at Bryant. Professors like them kept him here, he says. Along with the professors, Bryant’s advanced technology has been a help to him during his years. The additional resources Bryant has to offer, his communications classes are more useful in terms of his business than are the business courses.

Kevin’s entrepreneurial opinion is summed up in a quote: “An education will make you a living, self education will make you a fortune.” - Jim Rohn. It is with this mindset that Kevin Mandeville’s success will continue to grow in the future.
Alaska Selects...Gogo

By Dan Webb
Contributing Writer

This morning, I saw the headline “Alaska Airlines To Offer Gogo Inflight Internet Servici...”

But what happens to those passengers traveling with Ryan Air? Well, Gogo will “end its network” to provide service, but only for “key destinations.” (Which were not listed.) Passengers flying to Hawaii are out of luck, however. But apparently Alaska thinks the benefits of Gogo’s service allow the company to offer a slightly more comfortable the greater coverage area that Row 44 offers. (Random thought – are the operational benefits that Airel will be showing off really ending when service is unavailable for chunks of Alaska’s network?)

When will we start seeing Airel onboard? One 737-800 will be equipped with the service, which will be tested in order to receive certification from the FAA. One that is received, the service will be going flightwise, starting with the 737-800s flying longer routes (think Seattle to Newark, Boston, and Atlanta). Alaska has yet to provide any kind of timeline.

So this isn’t the greatest news for Row 44 – Southwest is its only American customer (the only other is Norwegian Air Shuttle). The Delta-based airline is certainly in the minority here, but they continue to hold that Row 44 provides a better service, and they will be able to control the branding of the service, unlike Gogo customers. We’ll just have to see who ends up being right here.

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Dove’s ready for men. Are men ready for Dove?

By Keith Murray
Faculty Columnist

With a lot of hoop-la, Unilever’s Dove division recently launched a line of skin care products for men, called Dove For Men. Let’s get one thing straight right from the start: I have no predisposition that Dove’s new line of skin care products for men necessarily fail—but I have a feeling deep down inside of me that it will fail short of marketplace success. I’ve been paying attention to the media, and the men around me—and I’ve been talking to myself about this—and I have a strong sense that it’s a noble, well-intentioned attempt to help men look and feel their best but is destined to be a commercial disappointment. Let me explain what my thoughts are:

1. It’s a logical [business] decision for Dove—but not for men to make. Dove’s been very successful in selling to women, not men. Because the marketing game is played in terms of careful segmentation strategies, this new line seems like a rational, logical extension of what Dove has already done, and does what’s been determined men need. In a culture sense, what is done, is by all of us—even for the sake of so-called beauty and personal attractiveness—is socially learned and almost entirely illogical and irrational: women have learned how men’s shaving their beard off each day, thin being preferable to thick, guys shaving their heads, sporting tattoos, painting eye-liner and lip-stick. The point is this: Dove knows how to make beauty aids and until recently has been able to sell to half the people in a culture, but now, logically, they want the other half as well. But the other half is asked to make what for their skin [and, obviously, I, for one, don’t think so], men would resist a signal for such a shift to come from a brand that they already are familiar with and “own.” Gillette seems like the most obvious brand to give men the permission they need to first consider that these new skin-care steps are appropriate and, for men, acceptable; for in-roads to male audiences. For Dove to make men’s line of toiletries.

2. It is a culturally-unfounded “need” that is being proposed here. Men have—depending on who you talk to—gotten by on far fewer body care products than women or even European men for that matter. If you ask women, men skate through life not “taking care of their skin,” if they pay any attention to it at all. It is also somewhat self-evident that European men have been more inclined than U.S. men to pamper themselves with what may be called beauty products. In short, women see the need for this product [both for themselves and men—after all everybody has skin!]. European men, on the other hand, the U.S. male seems plagued by inertia, fear of being cast as a metrosexual—or, worse yet—a girly man when they even consider, must less buy, try, and then actually apply skin-care products.

3. Dove’s throne label to evolve a change in men’s “beauty” ideas & habits. If the time has, indeed, arrived for U.S. males to pay more attention to their appearance—and specifically, the appearance of their skin [and, obviously, I, for one, don’t think so], men would resist a signal for such a shift to come from a brand that they already are familiar with and “own.” Gillette seems like the most obvious brand to give men the permission they need to first consider that these new skin-care steps are appropriate and, for men, acceptable; in order to make the behavior patterns in skin necessarily have to come from a trusted source by men—and that would be Gillette or some other equally established

Personal Budgeting? There are lots of apps for that...

By Luke Bornheimer
Contributing Writer

Earlier today, I received an email from a friend trying to find an app that would help me stick to my budget with financial expenses and budget. She’s not alone either...with over $5,000,000 apps in the App Store, many people are left wondering...which apps are really worth it? Who should I download and who should I know, don’t buy apps, probably due in some part to the possi-...
**Sports**

**February 26, 2010**

**Clutch free throws give Bryant first win**

*By Deirdre Doyle*

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Finally, in the men's 4x400 relay, the outstanding team of DiBella, Joe Pugliano (West Springfield, Mass.), O'Connor and Engel crossed the line in 3:23.62 to finish an excellent third overall and mark a shade behind overall winner LIU, which set up for 3:21.72. The placing gave the Bulldogs six points.

**Basketball**

*By Raphael Jordan*

Jordan gave the Bulldogs their first win of the season by nailing two clutch free throws with 0.8 seconds left in the game to give Bryant a two point lead.

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Bulldogs get first win in home opener

Sophomore Max Weisenberg (#5) cradles the ball down field as Junior, Matt Larson looks on. (Bryant Athletics)

Sophomore Max Weisenberg (Long Beach, N.Y.) scored a trio of goals, including a score just 12 seconds in, and added an assist to lead the Bryant University men’s lacrosse team to a 7-4 win over Vermont in the 2010 home opener Saturday afternoon at the Bryant Turf Complex.

The Bulldogs (1-1) led the whole way through the contest and opened up a 5-0 lead on the visiting Catamounts (0-1) five minutes into the third quarter. But Vermont wasn’t going to leave empty-handed, staging a two-goal spurt in a span of just over five minutes to enter the final frame trail 5-4.

With their momentum swinging toward the visiting bench, the Bulldogs got aggressive midway through the fourth, notching back-to-back goals in less than a minute, the first coming from the combination of Travis Harrington (Vestal, N.Y.) and rookie Ben Sterneberg (North Kingstown, R.I.), who earned the assist. It marked the third tally of the young season for which the duo has connected.

“It was a routine play by the two of them,” said fourth-year head coach Mike Pressler. “Ben made a smart play, gave him a good pass.”

Weisenberg scored his third and final - as well as the team’s final - goal seconds later in unassisted fashion to move the score to 7-2 in Bryant’s favor with 6:45 left on the clock.

“There’s no secret here that Max Weisenberg is one of our lead midfielders and has been since he got here,” said Pressler. “His three goals were a huge boost for us, especially that first one, getting us on the board in the first 15 seconds.

And while the Catamounts would put up two more scores - both coming with under two minutes to play and the second coming with just two seconds remaining - it would be too little too late for Vermont, as the Bulldogs took their first win of the young season, 7-4.

“We’ll call it a very, very impressive day defensively for us, once again,” Pressler said, led by Matt Murmane with 11 ground balls, our team defense made it easy for us. "Love to make some saves, and Jameson came up big on some others that he needed to. It was a nice win for us overall, to get our first win in 2010 over a good team at home.

Bryant’s hot start was inspired by the quick play of Weisenberg, who got the home side on the board just 12 seconds into Saturday’s contest, picking up the ground ball after an Andrew Hennessey (Wading River, N.Y.) ground win and taking it straight to goal, putting the ball past Vermont goalie, Alex Flavner. Hennessey, impressive again from the face-off, would go 10-10 on the day.

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By Brendan Heller

Staff Writer

Until last Thursday, the Bryant University Men's Basketball Team was the last NCAA Division I program without a win. If you're not first you're last, the expression goes. That makes them the worst team in the country, at least, until last Thursday. The team is up to 0-19 for the season, and that's saying something.

Some of the Bryant basketball players are the best at what they do in unique statistical categories.

For example, senior Chris Birrell is the best redhead from Rhode Island in all of Division I. He may not have a future in the NBA as the next Brian Scalabrine, but he is one of the best redhead to walk the courts on Douglas Pike. Now that is something.

Papa Lo, the fan-favorite 23-year-old red-shirt sophomore from Senegal, is the fourth leading shot-blocker in the Northeast Conference. He is also the best husband to his wife Moumou.

Claybrin McMath, the 6-foot-8 Australian swingman, might not land on the last team in the entire country to play basketball wearing an entire body of spandex under his uniform. While the high-tech material has been banned by the NCAA and the NAIA, McMath is one of the best from under basketball uniforms and McMath is keeping the style alive.

Michael Chroney is the best walk-on in the nation, at least the best walk-on I have ever seen. He leads the team in rebounds, and recorded a double double in the first game he ever started. Can someone get this kid a scholarship?

Another member of the team, many think his Knick career will be short lived. Regardless, House came off the bench in his Knick debut and knocked down 4 three's on his way to 24 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists, and one steal. Even if it's just for the remainder of the season, House has earned his stripes on the court.

Raphael, Chris Birrell's 20.3 points and 11.4 rebounds per game.

The Knicks have been to the NBA finals eight times in their history - only three other teams have been to the finals more times at any point in their history. And the Knicks have lost in all of Division I in all of Division I. The Knicks have played the best walk-on I have ever seen. He leads the team in rebounds, and recorded a double double in the first game he ever started. Can someone get this kid a scholarship?

Raphael, the freshman point guard from Maryland, is averaging close to 7 points a game, while Michael Chroney's 2 and 6 points respectively, are only averaging 2 and 6 points respectively. Although none of the three Jordans seem to be following in the footsteps of MJ, Raphael is the closest.

And because of that he is the best Jordan in college basketball.

Sophomore Sam Leclerc, the Maine co-high school player of the year in 2008, is the best player in the country to get no playing time. While Leclerc played in 27 of the 29 games last year as a freshman, this year he has only checked in 14 of the 27 games. Maybe there is a correlation, you want to win, put Sam in.

Coach's Corner

Ask the Coach

Question: I have been involved in weightlifting and doing a lot more sit-ups to lose the fat around my waist but I am not working. What should I do?

Answer: The body will not lose fat in any one area even if you intensively work to that area. More sit-ups and abdominal work will help you get a better shape, but unfortunately the body doesn't selectively burn fat in that area.

You need to examine you total caloric intake and readjust your eating habits. I suggest you keep a diary of all the foods and drinks that you consume in one week. You can then see what changes you need to make in order to lose weight. You take in all food and drink are critical.

You can stop by the fitness center or make an appointment with the coach of the exercise team. You can get a program designed to suit your needs.

Some of the exercises that you can do are stretching, weight training, and aerobic activities. You can work with a partner or by yourself.

Coach Tim's Weekly Workout:

Day 1: Stability Ball Wall Squats: 3 Sets of 10

Stability Ball Lying Dumbbell Press: 3 sets of 8

Stability Ball Seated Dumbbell Presses: 3 sets of 8

Body Master Chest: 4 Sets of 8

Leg-Pull Down: 3 sets of 8

Body Master Triceps Exensions: 3 Sets of 8

Body Master Bicep Curls: 3 Sets of 8

Stability Ball Seated Crunches: 2 sets of 30

Day 2: Body Weight Lunge/Side Lunges: 3 sets of 10 each

Body Weight Squat: 4 sets of 8 (Increase weight with each set)

Bench Press: 5 sets of 6 (Increase weight with each set)

Seated Cable Rows: 4 sets of 10

Back Squats or Body Master Leg Press Machine: 4 sets of 8 (Increase weight with each set)

Day 3: Stability Ball Bicep Curls: 4 sets of 8

Stability Ball Lying Leg Extensions: 4 sets of 10

Body Master Machine: Leg Extensions/Leg Curls: 4 Sets of 8

Body Master calf blaster: 4

Sets of 10

Stability Ball Lying Leg Raises: Sets of 10

Medicine Ball Twists: 4 Sets of 12 to each side

Chin-ups or pull-ups: 2 sets of as many as possible

Incline Barbell press: 3 Sets of 7

Lying Dumbbell Press: 4 sets of 8

Body Master Shoulder Press: 3 sets of 8

Body Weight Dips: 3 sets of as many as possible

Secondary Dumbbell curls 4 Sets of 8

Alternating Arms Triceps Exensions: 4 Sets of 8

Abdominals: Stability Ball Leg Extensions: 4 sets of 10

Stability Ball: 1-Tucks: 3 sets of 10

Remember: Please ask any member of our staff for any assistance that you may need!

Thanks to Tim Brien for his weekly contribution to "The Archway!"
The crazy professor

By Drew Green

Editor Opinion

The Conservative Political Action Conference – CPAC – was last week, so like last year, this is my return to their keynote speaker. Last year it was Mount Rushmore (Russ Limbaugh) and this year it is the one I refer to as the Crazy Professor – I am of course referring to Glenn Beck. I call him the Crazy Professor solely because he walks around lecturing his viewers and writing on a cardboard with what I assume to be a belief that it identifies him as someone of knowledge. Not an intellectual. Oh no! I doubt he is around before the Tea Partiers and we know that he is too liberal a connotation. Though either may be a stretch.

Through all of his speech Mr. Beck made some valid points about both parties and about some generalizations of our country and its deficiencies in government. I commend him for some of his criticisms of capitalism and on some social issues regarding how we deal with competition. However, through some of his truths, he is still espousing ideas which, for all intents and purposes, are the definition of insanity.

It is said, famously, that inanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result. In that vein there is a lot of inanity in our country. From our banking system to attempts at bipartisanship, inanity seems to reign. For Mr. Beck, insanity beholds him in his apocalyptic view of the country as a whole. As he himself states, he has “for four years now been ringing the bell. Economic Holocaust, an economic day of reckoning is coming.” I have a question of how much longer he will portray this notion. We are obviously in a time where our economy is not as strong as it was once, but it is not to have been claiming this potential economic disaster for four years and to continue to claim this! I doubt anyone in their right mind would.

If there is one thing that inspires people more than anything, in any country, in any time in history, it is fear. No driver is needed because every driver makes individuals realize their vulnerability then the potential for something negative to befall them. Granted, this is a rational fear and one that is matter and is subject to as much scrutiny as Mr. Beck’s economic views.

However, Mr. Beck’s economic views do create fear. Everyone is fearful of not having money and being broke. That is one reason I believe fear drives actions. People say money is the great motivator, but in the end it is not the fear of not having enough money that motivates you? Maybe it is, maybe it is not. Regardless, you can only call it so many times before people stop believing you.

Generally you would think that four years peddling economic fear is enough to have people stop listening. Then again he has only been on Fox News for about a year and a half now, so his primary audience is still getting to know him and believe him. So how long will it be before Mr. Beck starts to change his narrative on the economy? More importantly, if he does not change his narrative, then how long will people believe him if things start to get better?

Is it the people that listen and believe this and other stances of Mr. Beck that interest me. They are of course the Tea Partiers. While it is true that there is no central figure of the movement, Mr. Beck is the closest there is to its leader. Sorry Palinites, and Gingrichites, but Mr. Beck is more in line with this movement than anyone else.

Mr. Beck is the leader because in a time where people want something different than Republican or Democrat. Mr. Beck is that something different. Mrs. Palin and Mr. Gingrich might be vocal leaders, but in the end they are peripheral figures that Tea Partiers hate with all their anti-socialist, anti-government, sign-wielding might. In the end, Mr. Beck is that same person, a criticizer of both sides of the aisle. A man who shows no change to none – expect maybe Fox News.

I don’t think it is a coincidence that Mr. Beck is so closely related to Tea Party movement. This is not a chicken and the egg scenario here. We know when Mr. Beck was around before the Tea Partiers and we know that he has been prophesying a collapse of our economy and values for – at least 4-years now. I am not claiming that it was Mr. Beck that started this movement, but having a strong voice broadcast to millions on a daily basis is inspiring potential short-come ins is enough to have influence.

In the long run influence is only as strong as the credibility that those who are influenced give to the person doing the influencing. You can only be wrong for so long until your voice is no longer heeded. On the other hand, a person like Mr. Beck will remain relevant as long as there are enough people to remain scared at either the possibility of economic collapse or the devolution of our ‘values’.

The question with regards to Mr. Beck is which will come first? Well, I would have to pick people stop listening, because there will always be fear. It’s who the people who are scared are listening to which changes.

In the meantime, Mr. Beck will continue his progressive attempts to change society. And I know he hates progressivism and thinks it’s awful and the bane of society. However, the thing Mr. Beck always forgets is that any movement of change is progressive. So for future reference I would like to send a memo to all conservatives and Mr. Beck in particular. If you wish to espouse change from the way our society is today, either through the change of government, social values, morality, economic practices, or any other issue pertaining to life in this country, realize that change in all its forms is progressive. Even under the guise of the name conservatism, change is progressive. And like everything in life, progressivism is relative in terms of what the goals may be, but in the end the definition of progressivism is the advocacy of change.

So either heed your own advice and do not be progressive and do not espouse change, or identify yourself as being hypocritical to the values to which you claim to hold as a “conservative.”

Olympics are celebration of the human spirit

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Munich Summer Olympics, leaving 11 Israeli Olympic team members dead. Just 30 years ago the United States led 62 countries in boycotting the 1980 Olympics in Moscow. The boycott was a direct reaction to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

It was one more in a series of East-West stare-downs, the first and second world powers flexing their nuclear arms. Once the Soviet Union retaliated by leading a 14-nation boycott of the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles.

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DEAR KD,

Is it possible to start off as friends and then start a relationship? My friend wants to date and I don’t know that I’ll be able to separate our friendship from our relationship? Do you think it can be done?

Lovers and friends

By Kaleigh Durkin
PR Manager

Never in my life have I started a relationship from a friendship. All throughout high school I dated guys that I had recently met or had been introduced to through another friend. It was like that for me as long as I can remember, even into college.

As I mentioned in our first article, though, I have started a new relationship. This relationship started from when I started to talk to my boyfriend. At first, I was hesitant to begin a relationship with my boyfriend, because like him, I wasn’t sure that I could separate our friendship in order to begin a relationship. I have to admit, that in the beginning of my relationship, it was a bit odd, and I kept laughing and joking with him, asking if he thought it odd that we were actually dating. As hard as it may be for you to see, sometimes relationships that are built off of friendships are the best kind. My boyfriend now is one of my best friends and as he was before we started dating, best decisions made. I don’t think any of us have changed (I won’t go into detail about what those are, but I’m sure you can use your imagination).

We have a very open and loving relationship, because we know everything there is to know about each other, which stems from being friends. We know our secrets, there are no skeletons in our closets, and we’ve both helped each other through some pretty rough times.

Another perk to dating one of your friends, is that there is no awkward tension when I bring him around my group of friends. Now we obviously wouldn’t want to have our own group of friends, but we have some of the best times when our two social circles come together. It’s great to not have to worry about who we’ll be spending our Saturday night with, or who is upset that we’re not spending enough time with him, because we’re all together all the time. There is no awkward first meet, there is no getting to know someone, or difficulty fitting into an already established group. Though I can’t speak for everyone, I can honestly say that having one of my best friends has been one of the best decisions made, and I can’t imagine making a hasty judgment because I was nervous to separate the two relationships.

I can easily see how a relationship might not work out for people, but make sure you have that conversation before hand. Be open with each other and make it known that you’re going to try to make it work, but that if it doesn’t, you’ll stay friends and hold on to your friendship. My boyfriend is one of my best friends, and there’s nothing that brings us closer than our ability to lean on each other and help each other whenever we need it most.

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— By David Nelligan
Staff Writer

The two worlds of Seinfeld reference, which is where I receive all of my life lessons. I am going to tell you which one NOT to choose. I believe that dating your friends can only cause problems, and it is much better to date outside of your immediate social circle.

The first reference deals with worlds colliding. Without a past you’ll keep your girlfriend/boyfriend separate from your friends. This allows you two different “worlds” in which to live. The first world is your friends, or the independent self.

Now it sounds awful to say you need an escape from your significant other, but let’s face it, everyone does. This world is where you can do whatever you want without being judged, looked down upon, and be completely free. The second “world” is your relationship. Here is where you have the public displays of affection, the “cute” pet names for one another, and all other relationship actions.

Now, these two worlds happen to intersect or collide, if you will, they will essentially blow in your face. Or as George Costanza put it, “A George divided against itself cannot stand.” Meaning that when the two worlds come together your friends will be judging you for the way you act in front of your gf/bf and your other self will be judging you for the way you act in front of your friends. You must keep the two worlds apart in order to live in peace.

The Seinfeld reference deals with the situation between Jerry and Elaine when they attempted to get back together as friends to dating. As Seinfeld fans know however, it was probably wrong and almost ripped the group apart. This brings up so many questions and starts to get very complicated. You have to set rules and guidelines, it changes the whole dynamic of the group of friends and can be a bit uncomfortable, but it ultimately the two of you break up it will ultimately ruin the friendship that had between each other.

Many people claim they have gone from friends to dating and then back to friends, but let’s be honest, is the friendship the same as it was before you started dating? I highly doubt it. So please, learn from the great people of Seinfeld.

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A former professor of mine said that sex is perfectly natural but not perfectly natural. That's a bitter pill for anyone to swallow but it may be the most difficult for you as college students. Your sexual expectations are shaped by a variety of factors that previous generations never faced. The media and the internet typically depict sex as spectacular—a daunting standard. Yet sex is dangerous too, with risks ranging from rape to AIDS. And, of all of sources of pressure for you, it was your parents' generation that launched the sexual revolution. Yes, we were the generation that was supposed to have liberated society from its inhibitions about sexuality and made talking about sex a much less taboo subject. Whether sex is perfectly natural or not, many college students have made choices to engage in sexual activity of some sort. Other students have made decisions to abstain from sex until they are either married or in committed relationships. The data on college students' sexual practices reports that over 90% of college students have engaged in some form of sexual activity by the time of graduation.

For me, this statistic reinforces the notion that on a college campus, there needs to be many opportunities for students to talk openly about sexual decision making, what it means to be in love, how to recognize healthy relationships, and how to keep one self safe from STDs and unplanned pregnancies.

Many of you have arrived at Bryant having had sexual experiences ranging from abstinence to intercourse and a variety of activities in between. Although many adults may think that the sexual revolution is over, it's not so clear to you or your friends. In talking with my FFL students last year, they told me that people here are definitely engaging in sex and that often they've observed their friends and participated themselves in some risky sexual behaviors—inducing the influence of alcohol and forcing or coercing a partner.

Research actually shows that today's college students are engaging in the same sexual behaviors that students engaged in during the 1970s. The most frequently asked questions that I receive are STILL about virginity, pregnancy, disease, non-consensual sexual encounters, sexual orientation, and sexual functioning. Sex is still the number one issue students enjoy talking about. And the bottom line is that, should you choose to be sexually active, you must protect yourself and love carefully.

Estimates are that from 1 in 300 to 1 in 500 college students have been infected with a sexually transmitted infection (STI). And these can be prevented. Research also shows that one quarter of college students will graduate with an STI. I'm sure you'd prefer to NOT be an STI statistic. If you are deciding to be sexually active, protect yourself and your partner. Use condoms. They do work. Plan ahead for the possibility that sex may happen and carry condoms with you. And that goes for women as well as men. If you aren't sexually active, don't be afraid to share your views about abstinence with others. We must respect each person's right to decide if and when they are ready to be sexually active.

The importance of sexual communication cannot be stressed enough. The biggest sex organ is the brain, so it needs to be used when being intimate with someone. Talking about sex with a partner doesn't have to be a clinical discussion nor does it require a legal document of informed consent. It just needs to happen, somehow, some way in the words that work for you.

Healthy sexual attitudes are broken down traditional male/female sex roles, and working towards a "sex positive" society will hopefully all contribute to responsible sexual behavior on and off campus.

Speaking of being sex-positive: Come support your fellow students in Eve Ensler's The Vagina Monologues which will be presented on Thursday night at 9 pm in South, on March 4th. This is a major Bryant happening!
Robinson is a 1960s music icon and the ultimate entertainer. He has been performing in front of live audiences for decades either as a solo artist or member of a group, most notably as Smokey Robinson and the Miracles. He was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan. The 70 year old, whose birth name is Joseph, was nicknamed “Smokey Joe” by his uncle when he was a young boy. Robinson later shortened it to “Smokey,” shortly before he began his musical career.

Music became a passion for Robinson. He enjoyed listening to different genres. In 1955, he formed a group called the Five Chimes with four of his friends. The group later added more members and renamed itself the Matadors. The Matadors soon began to play venues around Detroit with Robinson as the lead singer. Robinson finished high school and made plans to attend college. A month before he was to leave for school, he met songwriter Berry Gordy. Robinson subsequently left college to dedicate himself to his music career with the guidance of Gordy.

Since then, he has written and sung a number of songs that have topped the R&B charts. Several of his most prominent hits were written for the Temptations. These songs include “The Way You Do Things You Do” and “My Girl.” Robinson’s other notable hits include “Cruisin’,” “Tears of a Clown,” “I Second That Emotion,” and “Oooh Baby Baby.” The epitome of a smooth and soulful singer, Robinson is an amazing talent. His repertoire spans almost five decades and he is never at a loss for material.

The audience springs to life when the music begins. The back-up singers start to chant a pump aaggee 1144 ffeebbrruuaarryy 2266,, 22001100.

The epitome of a smooth and soulful singer, Robinson is an amazing talent. His repertoire spans almost five decades and he is never at a loss for material. While some performers strive to rekindle their past successes, Robinson has no such challenge. Robinson’s long and distinguished career is a continuation of melodic entertainment few artists can claim.

His almost two-hour show, with no opening act, was flawless. He did not have any gaps in the polished show. He sang from his heart and danced with joyful exuberance. Robinson gracefully knelt down at the edge of the stage and greeted the throngs of fans who reached to shake his hand at the end of the show. He took time to meet his many fans which is very unusual for a live concert, especially a performer as famous as Robinson.

His music appeals to multiple generations of music lovers. Whether a person is young or old, they will no doubt enjoy Robinson’s timeless music. He is a talented singer, songwriter, and musician to countless entertainers. His unique voice will captivate audiences from the beginning of his show until the very last note is played.

The Taddy Porter pours a brown so dark that it is completely opaque except at the very bottom of the glass. A bit surprising is the lack of any percolating head especially considering its appearance. The aromas incorporate major coffee and malt tones with an underside of bitters chocolate. There is nearly no carbonation, which fits our expectations spot on. The first sip is both crisp and light. Matching the scent is a fairly tempered malted coffee taste which we initially understand. It took us another few more (perhaps when we reach to “The Help” of the six beer caps. Instead of Sam Smith’s we suggest that you grab one of the other Porters that we’ve tried in our days such as the Drayman’s Porter by the Berkshire Brewing Company or the Road Dog Porter by Flying Dog.

Keep an eye out for our next article when we move to the bottom shelf with a battle of the budget beers!

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Two buds and a microbrew

A review of Samuel Smith’s Taddy Porter

ABV: 5%; 4-pack: $11.99

By Bryan Regele

Staff Writers

A tall, narrow, amber bottle wrapped in a crown of gold inspired us to reach to the top shelf this week after a long winter break. We broke out our bottle openers to “The Famous” Taddy Porter of Samuel Smith’s Brewery, one of the longest-standing beer makers in all of England. Their roots actually reach back to the middle of the 18th century in Tadcaster of New Yorkshire. With this reputation they do carry some premium prices for their beers and primarily offer them in 4-packs like this one ($11.99).

The Taddy Porter supposedly leads the pack but some of the more common others include an Oatmeal Stout, Imperial Stout, and Nut Brown Ale. This actually is first time ever trying a Sam Smith but we look forward to tasting a few more (perhaps when we finish our job searches that is). With ABV of only 5% and primarily offering them in a 4-pack of beer. Taking all things into consideration, then, we will go ahead and award Sam Smith’s Taddy Porter three of the six beer caps. Instead of Sam Smith’s we suggest that you grab one of the other Porters that we’ve tried in our days such as the Drayman’s Porter by the Berkshire Brewing Company or the Road Dog Porter by Flying Dog.

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Top 10 Fiction Best Sellers

1. Worst Case. James Patterson & Michael Ledwidge
2. The Help. Kathryn Stockett
3. The Lost Symbol. Dan Brown
4. Winter Garden. Kristin Hannah
5. Flirt. Laurell K. Hamilton
6. Poor Little Bitch Girl. Jackie Collins
8. The Postmistress. Sarah Blake
10. The Midnight House. Alex Berenson
‘Cop Out’ joins the line-up of buddy cop movies

By John Anderson

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Distilled to its manly essence, the cop-buddy movie is a la “Cop Out,” which opens Friday is about opposites not attracting. Two characters are almost always male, approach each other warily from different racial, ethnic, political, temperamental, psychological and criminal backgrounds. They don’t get along. They can’t get along. And then, of course, they fall in love.

No? Didn’t Danny Glover and Mel Gibson have manchures in “Lethal Weapon”? Didn’t Dan Aykroyd secretly pine for Tom Hanks in “Dragnet”? Didn’t Taingo Love Cash? Same-sex marriage may not do well at the ballot box, but it’s dynamite at the box office. The latest suspect in the police lineup, “Cop Out,” is a big movie. Everything about it is Big. Or used to be. Just last week, its director, the countercultural Kevin Smith (“Clerks,” “Zack and Miri Make a Porno”) was booted off a Southwest Airlines flight for being disproportionately proportioned. His new movie stars Bruce Willis and Tracy Morgan, who have manchures in the 2007 British comedy “Hot Fuzz” (with Simon Pegg and Nick Frost). But the examples of Caucasian cop comedies: Harrison Ford and Josh Hartnett in “Holliwood Homicide,” Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson in “Starsky and Hutch,” sort of, uh, pale in comparison, to either the black-on-black pairings (“Bad Boys I and II”), or, given the resilience of the “Rush Hour” machine, the Chinese/African-American combo platter.

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Students Speak Out

“What’s the most embarrassing that’s ever happened to you?”

“I passed out watching a horror movie while I was on a date and got taken away on a stretcher.”
-Aaron Fortin ’11

“One time in fourth grade my dress got stuck in my tights and no one told me my underwear was showing.”
-Britney Slater ’10

“When I was little I was pushing friends on a tire swing after it rained when someone pushed me in a puddle, covering my hair in muddy leafy water.”
-Jessica McGee ’10

“Well we almost drowned in the ocean once in front of hundreds of people in Cancun.”
-Laura Deblock ’12
-Jamie Manisealco ’12

“Ok so I was in fifth grade and I tried to say the octopus had tentacles but accidentally said testicles and couldn’t figure out what everyone was laughing about.”
-Tyler Allan ’11