Sociology group returns to campus

By Brittany Eagar  Staff writer

The Sociological Thinkers of Bryant were recognized as a club four years ago around the same time that a student was able to graduate from Bryant University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology. The lack of leaders in the organization made sustaining the club and being involved in events and speakers on campus nearly impossible.

This year Kristina Pires ’10, talked with professors in the sociology department in hopes of giving the club the push it needed. Faculty helped to get the word out to their students interested in sociology, whether it be the field of research or service learning, to join the organization. On March 24 of this year the organization officially became recognized with 25 interested members and five e-board members. The e-board consists of president Kristina Pires ’10, Vice President Aimee Bennett ’10, Treasurer Sanjay Choolani ’12, and Publicity Chairs Tina Matos ’10 and Lauren Devaney ’11.

The Sociological Thinkers of Bryant is an important step in sustaining the relatively new sociology major. There will be elections held for e-board members, most of the current members being seniors, and it is important to keep leadership roles established to sustain the club. The club hopes to bring speakers to campus to inform students of different jobs available to graduates with a sociology degree. Kristina Pires believes in the importance of broadening people’s idea of what sociology is in order to promote the major and minor to Bryant students, gaining more recognition for the growing number of sociology students on campus.

On campus nearly impossible.

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To report a bias incident or hate crime, contact President Erin Teffs at eteffs@bryant.edu.

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### Annual art expo provides creative forum

By Julie Kent

Staff writer

Do you have piercings or a tattoo? Do you love photography or have taken photos of anything interesting? Are you an artist? Do you have a story or reason behind your art? If so, then the Art Expo is where it is at! The Arts and Culture Club will be hosting its annual Art Expo on April 22nd at 5 PM in Papitto. The Expo consists of submissions of photos, drawings, or anything artistic by students, faculty, and staff. Those who submit their art also include a story or the meaning behind their design or experience. The art can be put on display at the Expo anonymously or you can choose to have your name shown, which ever you prefer. All of those who submit their art have the potential to win great prizes or gift certificates. Some of the categories of prizes include best story or experience behind the art and the most creative. In addition, the Expo will include great food, snacks, beverages, and music.

Be on the lookout for the Arts and Culture Club Art Expo table in the Bryant Center or the Rotunda in the upcoming weeks if you would like to purchase tickets or submit your art. For further information or if you have any question please feel free to contact President Erin Teffs at eteffs@bryant.edu.
Bryant hosts Special Olympic Games

By Nick Mancuso and Lauren Gainor
Contributing Writers

For the 30th year in a row, on Saturday April 24th, Bryant will once again continue the tradition of hosting the Northern Rhode Island Special Olympics Games. Special Olympics Athletes will compete throughout Northern Rhode Island to compete for a chance to move on to the Summer Games held at the University of Rhode Island.

The Bryant Games are planned, organized, and run by a committee of 2 dedicated Bryant University students. Overseen by the Games Director, Stephanie Kirk ‘10, and the Assistant Games Director, Nicholas Mancuso ‘12, the committee has put in countless hours and worked tirelessly throughout this semester to put together yet another amazing event.

The Special Olympics is a global non-profit organization that was founded in 1968 by Eunice Kennedy Shriver. Since its founding, Special Olympics has expanded into nearly 200 countries and served around 250 million people with intellectual disabilities. This event is one which inspires greatness, teamwork, understanding, and acceptance.

Too often we complain about the small and mundane inconveniences of daily life, yet we rarely think about what life is like for those with intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics is a time to come together and recognize those people for their individual talents. With this year’s theme, “No Boundaries”, the committee and all those involved are striving to surpass the expectations and records set in previous years. With the day of games around the corner, the Volunteers Core Director, Melanie Farbotko ‘10, and her committee have recruited nearly 200 volunteers.

“This has been one of the most rewarding and influential experiences of my Bryant Career” states Director Stephanie Kirk ’10. “We welcome all faculty, staff, and students to bring their friends and family to volunteer on the day of games.” To do so please contact Melanie Farbotko at mfarbotko@bryant.edu. For those interested in donating, please contact Nathan Major at nmajor@bryant.edu.

We hope you will come join us to break boundaries and make a difference.

Cancer Survivor Series: Kim Nates

Complied by Meridith Salvas and Bridgit McNulty

1. What type of cancer were you diagnosed with?
I was diagnosed with stage 2 Hodgkin’s Lymphoma.

2. When were you diagnosed? At what age?
I was diagnosed on June 11, 2007 in my senior year of High School, age 17.

3. What was your initial reaction to your diagnosis?
Obviously I was surprised and devastated by my diagnosis. Initially, I had thought that I was sick with the flu, and it had never crossed my mind that someone my age could get cancer. Thinking back to that time, I'm still amazed by how I reacted in the first few days: worrying about finishing my midterms, going to “prom” without hair, telling my friends, what everyone would think, etc. It all seems so insignificant now.

4. Did you know of a family history of cancer, or cancer in general?
I do not know of any family history of this particular type of cancer, or cancer in general.

5. What was your biggest challenge in overcoming this disease?
One of the biggest challenges was accepting my “new” body and its limitations. It was very difficult to be put in such a dependent position, and to rely on the support of others so much. What I wanted the most was to be able to continue my “normal” routine, so it was a challenge to keep that up while my treatment was affecting me physically.

6. How did your diagnosis affect your friends and family?
I can’t speak for how much or little it affected them, but I can say that both my friends and family offered me an unbelievable amount of support. The burden of my diagnosis and treatment fell mainly on my family who had to deal with looking after me physically and also emotionally. I think we all take out our frustrations the most on the one’s we love – and I was no exception. They were the ones who saw me in “my good hours” and they were the ones who came to every treatment and scan and appointment. What surprised me most was the reaction of my friends. My closest friends were especially supportive, but even fellow classmates of mine who I hardly knew showed support in unbelievable ways. This support was sometimes the only thing that

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Bryant players present ‘Guys and Dolls’

By Julie Kent
Staff writer

The Bryant Players will perform Guys and Dolls this weekend. The play begins Friday April 16th at 7 PM, Saturday April 17th at 7 PM, and conclude with the final show on Sunday April 18th at 2 PM. All of the shows are in Janikies. The play is based on the writings of Damon Runyon and was originally produced as a musical by Frank Loesser. The play is a fable of what happens to gambling men and women who yearn to tame them. Set in the “City that Never Sleeps”, New York City, in the mid-20th century, the play is both funny and romantic with gangsters, gamblers, missionaries, and showgirls. The story all unwinds from a bet, Nathan Detroit bets Sky Masterson that Sky cannot seduce missionary Sister Sarah Brown. As Sky works his moves and charm on Sarah, Nathan is busy trying to steer his way out of marriage with his long suffering fiancée, Miss Adelaide. Although, all bets are off when Sky falls in love with Sarah. The Bryant Players leads consist of Ethan Beise as Sky Masterson, Mandie Dev as Sarah Brown, Matt Adams as Nathan Detroit, and Krissy Aucoin as Adelaide. Also, the director is Patty Harx and the assistant director is Maggie Jones. The audience is sure to enjoy the musical as the cast sings and dances through a story that throws the Big Apple into a whirlwind. For more information visit www.Bryantplayers.org or e-mail Bplayers@bryant.edu.

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By Jonathan Ronzio

Contributing writer

I studied at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, New Zealand through the Arcadia program. I studied there from the end of June through the middle of November and the experience changed my life more than I could have ever imagined. I knew for a very long time that I would go abroad because I have a restless and adventurous spirit which in many ways is also why I went to New Zealand.

While many people are attracted to the European countries, which I plan to see and are very intriguing and historically significant, I knew that I wanted more of an outdoors adventure in my time away. I love climbing mountains, camping, just simply being with nature and roughing it, is what I love. I also seek adrenaline. New Zealand could provide all of this and more.

The school was bigger, the architecture was incredible and in general Otago offered so much more. The science classes were more involved, whether it be studying rocks at the nearby dormant volcano or collecting marine samples and operating a submarine around the Otago harbor.

In the same week you could snowboard and surf, or hike to waterfalls, the botanical gardens, and glow-worm caves, see a glacier or see penguins, seals, and dolphins. We would party on the beach with bonfires, guitar, and sleep in a huge cave, or make rounds at the many city bars with walking distance of school and out flats.

I would go back in a heartbeat and really almost didn't come home. I was very close to transferring there to finish school but I had spent all my money and my family was not excited about that idea. 

When I look back between the skydiving, bungee jumping, snowboarding, surfing, zorbing, glacier climbing, sea kayaking, and canyoning, the experience that stands out above all the rest was an adventure at the very end of my time abroad. It wasn't the most daring, intense, or exciting, but it was the most life changing.

Classes had finished and I wasn't flying out to the Cook Islands for another few weeks. Aaron Daigle, two of his friends from up in Christchurch, and I decided to hike the Kepler Track in Fiordland which is on the southern west coast of the South Island. We jumped in the car, drove out to Te Anau, and set up tents right beside the lake for the night. In the morning we packed our supplies and started hiking around the lake edge and up the mountains through the forests. It took about five hours to reach the Luxmore hut but where we would stay the night (with no electricity or heat).

After dropping our packs, we went to the Luxmore caves and spent the next half hour venturing alongside limestone and stalactite formations deep into the mountain. After that, we climbed the summit of Mount Luxmore to watch the sunset over the endless snow-capped peaks and fiords that surrounded us.

That night the hours were passed eating oatmeal, brewing tea, feeding logs to the fire, and gazing at more stars than I could have ever dreamed of! The next morning we had to pack up and trek back down the mountain instead of carrying on across the track as ice and high avalanche dangers had made certain parts impassable.

Once back to the car a little later that day, I made a choice more socially acceptable and common in New Zealand, though still too many to find rides. Initially I had the intent of getting back to Dunedin as soon as possible, but the intrigue of the open road and country side was too inviting and I knew I had nothing to be back for any time soon, and so I turned off my phone and I walked, went where the rides where going.

For the next 4 days I caught rides between Te Anau, Queenstown, Wanaka, Cromwell, Alexandra, Roxburgh, and finally back to Dunedin. All the while I met the most interesting and generous people, shared some incredible stories (one British couple on a documentary photography journey even changed their plans to spend the night drinking and playing guitar with me then camp on Lake Waiatipus in Queenstown), and saw much of the island I wouldn't have otherwise.

Sometimes I would walk miles on miles before a ride came along but I didn't mind, I would sit down and read The Dharma Bums by Jack Kerouac to keep my spirits. Wherever I ended up when the sun went down, I would walk up into the hills or down to a lake or river and set up my tent. Drinking wine under the southern constellations before turning in, and skipping rocks on the mirrored waters in the morning dew.

It was on the fourth day that a trucker picked me up and happened to be headed to Dunedin, and I was home, on a natural high unlike anything I'd felt before. This experience really showed me who I was to the core, without material commodities, and showed me an essence and beauty of life I never knew.

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**Eye on Entrepreneurs:**

**MUSA Custom Shoes**

By Michael Slafsky  
Staff Writer

Mallory Musante

One of the key attributes and personal needs is creativity. Bryant graduate Mallory Musante ’09 has plenty of that. Mallory, who majored in Marketing, is the founder and lead designer of MUSA. Started in 2009, MUSA is a small startup that designs custom shoes. With a goal of creating shoes that reflect the customer’s personal style and identity, MUSA is working to provide all types of shoes to women.

Mallory developed the idea for the company because of her desire to design shoes. Mallory also had a passion for painting and decided to combine both painting and designing to create custom shoes for women. After noticing the lack of custom shoes on the market, Mallory combined her love for art and shoes to create MUSA.

Mallory’s life as an entrepreneur is not an easy one. She continues to work another job to raise capital for her company. When Mallory gets home, she goes back to working on her shoes and the company for hours at a time. As of today, she is still waiting for a large order of shoes to come in so she can increase her production. When this order comes in, Mallory will start painting and selling the shoes on her website (www.MUSAcustomshoes.com). She knows that once she officially launches the company, she will be the work non-stop to be successful.

Mallory believes a lot of her success comes from being a student at Bryant. As a student, she further developed her ideas by doing a directed study. She says that “...although a lot of our classes at Bryant involve projects starting a business, I felt a directed study would give me the individual attention I would need to really solidify my ideas.” Working with Professor Elaine Notorantonio, Musante did all her research and produced a business plan. That individual attention would lead Mallory to where she is today.

Mallory believes one of the positive aspects of going to Bryant University was the resources. Faculty and other students are always available to help solve problems and work you to become successful. She also has met a lot of people at Bryant, and with all the contacts, she will be able to call anyone whenever she needs help or advice.

One of those people is Professor Sandra Potter. Mallory continues to work with her even though she has graduated. Of Professor Potter, Mal- lory says, “She has helped me develop my ideas and has been a great support system for me for whenever I need to bounce ideas off someone or if I have a question that needs to be answered.” With all she has learned from Bryant and all of the positivity surrounding her, she knows that her business will be profitable.

Mallory knows that her background and education will help her in her work. She also knows it will take a lot of hard work and long hours. But with hard work and her positive attitude, Mallory and MUSA will be successful.

Three reasons why you should partner with local businesses

By Michael Adams  
Assistant Editor-in-Chief

Local businesses thrive when they partner with neighboring businesses. (MCT Campus)

As many of you know, I’m in the process of gearing up for the launch of Green Mountain Mustard in late May. We’re slowly entering the market, but I’m doing things a little differently this time around. From when I launched Eddie’s Energy Bars, I’m looking to partner with more local businesses as a part of that. This is all involved and to get my foot back into the community and really start making a difference. It was with this new found partnership philosophy that I thought I would write up the benefits of partnering with local businesses.

1. **Face-to-Face interaction:** I love working with people who I can meet at August First for coffee or at On the Rise Bakery for a cake or wood-fired bagel, because I can see them, look them in the eye, and talk business. I’ve had many calls from PR firms outside of the state asking to assist with my PR. No thank you. I work with people, especially when it comes to marketing, who I can convey ideas to in person.

2. **Money goes into local economies:** When you spend $100 at a national chain, only $44 goes back into the community, however, when you spend that same $100 with a local business, $68 goes back into the community. It’s a shift that I’m willing to make as much as possible. Some of that money may very well be spent on my own products. All the more reason to partner up.

3. **Creating a Web of Contacts:** The more local businesses I know, the more people I know, and can recommend them to. For my mustard company, local businesses in town are working with me to meet the customer’s needs. I’ve got On the Rise Bakery generating interest and use by putting our mustard on their sandwiches, but they have nowhere to sell it. That’s where the Rise and Market comes in and sells the mustard for me, as the owner only wants to sell retail. It’s a perfect relationship driven by helping local businesses out. This web extends far beyond Richmond, my hometown in Vermont, and reaches downtown Burlington where there is an abundance of contacts that I’ve made who have also helped me out in launching all of my businesses.

So there you have it. Partnering with local businesses is a lot easier than it seems. Most of the time, it’s just one question away. Want to partner up?

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**SIFE Credit Craze:**

**Things to know before taking out a college loan**

By John Paul Sullivan  
Contributing Writer

The average college student in the United States graduates from college owing $21,000. This statistic may not seem that high, but at an interest rate of 8%, which is the average interest rate on a student loan, this amount can certainly add up fast. Let’s say you invested the same money into a Roth IRA instead of being used to pay back the loan. Assuming you contribute the $3,000 a year to a Roth IRA for 4 years, or $12,000, you can expect that simple $21,000 to be worth close to $90,000 by the time you reach retirement age.

Another key point to consider is to not take out too much in loans. How much is too much? Your college loan payments should not consume more than 10% of your total monthly budget. Assuming an interest rate of 8%, for every thousand dollars a student borrows $12.00 a month is added to the monthly payment. So if you borrow the average $21,000 you would want to have a minimum yearly salary of $33,000 in order for the loan to consume only 10% of your income.

However, what if you borrow your entire education? Tuition at Bryant alone costs $33,000 a year. Over four years that amount becomes $132,000. If you graduate college owing that much, it could cause a true financial disaster. According to most savings experts and the data that was previously presented, you would have to have a starting salary of over $200,000 in order for the loan to consume only 10% of your income and to barely affect your standard of liv- ing.

Also when considering student loans make sure you will be able to pay the loan back. Unlike other loans it is nearly impossible to declare bankruptcy on student loans. So make sure that with the career you are pursuing you will be able to have a high enough income to pay the loan back. Basically, if you can’t take out any college loans unless they are subsidized by the government. If you must take out college loans make sure that the monthly payments do not exceed 10% of your monthly income.

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**It’s not too late to join The Archway!**

Meetings are at 4:30 pm on Mondays in Room 2B of the Bryant Center.
How your federal tax dollar was spent
In its annual report, “Where Do Your Tax Dollars Go?,” the National Priorities Project offers a breakdown of how the federal government spent the median-income family’s 2008 tax payments.

By Donald Pearce
Contributing Writer
Many people have jobs and receive paychecks, but I’m sure that at one time or another we have all wondered what these taxes on our paychecks mean and why they are taken out. Hopefully, after reading this you will have a better understanding of the significance of these numbers. You will also learn about our progressive tax system, and how people at different levels of income are affected by this.

The two most important taxes that you should know about are the FICA tax and the Medicare tax. FICA is an abbreviation for the Social Security tax, which is a money benefit you will receive when you retire. The way this works is that you get 6.2% of your gross income taken out of each of your paychecks, which is matched by your employer. This money is taken by the government and given back to you incrementally once you reach the age of 65, which is the normal retirement age. In order to receive this, you should have worked for at least 40 quarters (10 years) making at least a specified amount of money. However, there is a limit on the amount of Social Security taxes that can be taken out of your paycheck, which is $106,800 as of 2010.

The Medicare tax is another tax you have probably seen on your paycheck, which is 1.45% of your gross income that is withheld by the government so you are covered by Medicare once you reach the age of 65. This amount is also matched by your employer. Very simply, there are four parts of Medicare: A, B, C and D. The two main parts are parts A & B, which cover your hospital and doctor’s visits, respectively. Other taxes that are taken out of your paycheck are your Federal and State taxes. Your Federal income tax is credited against any tax you would owe the federal government when you file a tax return.

The State income tax varies depending on which state you live in, and also which state you work in. You may not have any withholdings, or you could have multiple withholdings if you live in one state and work in another. Two important factors that will change the amount of State and Federal income taxes that you pay are whether your income is single, married, and also how many allowances you claim on the W-4 Form you filed with your employer.

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By Michael Roberto
Faculty Contributor
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Would I be reluctant to buy an iPad because there would “costs” associated with switching platforms. Specifically, I worried that I would not have access to all the books I’ve purchased from Amazon on my Kindle. Well, with the Kindle app, those switching costs go away. You can read your Kindle e-books on the iPad with no trouble at all.

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By Michael Roberto
Faculty Contributor
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Pair of walk-off homeruns for Skagerlind

Jami Skagerlind of Holden, Mass. (BryantBulldogs)

After Anthony Scialdone reached on an error, Pat Epps doubled to left center to put the Bulldogs on second and third for first baseman Tommy Meade, who wasted no time in taking Polvani’s first offering for a game-tying base-hit and left field plating both runners.

Bryant would regain the lead 3-2 in the bottom of the third with a sacrifice fly by Skagerlind, scoring senior catcher Jeff Vugars (South Windsor, Conn.), who lead off the inning with a single through the right side.

Brown’s fifth home run of his first season in black and gold gave Vugars Bryant’s biggest lead of the game at 5-2 in the bottom of the sixth, and it looked as if Bryant would cruise to a win to start the afternoon.

But for the second consecutive day, a last inning rally from error out CSSU extended the game, this time with the Blue Devils scoring three times in the top of the seventh to even the score at 5-5. Pitcher Chris Ronzoni got the rally started with one out, intentionally on Polvani’s personal best 13th strikeout, as the third strike scoured away from Vugars allowing Ronzoni to reach base.

A Sean Miller-Jones bunt single and a Sean Allaire RBI single forced Polvani from the game in favor of closer Mark Andrews (Hillborough, N. J.). After a hit by pitch to load the bases, Andrews struck out Epps for the second out of the inning. But Tommy Meade gave Andrews his second blown save in as many days with a single to left field, scoring Miller-Jones and Allaire, who beat the tag from Vugars on the play to tie the game.

Andrews would strike out Mitch Wells to end the inning and bring Bryant up to bat in the bottom of the seventh with the game knotted at 5-5.

After a Zakary Cianciolo (Prospect, Conn.) ground out, Skagerlind stepped to the plate. The sophomore took Roy Natoli’s first pitch and drilled a home run over the right field fence, giving Bryant its second game-ending home run on the weekend.

Skagerlind has two home runs this season, both coming this weekend in walk-off fashion.

Game 2 of the double header saw CSSU break open a 5-5 game with 2 runs in the eighth and ninth innings, respectively. Up 9-5 heading into the final frame, Jordan English (Windsor Locks, Conn.) hit a walk-off with a line drive single past second baseman Miller-Jones, knocking starting pitcher Meade from the game. After a Vugars groundout, Nick Campbell’s (Raynham, Mass.) ground ball to shortstop was misplayed by Scialdone and Campbell’s hustle got him to second base on the play, putting runners on second and third and one out. A Dylan Stone (Portsmouth, R.I.) walk brought the tying run to the plate, setting up CSSU’s second error of the inning.

Meade, who had moved to first base, could not handle a low throw from the third baseman Wells off a ground ball by Cianciolo, bringing the score to 9-6 and putting the winning run at the plate. Skagerlind followed with an RBI single to center, bringing Bryant to within one run at 9-8. With runners on second and third and two outs, Sophomore transfer David Soltis (Plainville, Conn.) laced a line drive single over Scialdone’s outreach glove, and Cianciolo and Skagerlind raced home to give the Bulldogs the sweep.

John Michael Ryan (Worcester, Mass.) received the win in relief, his first of the season, to improve his record to 1-3 this season. Soltis went 3-5 in the second game with 2 RBI, while Stone followed with a solid 2-4 showing. Miller-Jones reached base all six times he came to the plate, finishing the game 3-3 with two doubles, three walks, and three RBIs.

Bulldogs put on strong showing at Brown Invitational

The Bryant University men’s and women’s track and field teams saw strong performances from many of their members Saturday at the Brown Outdoor Invitational. Highlighted by fourth- and seventh-place finishes for the teams, respectively.

Tom O’Connor (Westwood, Mass.) and the Bulldog’s 4x100-meter relay team finished in the six-team field with another top-6 finish in the track, where the senior earned a pair of top-3 finishes, including taking first place in the 200m dash in 22.44.

The time ties his own season mark for the best in the event of the 2010 season. O’Connor doubled his hardware in the 400m dash, crossing the finish line second place with a time of 49.37, just over a second behind the winner. That time falls just .03 seconds shy of qualifying for the New England Championships but is also season-best in the 400m by any Bulldog on the year.

Rookie Joe Fuggiano (West Springfield, Mass.) took top-10 finishes in both of O’Connor’s events, taking ninth in the 200m and earning his best mark of the season in the 400m with an eighth-place finish (51.66).

Sophomore Polykoonopoulos (South Berwick, Maine) gave the Bulldogs a trio of top-10 finishes in the 400m, coming in 10th with a time of 52.59.

Sophomore Anthony Montez (Leominster, Mass.) placed in the top-10 in both the 110-meter and the 400-meter hurdles, taking his best finish of the day in the former, finishing fourth in a time of 16.66 after finishing third in the prelims. Monteiro took ninth in the 400m hurdles in 58.53, six places behind teammate Andrew Fitzgerald (New Hartford, Conn.), whose third-place finish in the event came in a season-best 55.35 seconds and qualifies the junior for the New England Championships in May. Fitzgerald would also take fifth in the long jump with a hop of 6.39 meters, another team-best on the 2010 campaign.

The Bulldog men took two more third-place finishes on the day, first with a 13.03-meter triple jump from Chris Brida (Southampton, Mass.) and then with a time of 3.25.82 in the 4x400-meter relay.

Bryant would finish with 47 points on the men’s side that was won by Brown. With a score of 181, on the women’s side, the Bryant 4x100-meter relay team would earn the best finish of the day for the team, taking third in a time of 52.27 – the fastest time for the Bulldog women so far this season.

A pair of high jumpers in sophomore Joanna Chanana (Peabody, Mass.) and senior Mel Farbotko (Brookline, N.H.) split sixth-place honors with identical jumps of 1.50 meters for the Bulldog women’s only third-place finishes.

Freshman Amanda Dilley (Melbourne, Fla.) earned 11th in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 18.74, just edging out teammate Rebecca Pilk (Rocky Hill, Conn.), who earned a 13th-place finish in the same event in 20.43 seconds.

The Bryant women scored 11 points in the outing with host Brown also taking the top spot in the women’s side with 225 points. The Bulldog track and field teams return to action Saturday, April 17 at the Holy Cross Invitational.

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The bad: Not sure if you saw Coach K turn down the Nets offer to stay with the school that gave him his first job. Incredible. We didn’t see Tiger angrily swing a club and curse (until he hit his first bad shot) or fist pump (until he hit his first big putt). The good: Commercial Free Masters coverage. The bad: Cover started at 4pm Thursday/Thursday and 2pm on the weekend. The good: Fred couples winning another green jacket at The Masters at Augusta National Country Club. The bad: Phil Mickelson, who started the season as the Knights at- tempting to get Murray out at the plate but were unsuccess- ful. With the bases still loaded, he made a kick save on a grounder up the middle, chased the ball into foul ground down the first base line and tossed the ball between his legs to first base for the out. Incredible.

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Weisenberg and McMahon earn conference honors

Courtesy of bryantbulldogs.com

Bulldog lacrosse sophomore midfielder Max Weisenberg (Long Beach, N.Y.) and freshmen standouts Peterinnen McMahon (Wilton, Conn.) earned weekly conference accolades on Tuesday afternoon. McMahon tallied a career-high five goals and a game-high six points on the day. The freshman scored back-to-back unassisted tallies to break 1-4 tie in the second quarter, dishing out the helper on the goal that broke the Bulldogs to within one, 7-6.

The Long Beach, N.Y. native continued his impressive play Saturday against RMU, scoring five goals and adding six shots to tie a game best. Weisenberg notched the first tally of the game to give Bryant a 1-0 lead and continued from there, scoring three game-tying goals – including the tally that re-knotted the score at 10-10 in the end of the third – and recording a go-ahead goal for the Bulldogs in the third that gave visiting Bryant a temporary 9-8 edge.

Weisenberg also picked up two ground balls against the Colonials, nabbing his first-ever selection as NEC Player of the Week.

McMahon tallied his teammates’ weeklong performance, collecting a pair of stellar performances to help lead the Bulldogs on a 1-1 record. The freshman posted eight goals and four points in two games to earn his second NEC Rookie of the Week accolade.

A starting attackman, McMahon was integral in Bryant’s 15-14 double-overtime win over Robert Morris on Saturday, scoring a career-high four goals and adding a pair of assists for a career-best and game-high six points on the day.

Women’s Tennis picks up wins over Holy Cross and Manhattan

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Bryant University women’s tennis team picked up a 7-0 win over Manhattan College on Sunday afternoon at the U.S. Tennis Center. The Bulldogs took the opening doubles point when Claudia Hidalgo and Valerie Couto Cuervo earned a win at No. 1 doubles when Lili Jonsson and Stephanie Tsao were forced to retire due to injury. The Bulldogs were up 6-1 in the match at the time of injury.

In singles play, Hidalgo was victorious at No. 2 singles, while Couto Cuervo defeated Hillary Valenzuela 6-3, 6-1 at No. 3 singles. Katie Francazoo and Irma Rodriguez Lockwood both rallied back after dropping their first sets to earn wins in the final frame. Francazoo at No. 3 and 4 singles respectively with 10-6 wins in the tiebreaker.

The Bulldogs return to action Tuesday, April 13 when they take on Sacred Heart in a 2 p.m. match-up at Bulldog Stadium.

Top 10... By Jackie Ammirato Assistant Sports Editor

10. Honorary Starters

Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus started off the tournament hitting tee shots of the first hole as this year’s honorary starters. The two have won ten Masters between them.

9. Tiger & K.J.

Paired together in the first two rounds, the two ended up finishing tied for fourth at eleven under.

8. Tom Watson

The 60 year old shot an opening round 67. He was the only player to have a bogey free opening round. He ended up finishing tied for 18th at one under par. Watson’s son, Michael, who caddied for him this week, proposed to his fiancée at Augusta earlier in the week.

7. Eagles

This tournament saw a ton of eagles. In the third round, Phil Mickelson eagled both the 13th and 14th holes and is second on the team in man-up opportunities.

6. Matteo Manassero

An amateur from Italy, Manassero at age 16 is the youngest player ever to hit the field at the Masters. Manassero, the defending British Amateur Champion, finished the tournament at just four over par. Look for big things from Manassero in the future.

5. Fred Couples

Fred Couples shot an opening round 66, his lowest round ever at the Masters. At 50 years old, Couples is the oldest player to hold a lead at the Masters. Couples did all this while wearing a pair of sneaker like golf shoes that sparked a lot of conversation.

4. Jason Thompson

Sitting in the gallery behind the ninth green on Friday, Jason Thompson of South Carolina got a little more than he bargained for a cross-town rival Brown Tuesday. Thompson also dished out a pair of helpers, the first coming on the game’s opening score to give Bryant a 1-0 advantage and the second to knot the game at 11-11.

McMahon started off the week with a game-best two assists on Wednesday, scoring with 22 points (10g, 12a). He chipped in an assist on Saturday, scoring a career-high five goals and adding a game-high six points on the day. The senior scored back-to-back unassisted tallies to break 1-4 tie in the second quarter, dishing out the helper on the goal that broke the Bulldogs to within one, 7-6.

After a five month hiatus, Woods showed up at the Masters and shot an opening round 68, his career best round at the Masters. Woods did manage to finish tied for fourth place a great accomplishment in itself but not up to Woods’ standards. Usually very long off the tee, Woods only averaged 283 yards in driving distance this week (Dustin Johnson led the field averaging 300.75 yards off the tee). Woods did not say when he was going to play again but said he will take some time to “reassess” his game.

2. Mother Nature

Phil Mickelson was in the backswing of his birdie putt on the 15th hole Sunday when a deer stepped into the way. Mickelson managed to do something that no one else has done at the Masters. Woods did manage to finish tied for fourth place an accomplishment in itself but not up to Woods’ standards. Usually very long off the tee, Woods only averaged 283 yards in driving distance this week (Dustin Johnson led the field averaging 300.75 yards off the tee). Woods did not say when he was going to play again but said he will take some time to “reassess” his game.

1. Amy Mickelson

After winning his third Masters, Phil Mickelson walked off the 18th green and was greeted by his three children and his wife, Amy. Eleven months ago, Amy was diagnosed with breast cancer and the Masters was the first tournament she traveled to since her diagnosis. Still battling the disease, Amy stayed at the home the family rented in Augusta all week only making it to the course on Sunday. After a long trying week for Phil, Amy and Phil were a great sight in sports.

Bryant On Tap

Friday, April 16th:

-Baseball, at St. Mary’s, 5:00 pm
-Women’s Lacrosse, HOME vs. Robert Morris, 4:00 pm
-Golf, at UMass Lowell Invitational

Saturday, April 17th:

-Baseball, at St. Mary’s, 12:00 pm
-Men’s Lacrosse, HOME vs. Sacred Heart, 2:00 pm
-Track & Field, at Holy Cross Invitational

Sunday, April 18th:

-Women’s Lacrosse, HOME vs. St. Francis (Pa.), 1:00 pm
How Academic Affairs wastes over $30,000

By Michael Adams
Assistant Editor-in-Chief

We know the dread SIR (Student Instructor Report) form is passed out at the beginning of every semester. Students fill these out anonymously and turn them in. When administrators read through these reports, they get a general idea of how well students liked the professors' instruction and the classes they taught. Professors should be aware that these reports are anonymous and will not be read by their students.

When I received my SIR form, I was not surprised. There are only a few options that students can choose from when filling out SIR forms, and there was no question that I had a bad semester. The SIR form asks students to rate professors on a scale of 1 to 5, and there are questions like "How would you rate your professor's overall teaching ability?" and "How satisfied were you with your professor's grading practices?"

In my SIR form, I was given the option to rate my teaching ability as 1, 2, or 3, which means that I did not have a good semester. I did not have a good semester because I was sick for most of the semester, and I was not able to attend class. I was also not able to complete assignments on time, which I have done in the past.

The SIR form is used by Academic Affairs to evaluate professors. However, it is not a fair evaluation because it is anonymous. Students may not feel comfortable giving an honest rating if they know that it will be read by the professor. In my case, I know that my rating will be read by the professor, and I am not comfortable giving an honest rating.

Students should be given the opportunity to give feedback on professors, but the SIR form is not the best way to do it. A better way would be to have students fill out feedback forms that are anonymous. Students should be able to give honest feedback without fear of repercussions.

Academic Affairs wastes over $30,000 on SIR forms. The cost of administering SIR forms is over $30,000 per academic year. This money could be better spent on other initiatives that improve the quality of education on campus.

The like pathology

By Michael Cohen
Staff Writer

Over the years it has become apparent that the word "like" is heavily overused in speech. Nearly everyone around the age of 13-15 has heard of it, and it could be spreading epidemically across the English speaking world population. Although I am aware of this problem, sometimes I even show symptoms of this potent outbreak.

The problem with speech is that when we hear words or phrases too often we begin to repeat them in our own speech. We may not want to adopt particular words or phrases into our vocabulary, inevitably and suddenly we do. Two phrases I have heard swirling around my hometown in New Hampshire are "Oh hey!" and "Good and you (you are often accentuated in this phrase)."

Although I understand the meaning of these phrases (they are much more difficult than their literal, universal interpretation), do we have a desire to include these phrases in our communicative vocabulary. However, when I return to my hometown this summer it is likely these words will cause me to cut off people.

Many of you who are stricken by the "like pathology" are probably in this dilemma, you do not want to say "like", yet powerful social forces subconsciously engender you to do so. When you speak, you will find countless scholarly articles, written by PhD's, dedicated to discerning the usage of "like" in speech. Hopefully this spiel about "like" leads you to question your use of it in conversation. The next time someone speaks count how many times you hear it said, and you will understand my point. You may be using it inappropriately. If you are using it in conversation, you may be using it in a way that is ineffective, out-dated, and quite frankly, a waste of $30,000 if we can't even see or use the results to hold professors accountable. This is, at its granular level, an issue of transparency. Ultimately, we need to change the system. After all, as I stated earlier, we are paying customers at a "student-centered" university. Shouldn't students have the right to some return, some transparency to make informed decisions in the "marketplace"?

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I'm going to start you off with a quick little fact. Bryant is a small school. Who knows? Right? Well, you may not know is that you're in a relationship with someone who also goes to social networking sites. Then there's another fact that at least half of the campus already knows you're in a relationship. Taking that into account, I have a fairly open mind about things like Facebook. If you want to use Facebook on your friend, then you're one of a million...yes, that's right. I have a ton of Facebook friends, and I don't see any need to hide anything when using the social media outlook. I love to add pictures of my friends and I, I love getting comments, and I don't see anything wrong with it.

Unofficially, if you're not big on the social networks, or aren't an avid user of Facebook, it can be overwhelming. It can be attacked with notifications and requests and tags and things you're not familiar with. That being said, you have to evaluate how important Facebook is to you. I know a lot of my friends go absolutely crazy when they see the posts my boyfriend and I put on each other's wall. I love when we write comments or when we take lots of pictures, but other people don't feel the same way. And I have to say that I'm okay with that. I don't have a Facebook for anyone but myself. I say if you don't see what you see, don't look. I have every right to use my account for my own pleasure. If you don't want to know about your marital status, or are uncomfortable with seeing your friends' pictures, then let your wall, then, don't use the media outlook.

Not everyone expects you to be all over your account. In fact, I have people who leave you comments with quotes, messages, pictures etc. What do you think about them?

Keep it to yourself
come forward to report these incidents. And when women are brave enough to come forward to report, they are still being treated like they’re to blame for making it happen, or worse, that they’re making it all up. Sadly I find that many of the Bryant women I talk to who have been assaulted, don’t want to report the inci- dent because as they say “I don’t want to get him in trou- ble.”

Oh really? He’s just ruined your life, but you don’t want to inconvenience him? You think that for some reason, because you passed out from too much booze-- and he de- cided it was okay to have sex with you—that it was some- how your fault? Or because even though you told him, as you were walking back to your dorm that you didn’t want to have sex with him, he didn’t seem to get the mes- sage and managed to pin you down on your bed and pene- trate you. Or worse, you trusted a person to not take advantage of you, yet he did anyway and somehow you wonder whether you were to blame. So yeah, you’re upset that after thirty years of talking about this, not a whole lot has changed.

Hey guys-- avoiding being a perpetrator is not rocket sci- ence. If you really want to be a better lover (because I know you all think you are already good lovers) follow these simple rules. Talk to a potent- ial sex partner about consent. It is a turn on for women. Ask her if she’s ok with what you’re doing sexually, find the words you need to get consent, whatever those words may be. This means that you can’t have sex with someone who has passed out from too much alcohol. Duh. If she’s passed out or asleep, she CANNOT give consent and if she doesn’t, it can’t be rape. This also means that if she is im- paired from too much alcohol she can’t give consent. Im- paired is different from tipsy and I know you know the dif- ference between the two states. You need to be aware of someone’s level of intoxica- tion.

OK Toby, but what if both people are drunk? Well guess what? Two people may be drinking but usually one per- son is trying to up the sexual ante. And usually that person isn’t as drunk as the other per- son, or as tipsy as he or she says. If both people are drunk, what do you do? Well then it may be hard to tell who is up- ping the sexual ante. But one

The National Science Foundation devolves

By Brandon Dobro Business Editor

Every two years, the National Science Foundation (NSF) drafts up a report called “Science and Engineering Indicators.” In this report, there is a section regarding scien- tific literacy of Americans. One clear finding in previous reports is that Americans are far less likely to believe in the theory of evolution and the big bang. The 2008 report revealed that just 45% of Americans believe in the theory of evolution from the earlier species. This is compared to Japan (78%), Europe (70%), and China (69%). These findings are truly pathetic in every sense of the word. You might have heard that “evolution is just a theory.” While this is true, it is a theory that the scientific community, in terms of the theory of evolution and the big bang, takes seriously. The lack of scientific knowledge with regard to evolution that America has is a national embarrassment. “Nobody likes to talk about this.”

Dr. Louis Lanzerotti, chair of the board’s Scien- tific Literacy Committee, said that the questions were “flawed indicators of science knowledge because the responses confounded knowledge and beliefs.” Lanzerotti’s assertion is fundamentally flawed. Knowledge and beliefs should be separated. Knowledge is nothing more than a subset of belief. It is useless to speak in terms of absolute certainty, since absolute certainty is a generally useless concept. We can never be ab- solutely certain of anything, except in the cases of labeling and exclusionary experiences. Knowledge, therefore, is simply belief held to a high degree of confidence.

The NSF has further defended their decision by stating that the question “forces respondents to choose between factual knowledge and religious beliefs.” When testing one’s level of scientific literacy, why would the NSF to ask people to choose between factual knowledge and beliefs? When testing one’s level of scientific literacy, why would the NSF ask people to choose between factual knowledge and religious beliefs? When testing one’s level of scientific literacy, why would the NSF ask people to choose between factual knowledge and religious beliefs?

The real issue at hand is that people oxgidzzeen have scientific ignorance with regard to evolution that America has, and as such, there is a lack of scientific knowledge when religion and sci- ence directly contradict one another. The correct re- sponse would have been to release this data and recognize that America has an ongoing problem of scientific ignorance with regard to evolution that may be directly caused by religious dogma.

Jon Miller, a science literacy researcher at Michi- gan State who originally devised the evolution question, said that deleting the section on evolution was nothing more than a clumsy attempt to hide this national embarrassment. “Nobody likes our infant death rate,” says Miller, “but it doesn’t go away if you quit talking about it.”
Two buds and a microbrew
A review of New England Fruit Beers

By Bryan Regele and Justin Andrews
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With the warming weather and the last Spring Weekend coming up for us seniors, we decided to take this week’s column to the sunny side with a review of some fruit infused beers. Since this isn’t a segment that we typically focus on, we picked up a few singles to provide a basis for our comparisons. Our first tasting is arguably New England’s flagship fruit beer – Wachusett Brewing Company’s Blueberry Ale (ABV: 4.40%; 6-pk: $8.49). As you probably remember from our favorable review of Wachusett’s Oktoberfest back in the fall, these beer makers are located up in Westminster, MA and are former WPI students. It was the distinctive and unique Blueberry Ale that really put Wachusett Brewing on the map upon its release in 2001. Over the past five years alone, sales of Blueberry have more than doubled to an estimated 263,000 gallons. We had tried this fruity wheat beer awhile back at a local Worcester pub which added additional fresh blueberries to the pint, but to get the natural taste that the brewers sent this beer out with, we uncapped a few amber bottles. With a light yellow color, a slight head, and nearly no lacing, the Blueberry gives off a sweet blueberry smell that is fairly malty. The taste is light with the blueberry tones not overwhelming but instead a refreshing complement to the wheat malt base. We think that though the sweet factor may make this beer less of a session beer during colder months it would be a great one for the summer. Overall, we really like the Blueberry and understand how its balance serves such a diverse crowd.

Another Boston favorite, our next single is Harpoon’s UFO Raspberry Hefeweizen (ABV: 4.4%; 6-pk: $8.49). For those of you who don’t know, “UFO” is Harpoon’s abbreviation for “Unfiltered Offering” and the cellaring process of removing excess yeast and natural carbonation has been left out, resulting in a fogger appearance and more of a wheat beer.

Though headquartered in Boston, Harpoon also has operations up in Windsor, VT. Harpoon was founded back in 1986 by two Harvard Business School alumni and really gained much of its recognition due to its hop happy India Pale Ale introduced in 1993. Harpoon entered the fruit beer game a bit late, but is a fun take on a traditionally German style beer. It is a home run for anyone who is used to drinking fresh fruits and especially in the summer. We have to admit that we as beer drinkers have typically bargain for. That being said, we recommend that if you simply want a refreshing beer to its rose tinted body and head.

Besides Magic Hat’s beet colored Whacko, you really don’t see many beers that aren’t the normal yellow, brown, or black tint. Its taste, however, is a bit too sweet for us and seems more like an alcoholic juice than we would expect a beer to be. Like the Blueberry, the Full Juice is a good representation of a blueberry beverage. That being said, we honestly wouldn’t say that we could really distinguish a clear blackberry taste amongst its complex character. This certainly would be a drawback for any true blackberry lover but we still like its taste overall. While we would still probably prefer Summer Ale to this, we would recommend those readers who are looking to try one of Sam’s new offerings to give the Blackberry Witbier a try.

After trying just three of the many fruit beers that have hit the market over the past decade, it is clear that brewers have become bored with the hop heavy beers that headlined the 90s and early 2000s. We have to admit that we as beer drinkers have similarly become tired of the popular IPAs and APAs over the course of this year, so we welcome this shift. The European countries have been building fruit for centuries so it’s about time American brewers have caught on. Give one of them a shot as the weather warms up, we don’t think you’ll be disappointed. As always, make sure that you are 21+, and do so responsibly indoors. Until next week, cheers.

The Blue Man Group

By Brigit Clancy
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three blue men walk slowly on their drums on stage. They begin by splashing neon-colored paint all over nearby members of the audience, who scream in delight. Those in the first several rows hold tightly onto the ponchos they are given to protect their clothes.

Though the three men perform wordlessly, the Blue Man Group puts on one of the best shows I have ever seen.

The Blue Man Group’s performance is a combination of a theatrical antics and a concert. It incorporates various media devices, a strobe light, large television screen, and an animated band that plays throughout the show.

The blue men’s routine is speckled with all sorts of stunts and antics that highlight their originality. They play paint drums and pipes. They also have an audience member taken backstage to bang upside down in a white jacket, squirt blue paint at him, and have him back and forth against a large poster board to make his version of a blue man. The three men also love to rock out and dance as a group.

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“What is your favorite Carnival attraction?”

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  - President Machlley

- “The dunking booth. I was actually the Dunkee for a fundraiser once.”
  - Mike Fisher, Bryant University Chair of the Board of Trustees

- “Anything where you can win a cool prize.”
  - Leo Colgan ’11

- “The Rides.”
  - Norah Justin ’13

- “I like throwing the baseballs at the milk bottles.”
  - President Machlley

- “Dunking someone in the water.”
  - James Ryan ’11

- “Funnel Cakes.”
  - Islindy Merius ’13

- “The atmosphere... all the people.”
  - Jasmine Safford ’13

- “I like the game where you can throw it in the bucket and it has to stay in.”
  - Chris Kelleher ’11

- “The Zipper.”
  - Abby Tarbell ’11

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