Students travel to Dominican Republic

By Brittany Eager  
Staff Writer

This spring break Women’s Center Director Toby Simon and Associate Sociology Professor Sandra Enos accompanied six Bryant students on a service learning trip that bypassed the large hotels and resorts of the Dominican Republic to small villages called bateys where many poverty-stricken families live.

While there, Ashley Hoek ’11 (Sherborn, MA), Christian Shevley ’12 (Berlin, MA), Jessicca Rhee ’11 (Wethersfield, CT), Jose Batista ’10 (Providence, RI), Jose Maladono ’11 (Holyoke, MA), and Taryn Smith ’12 (Voorheesville, NY) worked with children of the batey (the community surrounding former sugar mills) to teach them how to use computers and to speak English. Skills like these are vital to small communities in the Dominican Republic where the best chance at finding a job is in the tourist industry.

This is the second year in a row that Toby Simon and Professor Enos have taken students to the Dominican Republic. They were the first members of the Bryant Community to take an international service learning trip. Last year along with bringing computers to the bateys, the students began to teach the children computer skills that would give them an advantage when trying to get a job working in a large hotel. Service learning trips such as these help poverty-stricken families and also help Bryant students gain a more global perspective on community service.

The group of students, along with Simon and Enos, visited SOLAIDOM, which is run by a French woman named Chantal who has dedicated her time to helping the people of the Dominican Republic after retiring from the hotel and tourist business. SOLAIDOM’s “headquarters” are in the small fishing village of Guayacanes. There is an atelier (a workshop), which showcases and sells artisan goods. This includes jewelry made by the kids she teaches and wooden sculptures made by adults. She teaches French to the children in Guayacanes right in her backyard.

The Bryant students stayed in Guayacanes and traveled each day to the Soco batey to work. The batey is about 45 minutes away. Since many of the people who worked in the sugar cane fields had their jobs taken away, they needed a new way to make ends meet. SOLAIDOM was set up by Chantal to help them learn the French language, an advantage when applying for jobs in hotels.

Three of the students on the trip were bilingual and used this to connect with the people. They sat down in groups on several occasions and learned how to get to the heart of what these people need in their community and what would help them to live better financially. Many of the hotels only hire the locals for twelve people at a time. Their experiences there enabled them to see first hand and to think about what they had learned while studying sociology and service learning classes. They lived with people in a small fishing village and traveled each day by public transportation (the guagua) to work on a batey (former sugar plantation). Bryant has definitely left its mark on the community there,” says Simon.
EMT CALL    Medical Services Rendered FEB 22 2010- Monday at 17:55 Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: A male complaining of neck pains. EMS was activated.

LARCENY   (Over $500)FEB 23 2010-Tuesday at 21:00 Location: GEORGE E Bello CENTER Summary: A student reports a back pack stolen.

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VANDALISM (AUTO) FEB 26 2010-Friday at 16:10 Location: STRIP PARKING Summary: A student reported damage to a parked vehicle.

EMT CALL    Medical Services Rendered FEB 27 2010- Saturday at 03:21 Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: A report of an intoxicated male. EMS was activated.

VANDALISM (AUTO) FEB 27 2010-Saturday at 12:32 Location: NEW SENIOR APARTMENT LOT Summary: DPS noticed a vehicle with a broken mirror. The owner was contacted.

EMT CALL    Medical Services Rendered FEB 28 2010- Sunday at 18:58 Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: A report of a person having a panic attack. EMS was activated.

VANDALISM (AUTO) MAR 1 2010-Monday at 13:43 Location: HALL 15 LOT Summary: A student reports vandalism to her vehicle.

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Channel 12’s Michelle Muscatello to host first annual Public Speaking Colloquium

By Sara Larrabee
Staff Writer

Bryant’s First Annual Public Speaking Colloquium is almost here. On Monday, March 22nd from 7-9pm in the Bello Grand Hall, six of Bryant’s best students will compete in this widely publicized event. The event is free and open to all Bryant students, faculty, and staff, as well as the general public.

“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.

Thirty Bryant students will participate in the preliminary round on Friday, but only six will be selected to compete on Monday night. Students are also welcome to stroll into the TV studio on 3/19 to watch the preliminary rounds which will be going on throughout the day from 10am-5pm.

The level of participation and enthusiasm has been overwhelming. Channel 12 “Eyewitness News” Meteorologist Michelle Muscatello has agreed to host the event and is sure to bring energy and entertainment to the crowd. Her visibility as a dynamic personality in Rhode Island television will add energy and expertise to this already spectacular event. The Toastmasters (a public speaking and leadership club), will be raffling off hundreds of dollars in awesome prizes during intermission. Refreshments will be served.

Once again, the event will be held on Monday night March 22nd from 7-9pm in the Bello Grand Hall on the Bryant University campus. The Public Speaking Colloquium is sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, the Department of Communications, and the Toastmasters. If you have any questions please feel free to contact coordinator Susan Baran at sbaran@bryant.edu or Wendy Samter at wsamter@bryant.edu.

Bryant Jazz Ensemble to perform Saturday night

By Sara Larrabee
Staff Writer

Did you know that Bryant has its very own Jazz Ensemble?? Well if you have never heard the band playing on Monday nights in the music room, they are smokin’! A wide range of instruments and highly talented student-musicians comprise this group, all lead by director Jim LaFaite. The band will be performing this Saturday night at 8pm in the South Dining café which will be transformed into a modern jazz lounge. The band will be playing songs such as “Sing, Sing, Sing”, “Fiesta Latina”, and numerous Chicago tunes. So come and support your fellow Bulldogs and enjoy the greatest jazz on campus, Saturday March 20th at 8pm. This event is free of charge. Hope to see you there!

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By Bridget McNulty and Meridith Salvas
Contributing Writers

The following article is about a friend of Stephanie Barone, a student at Bryant University. Her name is Kathryn Torrey and she is a student at Connecticut College.

What type of cancer were you diagnosed with?
I was diagnosed with Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia. It's the most common type of leukemia for children under the age of 15. It is detected by a bone marrow test and is treated with chemotherapy at the moment of diagnosis.

When were you diagnosed? At what age?
I was 12 years old, in 7th grade and it was February of 2001.

What was your initial reaction to your diagnosis?
I remember this all as kind of a blur. Almost as if it were a movie I saw and as if it never really happened to me.

We were on a family vacation in Florida. We used to drive down from Connecticut and we would stop at my dad’s friend's house in Charlotte, NC.

While we were in Florida my mom, sister, and I were walking near my grandparents' house and I had to stop and catch my breath/take a break every few minutes. Being an athlete this was out of the ordinary and I started to think that something was wrong. Then on our way back home, we stopped in NC.

We all went out on a walk through the woods and when we were almost back to the car all I remember is feeling really light headed, then everything went white and I couldn’t see a thing and I just lowered myself next to a tree while my family panicked to figure out what had happened. That day ended with me having a very bad migraine where I could not be anywhere near light and stayed in a pitch-black room all day long.

When we got home from the trip my mom took me to see a doctor who ordered numerous tests. The hypotheses ranged from lyme disease to mono but nothing was coming up, until finally they did a bone marrow test, which was by far the most painful experience of my life. I can remember being in the room on the table screaming in pain as a giant needle was being drilled into my bone and all I could see was my mom’s face covered in tears as she watched her daughter going through excruciating pain. I remember sitting in the empty waiting room at Yale New Haven hospital reading some old magazine (cause waiting rooms never have current issues of magazines). When the nurse came out and explained it, I was barely paying attention. I heard the word Leukemia and immediately thought of that story of the girl with 1000 paper cranes and didn’t think much of it. I was 12 years old, I had no idea what that meant. I thought I would have to take some medicine and just move on with my life, and I remember asking my mom if we could go home now. That’s when it really hit me, when my mom and dad turned to me, and told me “no, we’re gonna have to stay here overnight…for quite a while.”

My mom immediately called my sisters and told them what was happening and for them to gather some of my things and my dad would be picking them up to bring them to Yale.

Did you know of a family history of this particular type of cancer, or cancer in general?
Leukemia is not a genetic cancer so I had no idea why I got it. It kind of hit me out of nowhere. One of the first things my mom asked my doctor was whether or not my children eventually would be at risk for getting it, and luckily he said absolutely not. It’s difficult to determine the cause of Leukemia, and I just happened to be unlucky.

For more information on how Kathryn Torrey dealt with Leukemia and how she now lives her life, visit: www.BryantArchivary.com

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Credit Craze: How you can save money

By John-Paul Sullivan  Contributing Writer

In this day and age many college students have problems with saving money. It is very easy for us to spend a couple bucks on a daily coffee or soda. How about all that Poland Spring bottled water? That certainly adds up at $1 a pop. You started with a hundred dollars in your wallet and in just a blink of an eye all that money is gone.

So how quickly do some of these items add up? Well let's say you buy a coffee every day. Whenever I purchase coffee it is at least $3 dollars. After one year that three dollars a day adds up to be $1,095, and after 10 years that daily coffee ends up costing $10,950.

Now let's say you invested it into a certificate of deposit or a United States Treasury bond. You can expect that value to be at least double to about $22,000 – that could buy a ticket to Broadway and see all the shows you want.

You could even use the cash as a down payment on a house. How about a Corvet or an Audi TT roadster? You could purchase one fully loaded Honda Accord or Toyota Camry, but maybe you cut out other things like buying a bottle of water or a soda from vending machines. Anyway you spend it, all that money is gone.

Another way to save money is to budget. Know how much you can spend and try not to purchase things on your debit or credit card that you know you will not be able to pay back. The interest rates on the cards can be as high as 25% and the bank fees as high as $30 for purchases that overdraw your checking account. In order to keep track of your spending, sign up for online banking at your bank.

One more easy way to save money is to buy all your books online. For example an accounting book that sells for about $200 in the Bryant bookstore sells for about $50 online on sites like half.com and textbookrus.com, so next semester before you buy any of your books from the Bryant Bookstore be sure to check out those sites first.

The basic idea is to keep track of your weekly spending, try to write down everything in a small notebook or maybe keep track of it through your bank like I do and try to eliminate unnecessary items. Maybe you do need your $3 coffee, but maybe you cut out other things like buying a bottle of water or a soda from vending machines. Anyway you can cut back is a step in the right direction.

Annie’s CEO on what makes a company successful

By Matt Jusczcyk  Contributing Writer

Mr. John Foraker, CEO of Annie’s, Inc. visited Bryant and spoke about his company’s philosophy of continuous improvement and social responsibility. Annie’s offers a variety of organic and all-natural products to consumers without sacrificing on the company’s established core values. According to Mr. Foraker, Annie’s has been able to focus on goals beyond that of overall profitability, margins, or EPS. By being socially responsible, Annie’s has increased its revenue from $14 million in FY 2002 to $100 million in FY 2010 and has risen to “the number one company in ten natural and organic food categories,” according to Mr. Foraker.

Annie’s is successful for many reasons, but one specifically is establishing and following strong principles consistent with social responsibility. Annie’s mission and values clearly demonstrate the company’s belief that social responsibility is a cornerstone of the company. According to Annie’s, “spreads awareness and acts as a positive role model for consumers and encourages other businesses to do the same.”

Furthermore, the company’s customers, consumers, suppliers and shareholders are treated with “the same high degree of respect, fairness, and honesty” that they expect of others. Acting responsibly is important to the company and Mr. Foraker mentioned that Annie’s believes that their role in the world includes “nourishing communities by providing healthy food, promoting sustainability and supporting organizations motivated by [their] same intrinsic purpose.”

Any company can have a clearly defined value system or philosophy, but Annie’s is a company that implements these convictions readily. For example, Annie’s funds school and community gardens throughout the country (more than 30 schools supported in 2009). The company has also offered “Sustainable Agriculture Scholarships” to help the “next generation of organic farmers meet their dreams” and has made numerous corporate donations to funding organizations that make a difference in their industry.

Annie’s attributes much of their success in business to their strong belief in social responsibility; but also to continuous improvement. Mr. Foraker stated that “doing the ‘right thing’ is a journey, requiring ongoing diligence and improvement.” In an effort to foster a philosophy of continuous improvement, Annie’s has consistently introduced new products and explored new product categories. The company has enhanced existing items, pushed their internal and external partners for improvements, moved to 70% post-consumer recycled cardboard for their packaging, and has updated their recycling and energy-savings systems throughout the supply chain.

If any conclusions can be drawn about what makes a company successful, it can certainly be concluded that responsibility and continuous improvement are key. Responsible companies create a culture of transparency and commitment to societal progress, not just that of shareholders and key company executives, but also in continuous improvement. It allows a company to adapt and change to the demands of the market and become a leader in the market and nearly make the competition irrelevant. As the global marketplace continues to change, and external pressures increase in many industries, Annie’s truly seems to be one step ahead.
Bryant squash: The best season ever

By Yohan Sachdev and Nick Raho

The Bryant Squash Club enjoyed its best season ever in 2009-10, with organizational and administrative achievements of court matches on court by key victories at the College Squash Association’s national team championships, held in February at Yale.

At New Haven, Bryant won matches against Bucknell and longtime rival Bard, a team they beat twice this season, to claim a spot in the finals of the Hawthorne Division against Lafayette. Victory was especially elusive, but the overall good showing guaranteed a final national ranking between Nos. 50 (out of 64 teams), the Bryant club’s best finish ever and one especially meaningful because of the club’s final positioning above well-established varsity-level programs and several places ahead of rival Notre Dame.

Bryant rolled early in its opening weekend on Friday against Bucknell, with Dave Zastrow (12), Dan Cournoyer (12), and Hart Callahan (11) recording victories at the number 9, 6, and 3 spots respectively. JP Sullivan (11) and Max Archer (11) also scored for Bryant. The team eliminated the day’s triumph at a dinner hosted at their home by the parents of Brent Besch (12).

The Band match on Saturday was very close. Cole Rochon (12) played big, winning at No. 8. At No. 2, Raho took a hard-fought victory in five games. With the match standing 4-all, Sachdev, playing No. 1 as he did all season, shouldered the pressure and avenged an earlier loss against his opponent by nipping the team win with his 3-1 victory.

Sunday’s Bryant-Lafayette Hawthorne Division final—played on Yale courts immediately adjacent to the overall national championship matches between Trinity and Yale (you probably heard about that brouhaha on ESPN and watched the video that went viral on YouTube)—was supercharged with energy. Play was close, back and forth, but in the end, Lafayette won, 6-3. A real highlight for Bryant was the superior play of Besch, who won his match in five very strategic, very poised games. Callahan, Sullivan, and Rochon all pushed their opponents to five games.

Last week, the Bryant Squash Club presented its annual awards recognizing individual achievements and contributions made to the team in the preceding season. The team also saluted its four graduating seniors—Yash Agarwal, Himanshu Bahadur, and co-captains Yohan Sachdev and Nick Raho. Coach John Wilson presented the Most Valuable Player Award to Dan Courmoyer, who was undefeated this season. Cole Rochon received the Hardest Worker in Practice Award, and, not surprisingly, the Most Improved Player Award.

The Leadership Award went to Yohan Sachdev. Nick Raho, who tore his ACL last year, received the team’s Comeback Player of the Year Award. Big Wins Awards went to Raho, Sesach, and Besch. Callahan, Sachdev, and Courmoyer were congratulated for their exemplary— and loud—vocal encouragement during the team’s matches. Yash Agarwal and Pablo Madera were thanked for stepping into the lineup several times when other teammates were unable to play their matches.

The Bryant Squash Club was started in 1998 by Sameer Khankari, a former club president, Ron Gendron, who is in his 11th year as coach, and Khakar Khurana, a former US Squash Level 1 coaching certificated player. This season has been the most successful so far. The club has received a square in Dallas, Steve Lamb (’09), Rich Duda (’10), Andrew Wolfe (’10), and Tim Irving (’10). Projects include fund-raising to meet expenses for trips next season to the round-robin at Dartmouth and at Yale and to raise money for the eagerly anticipated conversion of a racquetball court into a squash court, a project for which the club has received a pledge of matching funds from US Squash, the sport’s national governing body.

The team also plans to petition the College Squash Association for an extraordinary round-robin to establish a US Squash level 1 coach, Ron Gendron, who is in his 11th year as coach, and Khakar Khurana, a former US Squash Level 1 coaching certificated player. This season has been the most successful so far. The club has received a square in Dallas, Steve Lamb (’09), Rich Duda (’10), Andrew Wolfe (’10), and Tim Irving (’10). Projects include fund-raising to meet expenses for trips next season to the round-robin at Dartmouth and at Yale and to raise money for the eagerly anticipated conversion of a racquetball court into a squash court, a project for which the club has received a pledge of matching funds from US Squash, the sport’s national governing body.

The Bryant Squash team completed their best season ever in 2009-10. (Courtesy of Bryant Athletics)

Bryant Figure Skating ended their season with gold. (Image courtesy Hilary Cartwright)

Figure skating ends season with gold

By Hilary Cartwright Contributing Writer

The Bryant University synchronized skating team competed at the New England Challenge Cup on Saturday, February 27th at Boston University’s Walter Brown Arena.

Synchronized skating is a winter sport that incorporates ice skating in a synchronized combination of movement and music, with a goal of the highest artistry.

The team featured three skaters: Ayesha Agarwal, Pablo Madera, and Yohan Sachdev. They were accompanied by Peter Kelich on piano and Jordan Sawyer on violin.

The team’s performance included a mix of traditional skating and contemporary elements, including a routine to “The Sound of Music,” a popular musical from the 1960s.

Bryant’s performance was followed by another team from Boston University, who skated to a routine inspired by “The Nutcracker.”

The teams’ performances were judged on a variety of factors, including technical merit, artistic expression, and overall execution.

Overall, the team’s performance demonstrated a high level of skill and synchronization, with each skater showing a strong sense of coordination and connection with their teammates.

The team’s performance was a success, earning them a gold medal for their efforts.

Bryant’s synchronized skating team has been a fixture on the ice for many years, consistently demonstrating their dedication to the sport and their passion for synchronized skating.

The team’s next performance will be at the William T. Young Arena in Hempstead, New York on March 27th at 1 and 7 pm. For more information about the team and their upcoming events, please visit the Bryant University website or contact the team’s advisor, Brittany Hightight at bhightight@bryant.edu.

Peter Kelich

Year: Freshman
Sport: Basketball

Kelich was named the NEC Rookie of the Week for scoring a win over Virginia Tech last week in his first career start. He allowed only two runs and five hits over eight innings.
Two weeks worth of rants

By David Niles  
Staff Writer

On February 28 the United States lost to Canada in hockey’s gold medal game at the Olympics, captivating millions of households across both countries. The word is that the NHL will build on the popularity.

On March 1, the NHL season resumed. No one cared. I don’t understand why this was a surprise. I think people forget that Americans were on the edge of their couches watching curling and ice dancing beat American Idol in ratings. Americans would cheer for anyone wearing a USA jersey even if it was in a grass-growing competition.

On March 2 a sports radio afternoon segment consisted of a debate about what the Red Sox playoff rotation will be. How about they play an exhibition game first?

I listened to a week-old pod cast which discussed Kobe Bryant’s late-game heroics. Common opinion was that most would be. How about they play an of a debate about what the afternoon segment consisted of a debate about what the Ivy League, every conference has a tournament with an automatic NCAA tournament bid on the line. This means every team in the country is already in an expanded NCAA tournament of sorts. Keep winning and keep advancing. And don’t tell me this will eliminate the “bubble teams”. No. It will just be that we will have the 97th and 98th ranked teams complaining about being left out.

Do we really need to hear Morehead State grumbling about being left out instead of St. Louis? None of the bottom teams have a realistic chance to go deep in the tournament right now. In its current form, only two of the ninety-two teams to make the Final Four were seeded in the bottom half (9-16) and only 3 teams seeded 7 or 8 have reached. Why do we need even more mediocrity? One word. Money. The complaining about being left out infuriates me. Why should you be given the chance to play Syracuse when you couldn’t beat Hofstra in your own conference tournament? Please?

Lacrosse scores at monthly NEC awards

Bryant University took two of the weekly awards for the first-ever Northeast Conference monthly NEC awards in sea-son recognitions, as sophomore goalkeeper James-0dor and sophomore midfielder Jack Coates took home NEC Defensive Player of the Month and NEC Offensive Player of the Month as well respectively.

Bryant’s only squad coach. Wilson teaches the game, with its intense physical and mental demands, as a sport for a lifetime. In college, squash, with its demands for the development of technical skills and physical fitness through deliberate practice, is played as a sport that relies on individual efforts on court in every match; played later in life, the game offers a foundation for physical fitness, healthy com-petition, and camaraderie.

Bryant Squad Club welcomes new members with or without prior experience; contact club president Sachdev to set up a hit. Check out the club’s Facebook page.

Next year, Bryant will play 20 collegiate matches, many of them at round-robin that provides a valuableOpportunity for the club’s fundraising. Matches are scheduled with MIT, Con-necticut College, Notre Dame, Fordham, Bard, Lafayette, Boston University, Boston College, Brandeis, and Vermont.

Bryant On Tap

Friday, March 19th:
Baseball, at Northeastern, 3:30 pm

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Softball, HOME vs Boston College, 12:00 pm
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Sunday, March 21st:
Softball, HOME vs Maine, 12:00 pm
Baseball, at Northeastern, 1:00 pm
Women’s Lacrosse, at Sacred Heart, 1:00 pm

Tuesday, March 23rd:
Soccer, at Harvard, 3:00 pm
Season high 13 hits lead to win over Virginia Tech for Bulldogs

By Jackie Ammirato
Assistant Sports Editor

This is it. What every team plays for, a chance in the tournament. Fifty-five teams get in, but only one is left standing. Here are ten teams who should be interesting to watch.

10. Robert Morris
Who remembers when our Bulldogs played Robert Morris President’s Day weekend? It was an exciting game during which the Bulldogs led by the lead for most of the first half and Robert Morris’s coach received a technical. Unfortunately, the Bulldogs struggled in the second half and Robert Morris took it back over to win the Northeast Conference Championship. They take on St. Mary’s in the first round.

9. Notre Dame
Notre Dame surprised a lot of people with its performance in the Big East tournament, putting up big wins over Seton Hall and Pittsburgh. Led by senior captain Luke Harangody, considered by some to be the best center in the country, the Irish will take on Old Dominion in the first round.

8. Marquette
Marquette also made some noise in the Big East tournament defeating St. John’s and Villanova. Lazar Hayward is a game changing player and should help this team go far. The Golden Eagles face Washington in the first round.

7. Houston
Houston is led by Aubrey Coleman who leads the nation, averaging 25.6 points per game. Houston takes on Maryland in the first round. It will be a battle between Coleman and Maryland’s Greivis Vasquez, the ACC Player of the Year.

6. Syracuse
Syracuse was thought of as a top team in the nation for most of the season. However, the Orangemen lost their regular season finale to Louisville and were defeated in the Big East tournament in the quarterfinal to Georgetown. Star center Arinze Onuaku hurt his knee during the Georgetown loss and his playing status is unclear. Syracuse reached the fourth number one seed and will face Vermont in the opening round.

5. Ohio State
Anyone who saw Ohio State take on Michigan last week in the Big Ten tournament has to wonder if this team can continue on. Down 66-68 with 2.2 seconds left, player of the year hopeful, Evan Turner drained a 37 footer to give the Buckeyes the win. They will then need to defeat Minnesota in the Big Ten Championship. They take on UCSB in the first round.

4. Georgetown
Georgetown looked very impressive in the Big East tournament. They recorded wins over South Florida, Syracuse, and Marquette, losing in the Championship to West Virginia by two points. Led by Greg Monroe, Austin Freeman, and Chris Wright, the Hoyas looked big and strong against the season opener Butler, Villanova, and Duke. They take on Ohio in the first round.

3. Kentucky
Kentucky has won 2020 games in the program’s history; the most in NCAA history. Yet, the Wildcats failed to make the tournament last year. Kentucky is led by its two freshmen stars, DeMarcus Cousins and John Wall. Receiving the number two seed overall and the number one seed in the East Region, Kentucky takes on East Tennessee State in the first round.

2. Kansas
Kansas received the number one overall seed having just defeated second-seeded Ohio State for the overall Big 12 title. They were picked in the preseason to win their second title in three years. However, Kansas is in the Midwest Region and will have to face teams like Ohio State, Georgetown, and Minnesota to get to the final four. They take on sixteenth seeded Lehigh in the first round.

1. Duke
Duke was won 12 of their last 13 games, was the ACC regular season champions, and won the ACC tournament. The Blue Devils were led all season by senior captain Jonas Jerebko, Nolan Smith, and Kyle Singler. But look for senior Brian Zoubek, who led the Blue Devils in the ACC tournament. Duke takes on the winner of the play-in game between Ark.-Pine Bluff and Winthrop. Look for Duke’s season to extend into April.
Dear Bryant community,

Though I am sure that not everyone reads my column on a weekly basis for various reasons, I ask that if you have made it this far that you continue reading this particular article. You see, there are few things that impact everyone on this campus. And as long as you have not already left this campus, I write this article with you in mind.

This mounted piece of Archway memorialism commemorates the same time, 41 years ago, at which The Archway separated itself from the Senate and the budgeting process to be fully funded through other means—namely the administration. As of this year we are back to partially being under Senate constraints. More accurately it is essentially a 50-50 split between Senate and the administration. To put it lightly, I have an issue with some aspects.

I will admit I am biased and that my views come from a person who is obviously deeply involved with the on going issues of The Archway. I may not, and nor do I want to mention the goal of every other member of this paper, is always to put the best paper possible out to the campus on a weekly basis.

As the most readily available news source that this campus has, I find it concerning that our budget is subject to the same constraints as every other group on campus. I will acknowledge that The Archway is not the only group that esteems a specific purpose. However, we are the only group that will cover all events and promote the happenings of our fellow organizations tirelessly through the best articles we can write.

My main issue, as you may have already inferred, is that I do not want to see this paper constrained in its ability to educate fellow students about everything this campus offers. More importantly, I do not want this paper to be subject to cuts that may drastically decapitate the depth and breadth of its content. I am also never keen to have anyone else do our work. I am more than willing to sacrifice my time and my health to assure that this paper does not fall to the wayside.

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Archway article since you have been here, this affects you.

Let me start by telling you a little story. Every Wednesday I sit down in the Archway office sometime after lunch to put together the weekly opinion section. And as a person of habit I sit at the same computer each week. I have been doing this for a while now, and my thoughts have spent a good amount of time in that office. However, I was unaware of the content of a certain famed Archway front page that hangs just to the left of where I sit.

This week I was looking at the front page and was shocked to see that it was my name. I know that this all seems somewhat fearful of ing the content of our paper possibly be compromised. As a person that likes to question authority I find it necessary to indulge in poking and prodding those that make the decisions. And while The Archway does not particularly print articles that controversially disagree with motives or actions by the administration or other groups, I would not want such articles to be kept from appearing if need be. Although I am optimistic that Senate does not hold grudges, I do not think that students in charge of the newspaper should ever be beholden to other students for any reason, or to any entities.

I know that this all seems somewhat fearful of things that may not happen, and I would not argue that point. However, it goes beyond what I have already said and beyond my personal fears. For as much as those of us who work on The Archway on a weekly basis consider this our child and the product of our concerted efforts, in reality it is your paper. The fact that your paper is one that potentially cannot provide you with the necessary quality or amount you deserve because of budgetary issues is one which is unacceptable in this editor’s mind.

In totality I want to ensure that The Archway remains a newspaper and not a blog. If we just told you what someone else would have written we would be nothing more than the Bryant Announcements. Remember that this is a newspaper and as such it is our responsibility to report the news of this campus and our world in general. It should never be a prerequisite to compromise depth of news for brevity and ease of digestion.

While my responsibilities as an Opinion Editor and my weekly musings do not necessarily stem from that which is directly associated with this campus, I still feel a responsibility to the readers of this paper to acknowledge what I recognize as an issue. I especially harbor this sentiment when that issue is with regards to the persistence of quality of this news source. The Archway is a newspaper for you, the reader, first. Moreover, the opinion section is here not just for people like me who write columns, but for all members of this campus. We at The Archway welcome letters to the editor with open arms.

I, for one, would willingly give up my space to fill the opinion section with your thoughts and comments. Whether those comments are with respect to this article about The Archway and Senate or any other topic, please let your voice be heard. I cannot advocate enough this point. This paper is meant for you, the readers, and we love to hear what you are thinking about with regards to this campus and this paper.

By Drew Green
Opinion Editor

Dance, dance, de-evolution

By Michael Adams
Assistant Editor-in-Chief

I thought that maybe, just maybe, we as a nation were moving in the direction of acceptance of homosexuals into our culture. Apparently not.

Just last week, Constance McMillen, a student at a Mississippi high school was denied attendance to her school prom because of her sexuality—oh, and she wanted to wear a tuxedo. To put the cherry on top of this ridiculous sundae, the prom has now been cancelled for the entire school. Very quickly, the school deprived McMillen access to the prom with her girlfriend or to wear a tuxedo, stating that there was a proviso in their student hand book, proclaiming that dates to the prom must be of the opposite sex. Hold on—that’s in their student hand book.

A student handbook serves as a wasteful booklet of tree-killing material to convey policies and procedures to students, faculty, and staff of the institution. Yes, one reads it. It’s the truth. Maybe it’s why students were caught off-guard with this policy of no same-sex couples at school-sponsored functions.

How can this provision be printed and attended to as a prom as a group all the time. Does that mean they’re all lesbians and then all going all goes against in “lesbian” things? What does that even mean? I’m not one to jump to conclusions, but I’m confident that I have seen my fair share of girl-on-girl action on the dance floor. Pretty sure they weren’t lesbians. It’s not like they have an identifier on them like tagging a fish to see when it swins upstream.

How this issue has not come to be of this beyond me is I’m not going to say that because Mississippi is located in our southern regions that homosexual discrimination is diversified. Although it does seem to resonate from this area.

You can go ahead and disapprove of homosexuality, but will you also respect a human’s right to individuality and their sexual preference? Who cares if they kiss a guy at the dance or a girl? We’re all human. Are the chaperones going to pull them apart and separate them like on the elementary school playground? Give me a break.

One problem with high schools, or any institution of higher learning for that matter, is that they are run by people who cannot seem to grasp that all students are out-spoken individuls of society who demand a hand in the growth and development process of the institution they are educated in.

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Opinion Editor

From was old school years ago, but has the sexual orientation of students and their attire made schools rethink their antiquated policies (ACLT Campus)

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**Battle of the sexes**

**DEAR KD,**

So I’m tired of being single. I really want to meet someone and I’m really looking to start a relationship. I’m tired of people on this campus, but I’ve heard such mixed reviews about starting a relationship with someone you meet at a bar or a club. What do you think?

**Single, but do you know how to mingle?**

By Kaleigh Durkin

**PR Manager**

Well I’ve been thinking a lot about what my opinion regarding this situation is, and I’ve decided that it has two parts. I want to start by saying that a bar or a club seems like a very viable place to meet someone.

With the music bumping and the ‘loud’ courage flowing, it seems like the perfect opportunity to put your game face on and go out and meet the person you’ve been eyeing all night long.

Now I know that Cosmo magazine tells you that any guy you meet at a bar is a scumbag, and any girl is just looking to get a little fun, but think about how you’d react if someone made that judgment about you.

The person you’ve been talking to or dancing with may or may not be in the same exact situation you are. They might be tired of the people at their usual hangout spot, and are interested in meeting someone new and exciting, which would make up the two of you a perfect match.

Now comes the second part of my opinion. There are definitely a few things to consider when you’re picking up a conversation or a flirtation session with the Ken or Barbie who seem impossible to just be as into you as you are them. Though it seems obvious, it’s very obvious that if you’re drunk, you’re bound to find therought to walk up to someone and make yourself known. There are still a few things to keep in mind: do not get so drunk that you embarass yourself in front of other people. So one likes ‘that kid’ at the bar who in his head is as smooth as Bico Suave, but is actually a drunk mess who can barely keep his or her head on straight.

Another thing to consider is that I think Mr. Nelligan and I were found to have disagreed on, and that is the after-bar activity. As a college student reading this, I’m sure you can attest that when you meet someone really attractive, there are a few things that you can’t wait to do when no one is around and the lights are turned off, but my piece of advice is: Don’t. As tempting as the situation may be, and as raging as your hormones are, I truly think that if you’re honestly looking for a seriously relationship, you would probably need to know someone well enough to know if you would CONSIDER starting a relationship with them before you jump into his or her pants like a dog looking for a bone.

So while I do believe that there are relationships that start out of your typical trip to a local bar or club, take into consideration the few things I mentioned. There is nothing wrong with making friends and starting to broaden your relationship-possibility pool; there is also nothing wrong with stopping at simple fun and an exchange of numbers (or even Facebook names if you’re the type to acquire for new “Friend Requests”). Good luck out there, but be safe and maintain your standards!

**Love at the Bar**

By David Nelligan

**Staff Writer**

Welcome back you lovesick students of Bryant. I hope you all had a fun and disease free spring break. After being cooped up throughout the winter months and getting a taste of the beach, it is now time to shed those bulky clothes and start enjoying the nice weather back at Bryant. Maybe it is the spring season or the fact that the semester is ending soon, but some reason or another now is when people start to pick their relationship hunt back up. However, since everyone has been on campus since September, and if you are older than a freshmen you have probably met everyone you have wanted too, and now the question is where to look for that special person.

To answer this week’s question on if bars are the right place to meet someone and start a successful relationship the simple answer is of course it is. People are everywhere and there is a place to meet someone new. You are there with friends, most likely drunk, and there are plenty of prospects. Now the only question is how to approach it all and where to take it. This is where Kaleigh and I start to differ. Her 1950’s version of the situation is going to tell you to be distant, cautious, and basically unfriendly. This way you will not get “burned” by someone. However say just have fun. Of course, we are talking about the hook up upon meeting someone for the first time. I think by this point just by talking to someone for a little while you can tell what you are looking for at the bar or club. There are a wide range of people from those just looking to have fun to the ones looking to meet someone for a serious and meaningful relationship. There is no rule though that states getting together with someone on the first night cannot bring good things. Either way, you are both getting something out of being together, so whether it is for a one time deal or something more just have fun and enjoy what the bar brings you.

As long as you are smart about it you will not be getting “burned”. Just instead of getting each other. So the message is to have fun, and mainly to the ladies, please leave the “we gotta go girl” at home. NO ONE can have a good time with her around.

By Kaleigh Durkin

**PR Manager**

Do you have a question about relationships, sex, or dating in general? We want to hear from you! Send The Archway your questions and check back each week to see Dave and Kaleigh battle it out over your question! E-mail Archway@bryant.edu

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**Profit & Loss**

**Formerly Observations. Equally as Funny.**

Compiled by Bryant Students

**New Webpage Format**

There are a lot of different opinions about the new layout for Bryant’s webpage so we are calling this a push a bit. It may be new, but really how is it compared to what we had before. Oh, too big pictures again it does look cleaner than the one we had before.

**No Tomatoes**

Apparently due to the weather there was a lack of tomatoes in Salmo when we all returned from Spring Break. I never knew tomatoes could cause an uproar, but it turned out a lot of people like their tomatoes.

**Construction in the Townhouses**

Since when does it make sense to start construction on the only main exit from a point on campus the day that everyone on campus is trying to leave? No only can it be confusing, but it makes us wonder if it could not have been fixed during the time no one was here.

**Emergency! Watch Where You Walk**

The emergency tape that has been on the steps in the Rotunda seems to be out of place. On the other hand, it adds a bit of flair to the Rotunda and now I will be less likely to trip because the stairs are clearly marked.

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If I started studying on Thursday I’d be royally screwed. I just want to be screwed.

Person 1: “Extension till Monday! I’ve never heard of anything better!”

Person 2: “Even better than anal sex?”

“Why do you ask drunk people to remember things?”

“Was that a good woody?”

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Cellphone application that guides illegal border crosses to water sends the wrong message

Almost 6,000 migrants have died in the Arizona desert since the mid-1990s, when border enforcement in California was tightened and migration routes shifted east toward barren, deadly territory. Today, migrants are 17 times more likely to die while crossing the border than they were in 1998. Despite the difficulty of making a successful crossing, people take the “Devil’s Path” because the mathematics of opportunity have not changed. An illegal immigrant who crosses the border in the United States can earn in one hour what would be a full day’s wages in Mexico. Various groups have tried to address this dangerous reality. Bonzar, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency’s excellent search-and-rescue program, saves hundreds of people, including 351 since October, as does Mexico’s Grupo Beta, which patrols the Mexican side of the border. And civilian groups such as Border Angels and Humane Borders leave water along the most common routes. These efforts, which skirt the politics of illegal immigration, deserve praise and additional resources.

But aiding desperate migrants who already are in the desert is one proposition, and offering assistance before they begin their trek is another. That’s why the creation of a new cellphone application that uses the global positioning system to guide migrants to caches of water that have been left for them is troubling. The Transborder Migration Tool, developed by three professors at UC San Diego and a colleague at the University of Michigan, will be installed on phones distributed by Mexican nongovernmental organizations and churches to those about to set out. Our concern is that the new technology will give migrants a false sense of security about the horrors ahead of them. What will happen, for instance, if the cache is found, but there is no water left because another group got there first? The best app would be one that warns migrants not to cross. It would tell them that when the temperature soars to 115 degrees, dehydration sets in within minutes. It would say that first the body stops producing urine, sweat, saliva and tears in an attempt to conserve water. Muscle spasms and nausea follow, and new insulation, which can maintain heat, can vest in a drying rack. Instead of spending $1.50 to dry your laundry, you can hang your clothing to dry. Additionally, you can turn down the central heat temperature, wash a full load of clothes, clean a full load of dishes, recycle, reduce your consumption of bottled water, buy local foods that are in season, and trim down your consumption of meat. Also, in the long term you can save money through energy reducing initiatives. Home improvements, such as energy efficient light bulbs, energy efficient appliances, and new insulation, which can maintain heat, can significantly reducing one’s carbon footprint, but most total your can find on the internet. These calculators can vary in their specificity, but most total your impact on the environment. However, there are many simple ways to lessen your environmental impact without making significant changes in your behavior. If you are interested you can browse websites such as begreennow.com, carbonfootprint.com, bp.com, or greenstudens.com. These sites have a plethora of useful information that allows you to calculate your carbon footprint and they provide tips for reducing your carbon emissions. Join the effort to combat our hazardous habits; the buzz for ‘going green’ is brewing and it is as easy as ever to make a difference.

The Archway Top Ten: All About March Madness

10. Bryant Men’s basketball, oh wait...
9. That the tournament would start on Wednesday this year so the Fighting Irish could have played on Saint Patrick’s Day...
8. Actually winning a bracket challenge...
7. The players having to compete in their mascot’s outfits...
6. Teams in the Midwest Region playing on Thursday in Providence, but none of the East Region playing in Providence. Hmm, someone never passed Geography?...
5. Using class time on Wednesday to finalize your brackets...
4. Skipping class on Thursday to watch the games...
3. Skipping class on Friday to watch the games...
2. Will this be the year a #16 seed beats a #1 seed...
1. Does anyone know the spread on tonight’s basketball games?
By Coburn Childs
Staff Writer

Ogden Marsh is the kind of place you want to raise a family. Dubbed “the friendliest place on earth,” the small Iowa town is home to less than 1500 people and everyone knows each other. It’s the kind of place where all your neighbors turn out for the Little League game, your coworkers are your family, and your nosy neighbors know every detail about your life. Unfortunately, it soon becomes the most dangerous and horrific place on earth in The Crazies, a stylish and truly scary remake of George Romero’s 1973 film of the same name.

The trailer for The Crazies features Gary Jules’ “Mad World,” a song title that certainly sums up the premise of this film. Unbeknownst to the world’s population, Ogden Marsh is the kind of place you want to raise a family, and every resident is quickly going mad. Not just mad. Murderous. In a town like this, the dead are the first to realize what is going on, but they are too late. The military attempts to quarantine the residents, and David and Judy must escape their beloved hometown—now overrun with violent friends and neighbors—if they hope to survive.

I’m not much of a horror fan, and it is very rare for a film to successfully combine horror with action. Director Breck Eisner succeeds, though, in crafting a film that keeps you on the edge of your seat with an overwhelming amount of suspense, while still frightening you with a terrifying portrayal of a small-town apocalypse. While there are many jump scares to count, the movie does not simply rely on those types of cheap thrills to scare the audience.

As a matter of fact, one of the largest strengths of the movie is that it doesn’t rely on jump scares. While it does startle you, it’s not as if you’re never going to see it coming. The movie does a great job of keeping you on your toes and not letting you relax until the end. The pace is quick, and the tension builds throughout the entire film.

The acting is also top-notch. The performers are all excellent, and they bring their characters to life in a way that makes you care about them. The lead roles are played by Radha Mitchell and Timothy Olyphant, and they are both wonderful in their respective parts.

Overall, The Crazies is a great horror movie. It’s not for everyone, but if you enjoy the genre, you’ll definitely want to check it out. It’s a stylish and scary movie that will keep you on the edge of your seat from start to finish.

By Bryan Regele
Staff Writers

Two buds and a microbrew

A review of five cheap beers

The positives: Simply said, we love the $10.99 Busch Light longneck bottle 20-packs from Anheuser Busch. Any good man knows that beer tastes fresher out of a bottle, and when you do it at such a great price how could you resist? The Busch Light is also a good option, and in the end crown the contestants. Though this makes it easier to drink, a little more flavor would never hurt anyone.

Keystone Light
The positives: Rumors have it that Keystone Light is the dented cans of Coors Light. At first glance you may think it is true as it tastes similar, is made by the Rocky Mountain Brewing Company, comes in the same type of can, and usually they are indeed dented. We never really bought it, but on one clever night we proved the rumor false by cutting into the can and finding a clear liner that is different from those of Coors Light. However, the simple fact that the taste was close enough to Coors Light that we had to go to these lengths to disprove the rumor does pay some credit to it.

The negatives: The price has inflated quite a bit over the years as the brewers caught onto the growing demand among people who were not just hunters. Keystone also carries the most “watered down” taste out of the contestants. Though this makes it easier to drink, a little more flavor would never hurt anyone.

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Bulldog flocks: Alice in Wonderland does not live up to expectations

By Luke Stankiewicz
Staff Writer

Tim Burton has a reputation for being a unique director, able to take strange source material and make it visually exciting, emotionally stirring and wholly fulfilling film. Some of his best work, like his third effort with Edward Scissorhands among them, exemplify Burton's unique style and ability to craft a film that is both critically lauded and popular with audiences. His latest venture, Alice in Wonderland, is not as well received. It is, in fact, rather a decent film that is entertaining enough, but fails short on several technical levels.

Our protagonist Alice Kingsleigh (Mia Wasikowska) is a strong independent woman living in 19th century male-dominated England. She inherits her father's independent business man in his day. Her mother wants what is best for Alice, marrying her off to a dull and 2 dimensional man, leaving her being able to live her own life.

Her good looks will fade, Alice is told, which is why she must find a suitable Lord Asocrat while she still has the chance. Alice looks different though, rushing into such a life changing decision has to be hard for any woman, not so Alice's, so when she spots a strange white rabbit running by, she sweeps it up and leaves her fiancé stranded on one knee.

The rest of the story is his history... down the rabbit hole we go! The iconic productions fit well into the film, which the viewers are already familiar with. The characters, such as the Cheshire Cat and the White Rabbit, is working over the rabbit mad, not only in the film, but also in the real world. The White Rabbit's character, for example, is so well known that the film itself gets more attention than the character.

The story is still quite similar to the novel, but there are many changes. The biggest change is the addition of the Mad Hatter and the Red Queen. These two characters are not as well known as the other characters, but they add a lot of humor to the film. The Mad Hatter is a looney toon character, and the Red Queen is a snobby character. The film is still quite entertaining, but it is not as good as the novel.

The film is the fact that it is well written and every jump serves a part of the story as a whole. In some cases, the story is a little slow and the scenes sometimes feel a little forced, but overall it is a good film. The acting is also quite good, with actors like Johnny Depp and Mia Wasikowska shining in their roles. The music is also quite good, with the soundtrack being a big part of the film.

The positives: The direction and storytelling is quite good, the characters are well developed, and the film is quite entertaining. The negatives: The pacing can be a little slow at times, and the film is a little long.

This movie earned 2.5 out of 5 bulldogs

Beer contest

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The Two Buds therefore name Narragansett Lager the winners of the cheap beer challenge and hope that you pitch in towards their goal of reestablishing their brewing operations right here in New England in hopes of one day going national.
“Do you have a tattoo? If so, what does it stand for?”

“Footprints in the sand: representative of my family who lives on the lake.”
- Danny Hackenson ’10

“It’s a celtic compass... I like what a compass symbolizes, not getting lost.”
- Kelly Campelia ’11

“It’s my zodiac sign which is a Taurus symbol, I got it because a Taurus is supposed to stand for determination, stability and simplicity, which I feel I represent.”
- Jessica Komoroski ’11

“I got the tattoo because my brother was the tattoo artist and it was kind of a family bonding thing if you will. I chose the tattoo because my nickname has been Junior Mints (most people just call me Junior) for about 8 years and I wanted my first tattoo to represent something about me, plus I couldn’t find any other Junior Mints tattoos online making it unique.”
- Marc Valas ’10