Sigma Chi Rho officially recognized as a colony

By Linsey Morse
Assistant Opinion Editor

On the evening of Tuesday, March 3, Sigma Chi Rho’s pinning ceremony took place in the Heritage room of the Bryant Center. The pinning took place with the leadership of Shawn George—officer of the Sigma Chi general Fraternity—and Seth Coulter, both of whom are Sigma Chi brothers.

As of Friday, March 6, Sigma Chi Rho was in-formed that their Declaration of Intent was accepted, recognizing the group officially as a Colony of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. “It feels great to be a part of something from the beginning,” said member Roland Blanchard. “I will never forget the ceremony. I see a very promising future for Sigma Chi at Bryant University.”

Mr. George explained the significant nature of the ceremony as being a time for future brothers to agree to abide by the rules and codes set forth by Sigma Chi. During the ceremony, each brother receives a blue pin featuring a white cross. “...is distributed to under-graduates at the beginning of pledge-ship... It contains history and information about Sigma Chi and is published every two years.” According to Mr. George, Sigma Chi Rho will continue to be a part of the Sigma Chi Fraternity from now on. Sigma Chi Rho members will become full members of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, and the fraternity will continue to grow stronger.

The pinning ceremony is intended to be private, specifically attended by Sigma Chi brothers and the members of Sigma Chi Rho. No media were allowed to be present during the ceremony. “It was interesting because no one knew what to expect at first...” noted Emiliano Omeri, ‘10, colony secretary. “... The ceremony definitely exceeded expecta-tions. It created an instantaneous bond amongst all the brothers present.”

Mr. George also explained, “The students this trip saved the families over 10,000 dollars in labor and over the past month the families have saved 50,000 dollars. As the New Orleans group wet their paint brushes and slipped their hands into gloves, their counterparts in Wash-ington, D.C., were spending three days and nights in an “urban plunge” organ-ized by the Center for Student Involvement. Fourteen students and four faculty members were involved in the projects. One aspect of the program in-volved making and delivering food to people that cannot leave their homes with Food and Friends. They also assisted those who run the Little Sisters of the Poor facility with cleaning and organizing, as well as playing bingo with the elderly. Addi-
involving the students in New Orleans in the recovery process.”

Sigma Chi Rho is the second largest social fraternity with over 233,400 members since its founding, Sigma Chi is the largest fraternity according to Mr. George. “Hopefully we can expect them not only to solidify as a group but...grow Sigma Chi as a group.”

Students interested in learning more about Sigma Chi Rho are asked to contact New Member Educa-tor, Edward Fish, at edfish@bryant.edu.
Spring Break
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thony’s, an elementary school, helping
to teach kindergarten through second
grade students how to play baseball and
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Where to Join ROTC
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Full tuition scholarships are available for students

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By Bryant Army ROTC and Pat Battalio
Contributing Writers

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Bryant to host Northern Rhode Island Special Olympics May 3, 2009

By Jenna Morris
Staff Writer

Special Olympics is a global non-profit organization that was founded in 1968 by Eunice Kennedy Shriver. Since its founding, it has expanded into almost 200 countries. This organization serves 200 million people with intellectual disabilities.

Bryant University is proud to host the Northern Rhode Island Special Olympics for the 29th year on Sunday, May 3rd. The games at Bryant consist of track and field events for over 400 athletes from diverse backgrounds.

The Special Olympics committee is made up of 24 students with both director and chair positions. The Games Director is Lauren Gainor, the Assistant Director is Stephanie Kirk and the Student Senate Liaison is Nick Mancuso. The Special Olympics committee is already hard at work in planning this event by ordering supplies, advertising, recruiting volunteers, and contacting local news media. Every year there is a theme chosen by the committee. This year’s committee chose the theme: “Dare to Dream.”

In preparation for the day of games, the Special Olympics Committee will be hosting a kick-off event in the Rotunda on Wednesday, April 8th from 10 to 2. The event will consist of cookie decorating and information for those looking to volunteer. Special Olympics is such a great organization that inspires so many people to achieve greatness.

Through teamwork and sporting events, Special Olympics motivates both its athletes and volunteers to celebrate and accept all types of people, and encourages everyone to work together as a team.

You can be part of this great event! All students are encouraged to volunteer at Special Olympics on May 3rd, 2009. For information on volunteering, contact Todd Degnan tdegnan@bryant.edu. There will also be volunteer info sessions for freshmen the first 2 weeks of April, and general volunteer info sessions on April 8th, 22nd, 29th.

Duct Tape Fundraiser hosted by SIFE!

On Wednesday, March 18, Professor Rubin became the “victim” of the Duct Tape Fundraiser, hosted by SIFE. From 11am to 3pm Professor Rubin was duct taped to a plywood board in the Rotunda.

The Special Olympics Committee has already started planning the event, which is scheduled for May 3rd.

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**Hosted by SASS!**

March 29th
Depart from PLC Lot at 11am (behind the Bryant Center)

Bring your $5.00 deposit to the Center for Student Involvement by March 23rd. It will be refunded on the bus! Trip includes ride and entrance-- lunch is on your own.

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VANDALISM (AUTO)
FEB 23 2009-Monday at 7:44
Location: HALL VILLAGE ROAD (STRIP)
Summary: A report of vandalism to vehicle.

**DPS Log**

“Fast Food Nation”
Author Eric Schlosser
Tuesday, March 24, 2009

“Fast Food Nation” author Eric Schlosser will discuss his book about the unsanitary and discriminatory practices of the fast food industry.

Where: the MAC
When: 3:30pm

It will be refunded on the bus! Trip includes ride and entrance-- lunch is on your own.

Author Eric Schlosser

Bring your $5.00 deposit to the "Fast Food Nation" Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Depart from PLC Lot at 11am (behind the Bryant Center)

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**DPS Log**

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Fire Alarm
FEB 24 2009-Tuesday at 8:26
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A student reports smoke and fire from his room vent. SFD enroute and building cleared. Campus electrician advises he located a burnt transformer in one of the heating units. Power was turned off to transformer. Alarm was reset.

Fire Alarm
FEB 24 2009-Tuesday at 8:48
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: System activated by burned food on stove.

**Administration**

Admin Log Entry
FEB 25 2009-Wednesday at 01:14
Location: ENTRY CONTROL STATION
Summary: A fake I.D was confiscated at ECS.

**Drug (Possession of Drug Paraphernalia)**
FEB 25 2009-Wednesday at 01:35
Location: ENTRY CONTROL STATION
Summary: A vehicle attempting to enter campus was searched by DPS and paraphernalia was found and confiscated.

**EMT Call**

Medical Services Rendered
FEB 25 2009-Wednesday at 01:43
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A staff worker falls and sustains injury. EMS was activated.

**Burglary (Residence)**
FEB 25 2009-Wednesday at 01:57
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A student reports her IPOD was stolen.

**Hazing**
FEB 25 2009-Wednesday at 08:45
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A report of hazing was reported to DPS and was investigated by DPS and the Office of Residence Life.

**EMT Call**

Medical Services Rendered
FEB 26 2009-Thursday at 12:10
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A report of a dislocated shoulder. EMS was activated.

**Accident (Motor Vehicle Accident)**
FEB 26 2009-Thursday at 07:35
Location: COMMUTER PARKING LOT
Summary: A report of a minor accident with no injuries.

**Fire Alarm**
MAR 6 2009-Friday at 04:10
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A student reports the rear window of his vehicle has been smashed.

**Emergency Call**
MAR 6 2009-Friday at 04:14
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A student reports abdominal pain. EMS was activated.

**Burglary (Residence)**
MAR 6 2009-Friday at 17:20
Location: BRYANT CENTER
Summary: A report of a strong odor of gas in the building. The building was evacuated and checked.

**EMT Call**
MAR 10 2009-Monday at 04:14
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A student reports abdominal pain. EMS was activated.

**Bias Incidents**

To report a bias incident or hate crime, go to www.bryant.edu/bias or call the Bias Incident Hotline at x6920

Bias related incident – a threatened, attempted, or completed action that is motivated by bigotry and bias regarding a person’s real or perceived race, religion, natural origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, or gender identity. Examples of these incidents include name calling, offensive language/acts, and graffiti/behavior.

The DPS Crime Prevention Officers:

“TIP OF THE WEEK”

Bryant University has a large number of pedestrians. Please! Remember to stop for all stop signs and at all crosswalks while driving on campus.
Study Abroad Spotlight: Jennifer Andersson

Name: Jennifer Andersson  
Class of: 2010  
University: Dublin City University  
Location: Dublin, Ireland  
Partner: C.I.E.E

Reason for going:  
I visited Dublin when I did a tour of Europe in high school. I thought London was too busy, Paris was too upright and found Dublin to be perfect. It's such a young city and there is so much to do. I felt at home right away.

Best experience/memory:  
Just being able to travel all over Europe. I was in a different country almost every weekend. I got to see Scotland, England, Germany, France, Spain and Italy, not to mention all the different places around Ireland. Travel is so much more accessible in Europe and I definitely took advantage of it.

How was the school different from Bryant University?  
DCU offered a much wider variety of courses than Bryant. Also, it was very much a com-  

University?  

Culture. I could just immersing myself in Dublin city culture.

Would you study abroad again given the opportunity?  
Absolutely, I have a list of dozens more places I want to visit.

Relay for Life Survivor Series: Madisen Yanez

Name: Madisen Yanez  
Age: 2  
Type of Cancer: Clear Cell Sarcoma  
Date Diagnosed: December, 2008  
Madisen's Story  
Two weeks before Christmas 2008, Madisen started to tell her mom and dad that her belly hurt. She always liked to play the “boo-boo game,” so her parents were not alarmed. But when she kept complaining they lifted her shirt to feel her stomach. The entire left side was hard as a rock and the right side was completely normal. Madisen had an annual checkup scheduled in just a few days. Their doctors made it seem like they were overreacting and there was no rush to get anything checked out further. Her parents took her to the Children’s Hospital because they just didn’t feel right. At the hospital after some tests, the doctors discovered Madisen had a Wilms tumor. (This type of tumor attaches to the kidney, the most common kidney tumor.) Two days later, Madisen underwent a seven and a half hour surgery to get rid of the tumor. However, after the surgery, they realized the di- agnosis was incorrect, and it was not a tumor but Clear Cell Sarcoma, a rare cancer with only about 20 new cases diagnosed each year.

How Her Life Has Changed  
Madisen now has to undergo Chemotherapy for 30 weeks. Her family travels to the Children’s Hospi-  

tal every Monday to get Chemotherapy and blood tests, and every Thursday to have blood work. Every three weeks, Madisen is admitted to have Chemotherapy treatments for 3 or 5 days in a row. She is given a total of 4 different Chemotherapy medications and other medici- nes to help reduce the side effects.

How Her Battle Has Affected Her Family  
Madisen’s mother, Megan and fa-  

ther, Leo take things day by day. Some days are harder than others, and some days they feel like nothing is wrong and their daughter is just fine. The couple struggles to maintain a somewhat normal life. Madisen’s fa-  

ther Leo had to take on a second job so Megan could stay home and take care of their daughter all day. Madisen can’t be left with a babysitter since they would not know enough about all of the medications. They are constantly on high alert because if Madison gets a fever of 100.4, they must rush to the hospital to have blood work done, and most likely blood transmissions and antibiotics. Needless to say, their entire life has changed so they can be there to help their little girl through their battle.

How Her Story Has Affected Other Families  
Madisen and other kids like her need your help! Real people are being affected by Cancer every day. Relay for Life is just one of the many ways you can get involved to join in the fight. If you join the Bryant Relay on April 17th, you will be a part of the amazing ef- forts people make to help beat this ter- rible disease. We will honor and support survivors like Madisen, and raise money to research and fund new methods to fight and treat the disease that she and others are fighting right now!

How to Help  
If you are a cancer survivor, or know someone interested in walking in the survivor lap at Relay this year, please contact Amy Angeloni at aangeloni@bryant.edu. Or, if you are inter- ested in helping Bryant contribute to the fight against cancer, go to www.relay.org/bryant and sign up or join a team!

Together, we can BEAT CANCER!  

CSI Spotlight  
Sherika Nicholas  

Sherika is a sophomore majoring in Sociology with a concentration in Service Learning. Sherika is currently a member of the Varsity Track team, as well as a member of the Multicultural Student Union and the Bryant Bottom Line. She is also a work study student in the Woman’s Center. Sherika’s ability to balance all of these commit- 
mments and still remain an amazing student at Bryant makes her a very worthy recipient of this week’s Spotlight Award!

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Credit Craze: The 411 on Retirement Accounts

By Ashley Palmer
SIFE Contributor

As you read this article you may be thinking that your retirement is 50+ years away, although that is true it is not too early to start effectively saving for your retirement. As pension plans are becoming increasingly nonexistent, we have to start looking for your retirement. As pension plans are becoming increasingly nonexistent, we have to start looking

1. Traditional 401K – A 401K allows investors to save for retirement on a tax-deferred basis, this means taxes do not need to be paid on the invest- ment until the funds are withdrawn. A 401K plan is set up through your employer. The employee then elects a percentage of their wages to be paid directly to their account. Typically the accounts are then invested in an assortment of mutual funds that exist. It is important to start investing in your future from the day you receive your first paycheck. If you wait to start saving, you will miss out on the power of compound interest. Over time, the interest on your investment will grow, and you will have more money available for retirement. By investing early, you can take advantage of the time value of money, which means that the longer you invest, the more your money will grow. Yearly contributions to your 401K can accumulate to a significant amount over time, especially when you receive matching contributions from your employer. This can help you save more quickly for retirement. When you retire, you have the flexibility to withdraw your contributions and earnings tax-free, which can provide a substantial boost to your retirement income. You can also choose to withdraw funds either as a lump sum or through monthly payments, giving you the freedom to plan your retirement as you see fit. To make the most of your 401K, it is important to start saving early and contribute the maximum amount allowed each year. Additionally, you should consider increasing your contributions over time to take advantage of any employer match and grow your retirement savings. Don’t forget to review your retirement plan’s investment options and consider diversifying your holdings to spread risk. Finally, be sure to take advantage of any employer-sponsored retirement plans you may have access to, such as a 401K or 403B, as they can offer tax benefits and potentially higher match contributions from your employer. Start saving early, contribute max- imum amounts, and take advantage of any employer match. By doing so, you can ensure a comfortable retirement. By Ashley Palmer

By Michael Adams

I chose not to run off to white sandy beaches for spring break, so I went home to Vermont to work on what I thought was my business. I had this realization after a meeting with two SCORE counselors. SCORE is a group of retired business owners who provide free counseling to new and existing small businesses. The counselors: Stan, a retired financial advisor; and Linda, a retired accountant, helped me understand the financial landscape of my business. They helped me break down my budget, years-late contracts, and extraordinary challenges in my business. They also advised me to consider a line of credit or a loan if necessary to keep my business going. The counselors were a great resource for me and I am grateful for their help. If you are a small business owner, I highly recommend seeking out SCORE counseling. It can be a valuable tool for navigating the complexities of running a small business. If you have any questions or need help with your business, feel free to reach out to me. I am always here to help and share my knowledge.
Led by a strong outing by Samantha Houseal, the Bryant Softball team took their first steps into D-I competition with a win on Tuesday. (Athletic Department)

By Jackie Ammirato
Staff Writer

The Bulldogs split their home opener with Holy Cross on March 22, 2009. The Mount Joy, Pa. softball program year off Regina Burdo, ricocheting off her and head- ed towards the Antioch Softball complex, putting the Bulldogs on top 3-2 going into the sixth inning.

The Crusaders only got to Houseal in the third, after Bryant’s ace set down the first seven. Mandy Correale tied the game with an RBI double, before Tiffany Medwed put the visitors on top with a two- out RBI single, giving Holy Cross a 2-1 lead in the top of the third.

Neither team would scratch a run across after the next few innings, as Amanda Audette was solid on the hill for the Crusaders, putting up three runs in six innings.

Coon once again got the rally started in the sixth inning, this time lacing a double with nobody on and one out. After Kate Thomas flew out to right field, Dobmeier stepped in and launched the Audette offering to right field, almost hitting the center- board behind the fence at the Bryant Softball complex, putting the Bulldogs on top 3-2 going into the last inning.

Houseal set the Crusaders down in order to cinch up the first Division I home victory for the Bryant softball program.

The Bulldogs once again got the scoring started in game two, this time taking a 1-0 lead on a frozen rope by Thomas to center field that scored Laura Bower (Hudson, Mass.).

Houseal was excellent once again, shutting down Holy Cross through the first three before Nicole Bowen (Hudson, Mass.) put the visitors on top with a two-run home run in the fourth to knot the game at 1-1. The Mount Joy, Pa. softball program settled down in the fifth, striking out back-to-back batters with the bases loaded and only one out.

Holy Cross used a six run fifth inning to take control of the game, driving six hits in the frame. The Bulldogs came back with one run, as Houseal walked Nealon hit a hot shot to third base that took a bad hop on Regina Burdo, ricocheting her and head- ing towards second base as three runs came home on the play. Pitcher Caitlin Belanger helped her own cause in the inning, doubling in a run.

Houseal was excellent once again, shutting down Holy Cross through the first three before Nicole Ortiz knocked a single through the left side in the fourth to knot the game at 1-1. The Mount Joy, Pa. native was able to get out of a major jam in the in- ning, striking out back-to-back batters with the bases loaded and only one out.

Four more runs in the top of the seventh put the game out of reach for Bryant, as the black and gold was hurt by four errors that led to six unearned runs. Martin had an RBI in the seventh, but the Bull- dogs fell by a final of 11-3.

The Bulldogs continue their home stand on Sat- urday when they take on Boston College at the Bryant Softball Complex (12 p.m.).

Committed to a win on Tuesday.

The Philadelphia Inquirer
March 18, 1939

The NCAA Tournament began 70 years ago, before the madness set in.

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Bulldogs downed by Terps to round out trip

By Ashley Palmer
Contributing Writer

A pair of goals from senior captain Zack Greer (Whitby, Ont.) and senior Jim Long (Durham, N.H.) wouldn’t be enough to offset 32 turnovers Sunday afternoon, as the Bryant University men’s lacrosse team fell to No. 5/7 Maryland 13-6, at Ludwig Field to round out its three-game Spring Break trip.

The Terps (5-2) were led by hat tricks from Dan Groves and Travis Reed, but found goals from eight different scorers in total in the victory. The home side used six first-frame tallies to get out in front and stay there, holding the Bulldogs (4-4) to just a single second-half goal. The Bulldogs were never able to take a lead in the contest after a shaky start, bringing the game within one just once, coming in the opening period.

“Even after surviving that onslaught at the beginning, at 8-5 at the half we felt we were still right in the game,” said coach Mike Pressler. “But Maryland came out in the first five minutes of the second half and put any hope of a comeback out of reach.”

The Terps shut the Bulldogs down from the first whistle of the second half. Scoring four goals before Bryant could answer, Maryland took a 12-5 lead over the first 13 minutes of the third quarter.

Matt Muranne (Rockville Centre, N.Y.) finally found Long upfield with 1:49 to play in the third to answer the onslaught of Maryland goals and give the Bulldogs a 12-6 deficit entering the last 15 minutes, but that would be the final Bryant tally of the afternoon.

In the final period, the Bulldogs would hold the Terps to just a single goal - a Travis Reed tally with 4:54 to play - for the 13-6 final.

“The game was decided in the first five minutes of the third quarter,” said Pressler. “At 8-5, you’re still in it. But that first few minutes of the second half you have to seize the momentum and we didn’t.”

The nationally ranked Terps outdid the Bulldogs in nearly every category, outscoring Bryant 4-2 in the second half. Maryland wins the ground balls game, 49-25. The Bulldogs forced Maryland goalkeeper Jason Carter to make five saves and turned the ball over with a 32-20 margin.

“The teams that want it more and win the game in the ground ball battle are the teams that are going to be successful,” said Pressler. “And the physicality of the game was such a big factor in this game today.”

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The Bulldogs now return to Smithfield, but will have a quick turnaround, hosting a pair of weekend games against Detroit-Mercy (Friday, 7 p.m.) and Penn (Sunday 3 p.m.).

“We’re 4-4 after our first eight games and we’ve beaten the four teams that we were equal to or favored by. The other four we were most certainly the underdog,” said Pressler. “But the next seven games are all ones we feel we can certainly be competitive in and, without question, have a great chance at victory.”

Figure Skating Club places third at Eastern Championship Competition

The Bryant University Figure Skating Club was founded in 2005 by Gina Deeb (’08) and Kerri Sawyer (’08), and after two years of work in creating the club, the team first competed in 2007. At their first-ever competition, the team had the honor of “Community Service Event of the Year” for the 2007-2008 academic year. As incoming freshman have already began to approach the current co-presidents about joining the team for the 2009-2010 competition season, the team looks forwards to once again representing Bryant University and continuing as a medal-winning synchronized skating team.

In their third year as a competitive collegiate synchronized skating team, the Bryant University Figure Skating Club received the bronze medal at the 2009 Eastern Regional Synchronized Skating Championships in Morristown, New Jersey.

The team was comprised of 12 skaters who skate two or three days a week at the William H. Thayer Arena in Warwick, RI as part of the Warwick Figure Skating Club. They are coached by Danielle Haymes, a two-time national championship winning coach.

The Bryant University Figure Skating Club was founded in 2005 by Gina Deeb (’08) and Kerri Sawyer (’08), and after two years of work in creating the club, the team first competed in 2007. At their first-ever competition, the team remarkably placed third against thirteen other more experienced teams. The following year, in Richmond Virginia the team placed 7th against a total of ten others.

This year the team, led by Co-Presidents Ashley Palmer (’09) and Ashley Gottier (’10), dedicated the entirety of the fall semester and winter break in preparation for the 2009 Eastern Championship Competition. After a long weekend in New Jersey, the team was proud to return to the Bryant University campus holding the third place title in the Open-Collegiate division of the competition. They were in competition against nine other universities including Boston College, The University of Maryland, St. Anselm College, and Robert Morris University just to name a few.

Co-President Ashley Gottier stated, “We worked extremely hard over the past year with the intention of medaling at this year’s competition... we are very proud of our accomplishment as we have made a name for Bryant University throughout the Synchronized Skating world as a highly spirited and competitive team.” The team will be displaying their medal-winning program in two performances at their annual year-end show on March 28, 2009 at the Thayer Arena in Warwick, RI.
The NCAA tournament has evolved into a massive cultural phenomenon, fraught with office pools and Cinderella stories. (MCT Campus)

The Buckeyes had crushed Wake Forest, 64-52. And they whipped the Wildcats even worse, 53-36. Hull seemed more animated than anyone knew what the NCAA basketball tournament would eventually produce. The Buckeyes would have held on to more stuff from 1939. Klein wrote floridly: "Contrary to advance warning, Brown came here with the band of eagle-eyed sharpshooters who could cut the ceiling of the mid-floor. Even broad-shouldered Harry Platt, who once scored 240 points for the New Englanders this semester, would get momentarily silent in the early stages. Later he got going and tabbed seven markers.

Covered by Al Severance, the Wildcats cruised to a 49-21 victory. They were led in scoring by the 5-9 Krutulis, who hit the hoops for a half-dozen field goals and two free-throw markers for 14 points. Montgomery added an even dozen. Klein reported that Villanova "took almost twice as many shots at the scoring strings" than Brown, who "hindered themselves considerably by frequent misses and the lack of the inboard floor.

But that victory would also be a setback for Villanova, who faced off the following day with a "sky-scraper" in the form of Hofstra. The National Invitation Tournament had begun the previous year and remained the big event on the college basketball calendar for years, in part because it was held "the standard-bearer" of the Harlem Globetrotters. And, yes, we had a heck of a freshman team in 1940. But it was unlike it is today in terms of athleticism.

From what can be ascertained from the Inquirer report, Villanova handled "the standard-bearer of the New England area" with relative ease. "The game was played in 1939. Klein wrote floridly: "Contrary to advance warning, Brown came here with the band of eagle-eyed sharpshooters who could cut the ceiling of the mid-floor. Even broad-shouldered Harry Platt, who once scored 240 points for the New Englanders this semester, would get momentarily silent in the early stages. Later he got going and tabbed seven markers."

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But that victory would also be a setback for Villanova, who faced off the following day with a "sky-scraper" in the form of Hofstra. The National Invitation Tournament had begun the previous year and remained the big event on the college basketball calendar for years, in part because it was held "the standard-bearer" of the Harlem Globetrotters. And, yes, we had a heck of a freshman team in 1940. But it was unlike it is today in terms of athleticism.

Klotz agrees that any similarity between forward Jim Montgomery. Both McDonnell and Red Klotz played in 1940 for the unbeaten Sixers, who reports that he was "a senior in high school and not big in basketball back then."

But we did come close. Maje McDonnell and Red Klotz played in 1949 for the unbeaten Villanova freshman team. Neither was at the Palestra for the Brown game, but they knew the players and agreed they had a fine team that year. Two of the top players for Villanova were "right guard" Johnny Krutulis and "left forward" Jim Montgomery. Both McDonnell and Klotz agree that any similarity between basketball then and now is name only. "All the players were short and we played a very physical style of the game," Klotz told the Inquirer.

Eight teams were in the tournament that year. Villanova, Brown, Ohio State and Wake Forest played here in the East Regional. Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas and Utah State played in San Francisco in the West Regional. The finals were played on March 27 in Evanston, Ill., be-

Men's Basketball splits a pair with Holy Cross

The Bryant University men's tennis team dropped a 7-0 non-conference decision at Brown University Tuesday afternoon. It was the second loss in a row with Brown.

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“What is your favorite part about spring time at Bryant?”

“Spring Weekend. Being able to enjoy the weather and do something fun.”
-Drew Green ’10

“Everyone gets cheerful and excited, it’s great to see everyone outside.”
-Michelle Joubert ’10

“The beautiful sounds that come from the WMFJ station and the glorious weather.”
-Todd Degnan ’11

“Everything is happy because all the plants are in bloom and it’s beautiful out.”
-John Ciewlewski ’10

“I’m looking forward to the lacrosse season.”
-Meaghan Delaney ’11

“The TKE Pig Roast.”
-Alex “Cappy” Capobianco ’10

Compiled by Amanda Dunn and Ashley McNamara
It was a struggle to find something to write on this week, until I found myself pondering about a hotel manager that tried to sue a fellow journalist on Craigslist. An undercover cop ended up posing as a bidder for a $5,000, and well, we all know what happened after that. The man is now facing a year in jail for criminally attempting to defraud. This brings me the了 from the other. However, I think society places a heavy emphasis on celebrities. There are all kinds of blogs like TMZ and Perez Hilton, as well as TV shows like Extra, E!, and Entertainment Tonight and magazines like Cosmo and People. These outlets provoke our need for the latest gossip on the newest sex scandal or break-up, and to see what Jennifer Aniston is wearing at the annual Academy Awards. It’s almost like the only way to get away from it is to live in a cabin in the middle of the woods of Wisconsin with no cable, no internet, and no mail delivery; severed ties from society. But then we have a vastly different reality where people are able to live like that. We are almost forced to witness celebrity status during our daily routine. Celebrity status has even spread as far as the White House. Michelle Obama recently graced the cover of Vogue, one of a few First Ladies do so. Clearly, wives of the President are not into the public limelight or entertainment business. However, based upon the rest of his speech there should be an abstruse need for that statement. The author should note that everyone does not include “liberals.” He even says that “most women want President Obama to fail.” He claims to accept and want everyone to succeed, yet when a “liberal” succeeds, or his or her way of doing things is wrong and should be changed to a conservative ideology. What Mr. Limbaugh meant to say in his statement was that he wants everyone to succeed if it relates to how he thinks the countries should be run. So, to claim that Mr. Limbaugh wants everyone to succeed is a fallacy. He wants everyone to succeed as long as their success does not impede upon a conservative agenda. There was a point in his speech when Mr. Limbaugh said that he did not need a teleprompter, it is because he spoke hardly any facts, just opinions. It is easy to talk about what you believe, what is difficult is to support your beliefs with facts. There were some facts interspersed in his speech, but they were more inflammatory facts that dispute liberals rather than support his beliefs. Once again it is easy to point to someone’s faults and claim that another person is flawed on solely the basis that their beliefs are divergent from the other. However, this only profiles a difference in beliefs, it does not support why the other belief is correct. The notion that I am right because you are wrong is not a valid argument. The good portion of Mr. Limbaugh’s speech deals with how liberals do things specifically – only want to control people, use fear and use fear to control people. Is this not the same as the War on Terror? We citizens of the United States were constantly issued fear by the Bush administration that came from color codes of terror and that constant reminder that every day other citizens of this world were being attacked by another attack. How is that not the use of fear to control the beliefs and mindset of a country? Additionally, Mr. Limbaugh hypocritically claims that America is under assault by liberals because of what they believe and their agendas. Is this what we want our future generation developing into? Kids complain to their parents if their hair doesn’t look like Hannah Montana, they don’t get a real job because they can’t be a pop star or become an undercover cop ended up posing as a bidder for a $5,000, and well, we all know what happened after that. 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Words of Wellness: Protect yourself...from the sun!

By: Jen DiPrete
Staff Columnist

Now that we are all back from spring break, thoughts of warmer weather, outdoor activities and sun exposure loom ever closer. Spring and summer are times of the year when we have our “fun in the sun.” For many of you, that begins the week we get back from winter break. Many students, in anticipation of spring break, hit the tanning salons and range in color shades from a deep brown, to off shades of orange all in the hopes of achieving a “healthy glow.” As summer approaches, all day romps outdoors and exposure to hours of the sun’s rays may cause one’s skin to reach the ripe color of red — OUCH! In fact, any darkening of the skin due to sun exposure means damage has already been done. While ten minutes of unprotected exposure to the sun’s rays shows benefits of improved mood and increases in vitamin D, skin left unprotected falls victim to harmful UVB and UVA rays. It’s not just natural sun exposure that can be dangerous, artificial rays are just as harmful. Indoor tanning salons have made a pretty penny off of “tanning beds.”

So first off, what is cancer? Cancer occurs when cells in a part of the body begin to grow out of control (American Cancer Society, 2005). Sometimes cancer cells break away from a tumor and spread to other parts of the body through the blood or lymph system. When this happens, it is called metastasis. The skin is the largest organ in the body. It covers and protects the organs inside the body. The skin sends messages to the brain about heat, cold, touch, and pain. Skin cancers are divided into two major groups: nonmelanoma and melanoma. Nonmelanoma skin cancers (usually basal cell and squamous cell cancers) are the most common cancers of the skin. They are called nonmelanoma because this group of cancers includes all skin cancers except one, malignant melanoma. Cancer of the skin is the most common of all cancers. It accounts for about half of all cancers. Men get these cancers about twice as often as women.

Basal cell carcinoma accounts for 0.3% of 4 skin cancers. They usually begin on areas exposed to the sun such as the head and neck. Basal cell carcinoma grows slowly at the lowest layer of the skin. After treatment, basal cell carcinoma can recur (come back) in the same place on the skin. Often people who have one basal cell cancer develop a new skin cancer within the next five years.

Squamous cell carcinoma usually appears on parts of the body such as the face, ear, neck, lips, and back of the hands and grows on the upper layer of the skin. It accounts for about 20% of skin cancers. It can also begin with scars or skin ulcers elsewhere on the body. Squamous cell carcinoma is slightly more likely to spread to lymph nodes or distant parts of the body than are basal cell carcinomas.

Melanoma is a cancer that begins in the melanocytes (cells within skin that produce the pigment called melanin). Melanin gives the tan or brown color to skin and helps protect the deeper layers of the skin from the harmful effects of the sun. Melanoma tumors are often brown or black, but not always.

Melanoma most often appears on the trunk of fair-skinned people and on the lower legs of fair-skinned women, but can appear in other places as well. While having dark skin lowers the risk of melanoma, it does not mean that a person with dark skin will never develop melanoma. Melanoma is almost always curable in its early stages. However, it is also likely to spread to other parts of the body. Melanoma accounts for 3% of skin cancer, but causes most skin cancer deaths (American Cancer Society, 2007). So what should you be looking for on your own body? Any changes on the skin especially in the size or color of a mole or other darkly pigmented growth or spot, a new growth, scaliness, oozing, bleeding, or change in appearance of a bump or nodular, dark coloration that spreads past the edge of a mole or mark, a change in size or shape, itchiness, tenderness, pain. Follow the below recommendation to prevent skin cancer:

• Avoid the sun between 10 am and 4 pm
• Seek shade
• Slip on a shirt, cover up with protective clothing
• Slop on sunscreen. Use a sunscreen with sun protection factor (SPF) 15 or higher.
• Wear sunglasses
• Follow these practices even on cloudy overcast days

Exposure to tanning beds before age 35 increases melanoma risk by 75% (International Journal of Cancer, 2007). Overexposure to UVB rays results in melanoma. Therefore, always take full precautions to protect the skin. Overexposure to UVA rays result in skin cancers. Therefore, always take full precautions to protect the skin.

While many of us feel better with tanned skin, many dangers lurk beneath, and on the surface. We live in a very vain society where appearances mean everything to many individuals. But as the saying goes, “Beauty is only skin deep.” How appropriate given our topic of discussion.

Bryant Said What?!

“Senates doesn’t that. Senate just gives us new salad dressings.”

“I am going to forego peeing for the next hour.”

“He sleeps like a train. I don’t know how a train sleeps...but it’s hard.”

“Oh my god! You are such a skank! Your planner sleeps...but it’s hard.”

“Not a chance. I am going to forego peeing for the next hour.”

Have you found anything new or interesting on campus? If so, send it to madams@bryant.edu.
Retired electronics, or ‘e-waste,’ are cluttering dumps and poisoning the environment.

The solution? Donate, recycle or safely dispose of your next out-of-date electronics.

By Samantha Riepe/McClatchy Newspapers

E-WASTE REINVENTED

Cell phones
Trash talk: More than 130 million phones enter the U.S. waste stream every year, where they have the potential to leak mercury, cadmium, arsenic and heavy metals into water streams. These components may also enter the air when e-waste burns on the stove. Can you live without it?

Recycling
- Best Buy and Office Depot now accept phones in the front door for cell phones, batteries and chargers.

Charity
- Cell phone companies have free, curbside drop-off programs at their retail locations.
- AT&T, Verizon and T-Mobile have programs where they will accept your old wireless equipment at their stores to be refurbished and resold.
- Apple, Samsung and LG also take in used phones, regardless of the manufacturer. Visit www.nokiausa.com/recycle or www.us.tmobile.com/recycle to download a postage-paid label to return the device.
- The National Cancer Foundation offers a number of phone recycling programs and acceptance by AT&T or Verizon.
- The Wireless Foundation’s Call to Protect Program collects electronic waste on distribution to victims of domestic violence.
- Learn more at www.wirelessfoundation.org.

Computers and peripherals
Trash talk: In the past 10 years, more than 150 million personal computers became obsolete. Old computer monitors are cathode ray tubes that contain two to four pounds of lead, and are also classified as hazardous waste in some states.

Recycling
- The manufacturer of your PC or laptop may offer a recycling or trade-in program. Dell offers free recycling for all of its products at any time, and all also allow new customers to trade-in for new Dell computers.
- Visit www.e-waste.org for more information, and check out a similar program by the Greenpeace
- HP recommends recycling your old PCs if they are considered a hazardous waste in your area.

Charity
- The National Cancer Foundation works to prevent cancer and provide cancer research equipment and information.
- AT&T and Verizon also accept phones if your PC is on a recall list. If so, Cricket will work to find an appropriate recipient for your computer in your area.

By the numbers
A look at some stats about e-waste in the United States:

- 80% Estimated percentage of U.S. e-waste exported to emerging nations
- 10% Estimated percentage of unreported and obsolete computers that are recycled
- 70% Estimated percentage of heavy metals in U.S. landfills that comes from e-waste

Cell phones
- Best Buy and Office Depot now accept phones in the front door for cell phones, batteries and chargers.
- All major brands accept old phones at AT&T, Verizon, T-Mobile or Sprint.
- The Greenpeace program accepts
telephones
- Wireless Foundation’s Call to Protect Program

Recycling
- Dell recycling (www.dell.com/recycle).
- Hewlett-Packard recycling (www.hp.com)
- Apple in-store recycling (www.apple.com)
- Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation (www.cellphonetransformers.com)

P pods and MP3 players
- iPods and MP3 players
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Cut this out for future reference. The next time you go to toss electronic equipment, remember that it could have valuable second life.

Clip and save (the Earth)

- My Green Electronics, to find local electronics recyclers as well as a database for e-waste in your area.
- Eaton Giving Works, donation to a variety of local charities (givingworks.etsy.com, all MP3 players)
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“It wasn’t personal. It was just business!”

“For me it was personal,” Bryan Mills (Liam Neeson) growls back, before shooting one of his daughter’s pleading captors at point-blank range.

*Taken* is a violent, highly intense film that will have you on the edge of your seat from start to finish. Although the film takes a few minutes to get going—introducing us to Bryan, his ex-wife (Famke Janssen, from the *X-Men* movies), and his 17-year-old daughter Kim (Maggie Grace, of TV’s *Lost*)—once it does, it never stops. Bryan has retired from his job as some kind of super-spy and moved closer to Kim to try to build his relationship with her. When Kim begs to go on a trip to Paris with her best friend, Bryan is quite apprehensive and a little paranoid, having seen many horrible things in his career. No sooner has she arrived in Paris and befriended a seemingly nice guy before she is abducted by ruthless men whose specialty is human trafficking. Having been on the phone with Kim when she was taken, Bryan knows what he must do: hunt these men down and bring his daughter back. And he only has 96 hours to do it.

Reminiscent of the popular show *24*, *Taken* succeeds mainly from good writing, a super-fast pace, and a memorable performance from Liam Neeson as Bryan. Like 24’s Jack Bauer, Bryan is a man who will go to the ends of the earth to stop the unthinkable from happening. Not surprisingly, he even uses similar torture tactics that Bauer uses. As I am an avid 24 fan, this is where the film occasionally has a “been-there-done-that” feel to it. Regardless, there is plenty of originality in other elements of *Taken*, which truly keeps the suspense level up.

The script is solid, as it moves the plot along quickly—and throws in some occasional twists—in its story of a very smart and resourceful man desperate to find his daughter. Indeed, Bryan sometimes seems superhuman in a few somewhat far-fetched moments of *Taken*. But where the film really succeeds is in its gritty feel that is often very brutal. It is tough to look away, even as Bryan repeatedly electrocutes a man to get more information, or when he shoots the wife of a man he needs help from. And a scene where Bryan visits one of the “factories” where his daughter may or may not be “for sale” is tough to watch. Certainly, this film was lucky to slip by with a PG-13 rating.

I recommend *Taken* if you are a fan of action or suspense movies. While not a film for everyone, it is nevertheless a good thriller that is reminiscent of *The Bourne Identity* and its sequels, even if it isn’t quite as great as those movies.

I give *Taken* 4 out of 5 bulldogs.

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Bulldog review: In Defense of Food

By Michael Adams
Opinion Editor

It was not until I heard this man speak that I decided to read his book: In Defense of Food by Michael Pollan. Mr. Pollan, a professor of journalism at the University of California Berkeley campus, this book has gained national attention as a book that many Americans should read, about the disappointing food system in our world today. How Americans gained so much weight, the nutrient focus, and what you can do to start eating for real again.

This book packs a whole lot of punch for being just two hundred pages. The facts and eye-openers start right on page one. Pollan first describes the concept of nutritionism, what this nation has fallen victim to, as the fake nutrient focused foods that we consume so much of on a daily basis. He further discusses how we've got it all wrong really trying to combat foods with high fat content. Now, one would think that eating foods that were “fat-free” is something he'd wholeheartedly agree with. Well, Pollan notes that the foods we ate less of for their fat content failed to counteract the foods that we ate so much of: love fat, but incredibly high in sugar. America, say hello to soft drinks and muffin tops. Blame the food scientists, Pollan argues. According to Pollan, food scientists have destroyed and processed foods to the point where more of that food needs to be eaten in order to gain the same amount of nutrients that one serving used to have years ago.

Pollan then describes our Western diet, as well as how other cultures combat the main western diseases, only coming to life because of how they eat as a society. He mentions many European countries who eat a much better diet than we do, as well as the Mediterranean countries, where people eat a pound of fruit and vegetables a day and seem to have great physical and mental well being. He also tells readers about the studies done with Aborigines, who normally live in the barren lands of Australia, but were brought into urban cities, proceeding to gain weight, and suffer from heart disease and diabetes. Not to mention, that when the Aborigines returned to their regular diet back at home, they were back to being really healthy, only in a matter of months. Pollan concludes that no diet is ideal, but some simple rules should be followed.

These rules seem so simple, that you would think every one would be able to follow them, however Americans spend such a small percent of their income on food, purchases that they simply cannot afford it. Pollan argues that Americans should eat whole foods, while not focusing on the nutrients in them, eat meals, not snacks, and don’t eat what you think your grandmother would not eat (yep-no potstars for you!).

There are plenty more rules in the book that I will let you dig through on your own. Pollan claims that this book (140 pages in one day because I just couldn't put it down) it will change the way you look at food, and what you ingest for energy. It has altered my eating habits for the better, and I think it is a book that every American should read. It is incredibly well written, and that old English novel, and pick up something that details one of America’s ever-growing problems.
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