Velocity Dance-A-Thon a success!

By Brigit Clancy
Variety Editor

On Friday, March 20th, the Velocity Dance Team danced their way to success with their first dance-a-thon. The event benefited the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Kelly O’Connell, the co-founder and co-captain of Velocity, said that the event “met our expectations!” said O’Connell. Over 220 people participated in the dance-a-thon.

Mr. Thomas Eakin, the Vice President for Student Affairs and the Dean of students, and his wife as well as Mrs. Kath Machanley attended. “We were so happy to have them there and it meant a lot to have their support,” said O’Connell.

Two of Bryant’s own students told their personal stories about MS during the event. Alicia Haelen, a member of the senior class, spoke about her personal experience with MS. Haelen described what she has gone through since being diagnosed. Maria Fontana, a member of the freshman class, spoke about her mother’s diagnosis and what her mother has been going through for years.

“Both of their speeches talked about the pain that is caused by this disease,” commented O’Connell. “They were very moving and they are very hopeful for the future, which was truly inspiring to hear.”

The Bottom Line also appeared at the dance-a-thon. They performed a set of three songs. “We were so grateful to have them there,” said O’Connell. “They did a wonderful job, and it was really a great performance for everyone that was there.”

The Velocity Dance Team performed two times throughout the night to get the crowd dancing.

O’Connell said they also played games, such as musical chairs, three-legged dance, limbo, and freeze dance. Prizes were given out for each of these games.

At the end of the night, superlatives were given out to the dancers. The team Movers/Shakers won “Best Dressed”; Sigma Sigma Sigma won “Best Dancers”; Omega ALPHA won “Most Energized”; Most Movers/Shakers won “Most Fundraised” with total of $184; Delta Dancers won “Most Creative Team Name”; Delta Kappa Epsilon won “Best Signature Dance Move”; Delta Zeta won “People’s Choice”; and the “Most Valuable Dancer” was Kevin Dunn.

“I was incredibly pleased with the outcome of our first Dance-A-Thon and I know it is an event that will be carried on in the future of Velocity!” commented O’Connell. “The response from students, faculty and staff is greatly appreciated, and I think that everyone really enjoyed themselves! I would definitely say that the Dance-A-Thon was a great success and I cannot wait to see what happens with it for next year.”

O’Connell stated, “I am so proud of what Velocity was able to accomplish with this event and I could not have done it without them.”

Dancers won “Most Creative Team Name”; Diva Fundraised” with total of $584; Diva Most Movers/Shakers won “Most Dressed”; Delta Sigma Theta won “Best Dressed”; Delta Sigma Theta won “Most Movers/Shakers won “Best Dressed”.

Poet, Nikki Giovanni captures audience

By Brigit Clancy
Variety Editor

Distinguished poet, author, and professor at Virginia Tech, Nikki Giovanni, spent an evening at Bryant on Thursday, March 19th. Giovanni has won countless awards for her poetry, books, and children’s books. She received the Best Spoken Word Album given by the National Association of Radio and Television Announcers and was also nominated for a Best Spoken Word Grammy for her album “The Nikki Giovanni Poetry Collection.” Giovanni’s honesty, in her writing and during speaking engagements, has earned her accolades and many admirers. She has inspired students, readers, and audiences across the United States. This event, sponsored by the Student Arts and Speaker Series, the Women’s Center, and the Multicultural Student Union, drew in students and faculty alike to listen to a gifted and motivating writer.

Giovanni’s lecture at Bryant was both entertaining and captivating. She spoke of her life experiences and recited poems that she wrote to convey those feelings. One enthralling poem that she read was about her mother. Giovanni expressed her heartfelt love, affection, and respect for her. When she shared her experience of watching her mother pass away, Giovanni described her feelings and actions—such as sitting on her mother’s bed, typing on her laptop—in such detail that the listener could virtually see and feel the moment; as though you are intruding and sharing her pain.

Giovanni also spoke at length about civil rights and equality. In addition to being an author and a poet, she is an activist. The Civil Rights Movement inspired her early poetry that was later published together in Black Feeling, Black Talk (1967), Black Judgment (1968), and Re: Creation (1970). She has since written more than two dozen books including volumes of poetry, illustrated children’s books, and three collections of essays. Giovanni’s writing was heavily inspired by African American activists and artists. She has a tattoo with the words “Thug life” to honor rapper Tupac Shakur, whom she admires.

Her book Love Poems (1997) was written as a memory of him, and she has stated that she would “rather be with a stranger than the people who are complaining about them.” Giovanni is a memorable speaker. She emphasized several points throughout her lecture that really stay in one’s mind long after her lecture ends. “No one has a right to tell me what makes me happy,” Giovanni firmly stated. She also stressed, “All you need [in life] is trust and balance—like riding a bicycle. Love is like riding a bicycle.”

Cristine Cox, a Student Arts and Speakers Series committee member, said that Giovanni is her favorite poet. “Nikki Giovanni is a wonderful woman. Her contribution to this society spans decades, from the civil rights movement to her presence at Virginia Tech. For everyone who attended this event, I hope that they took away an important message, and that they enjoyed Dr. Giovanni’s lecture. Her freedom in her speaking was like none other than I have ever seen. She inspired me to look at my life from a different perspective; how often do we take a step back and think of ourselves the way we want to be defined at that moment? And also, as a writer, the way she uses writing to channel her feelings and deal with whatever life throws at her was also amazing to hear.”

Toby Simon, the Director of the Women’s Center, expressed that Giovanni is a true inspiration and a gifted writer. “I love her poems,” commented Simon. “She is a brilliant and talented poet. Her poems speak to me and I am sure that all her devoted followers feel the same way. She is an inspiration. I also loved her commentary between the poems. And I love, love, love her politics.”

Simon commented, “I thought she was absolutely wonderful. She knows how to engage the audience. [She] is a gifted story teller and is totally up on her current affairs. [She] just makes you listen carefully when she speaks. I could have listened to her for hours more!”

Giovanni was nothing less than inspirational when she spoke to the Bryant community. Her individuality and expression were extremely refreshing and encouraging. Giovanni is truly a remarkable and lively speaker as well as a brilliant writer. Cox said, “[Giovanni is] a different kind of speaker that, I believe, truly brought a diverse and different perspective on this campus, one that allowed for the free-thinker in all of us to come out.”
Hillel engages community in holiday events

By Jessica Miles
Campus News Editor

A new year marks a makeover for Bryant's Hillel. It is a marketplace that recognizes the diversity of the Jewish community on campus, said Jared Korff, President of Jared Korff. "We are trying to get people to ask about Hillel. We're gaining momentum and we really want to make it a big push to let people know that they are welcome," says Beck.

Hillel is made up of several members of the Bryant community, including President Jared Korff, Vice President Jenn Sherman, Treasurer Jessica Beck, Program Director Ellen Boise, Secretary Andrew Youman, Bryant's Jewish Chaplain Navah Levine, and Hillel's faculty advisor, Wendy Santer.

While Hillel hosts several events throughout the year, the Passover Seder is one of the highlights. This year, the Seder will take place on April 9th at 5pm in Gulski where Hillel members will conduct a traditional Passover religious service and a kosher Passover dinner featuring the Seder plate. It is open to anyone who is interested. It's an informational [event] with a focus on the religious aspects of the holiday," says Beck.

The history of Passover is representative of the Jews' migration from Egypt to escape slavery and is known as the Spring Festival, the Festival of Matzahs, and the Time of Our Freedom. During the holiday, which begins at sundown on April 8th this year, the Jews remove major grains from their diet, including wheat, spelt, oats, barley, and rye, also known as "chametz." This represents the Jews' rush to break away from slavery in Egypt, preventing their bread from rising. Instead of chametz, Jews eat unleavened bread made from flour and water called "matzah." Along with matzah, Passover is also centered on the Seder plate, which contains five foods, each with its own meaning to the holiday. The first is "horseradish," a mixture of cinna- mon, apples, walnuts, and wine signifying the mortar Jewish slaves used to assemble bricks. A "beitzah" or egg is also featured on the Seder plate along with parsley, both representing the spring season and the cycle of life. The parsley is dipped in salt water during the Seder to embody the tears shed by the Jewish slaves. Lastly, "maror" or bitter herbs and a shank bone, repre- senting the sacrifice of lamb, symbolize the struggle for freedom in Egypt. "Hillel's Seder will include all of these traditional Passover aspects, while also delving deeper into the meaning of the holiday and why it is celebrated," said Hillel President Jared Korff.

"Hillel is flourishing this year to become a strong and recognized religious organization on campus. As a result, we welcome all Bryant community members to attend our annual Passover Seder. We would love to use this as an opportunity to share our culture with members of our community that are unfamiliar with our customs," said Hillel President Jared Korff.

In the past, the Passover Seder was attended by numerous students and faculty members, including President Machlely and several people from the Center for Student Involvement, as well as other Jewish members of the Bryant community.

Salmanson Dining Hall is also recognizing Passover, providing students with traditional Passover foods, including matzah and hard boiled eggs. Bryant's Jewish Chaplain, Navah Levine is working with Salmanson to broaden the choices for students and expand the holiday menu to include more options in terms of kosher Passover food.

As Hillel prepares for Passover they would also like to invite the Bryant community to attend events for Holocaust Remembrance Day, taking place toward the end of April. Hillel will feature Tim Lagarr, a Bryant student who will speak about his experience studying the Holocaust in Germany. Also in honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day Hillel will present information about the survivors and the Holocaust in the Ro- manda during the day.

For more information about Hillel check out www.bryanthillel.org for upcoming events and holidays or e-mail Hillel at hillel@bryant.edu. Meetings are held every other Tuesday at 5pm in the Women's Center.

Ye be warned! The wildest scavenger hunt be comin'

By Jessica Miles
Campus News Editor

On Friday, April 3rd co-sponsors of the Spring Festival, the Festival of Spring, will take place in Janikies Theater. The event will feature a selection of shorts and films directed by high school and college students throughout New England in the “Bulldog Film Festival.” The event will include films made by Bryant students and there will be a prize for the best film.

The event’s planning committee includes faculty members Tom Dooley, Elizabeth Walden and Tom Roach who served as liaisons to schools in the surrounding area; these individuals sought the help of their colleagues to bring in work from college students throughout New England. Beyond that, SASS co-chairs sent out posters and flyers with information about the film festival to a detailed list of high schools and additional colleges encouraging their students to submit work to the festival.

Although currently the Bryant students participating in the festival have not yet been chosen, the co-sponsors hope the event will encourage these students to explore the many different art forms the campus now offers.

The showing of the best films will take place in Janikies Theater. The event allows Bryant students, and students throughout New England, to present their artwork to an audience of their peers. The festival is sure to be a presentation of visual skills that will bring a new type of cultural experience to Bryant's campus.

Want to know which Bryant students will be in the Festival? Join us April 3rd at 7pm in Janikies Theater.


If you have any questions, please contact Lindsay Rankin at lrankin@bryant.edu

Mr. Dasilva, President and General Manager of NBC 10

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Phunk Phenomenon hits a beat

On March 23rd Lil’ Phunk and the Phunk Phenomenon Dance Troupes danced their way across the Janikies stage promoting community, empowerment through the art of dance. As the official junior dance team of the Boston Celtics, Phunk Phenomenon also uses their talent to encourage change on an individual level, as well as within local communities and worldwide.

Bryant student to commission as US Army infantry officer

By Bryant Army ROTC

Ryan Allen, a Bryant senior and cadet in the Army ROTC program here, will commission in May as an officer in the United States Army. Currently Mr. Allen serves as the Battalion Commander, the highest ranking cadet position for the Patriot Battalion at Providence College, the organization to which Bryant Army ROTC is linked. Instead of joining the civilian work force, Mr. Allen will become an Infantry officer. As an Infantry officer, Mr. Allen will lead a platoon consisting of about 50 soldiers, in training at US Army installations across the globe, as well as possibly in combat, protecting the US from its enemies. Thus Mr. Allen is an example of how effectively the ROTC program turns college students into well-prepared, knowledgeable officers for the US Army.

Mr. Allen joined the ROTC program in his freshman year, committing to the program because growing up, he always dreamed of being in the Army. When he learned of all of the leadership and networking opportunities that are available to US Army officers, he felt that it was a perfect fit for him. As a result of ROTC and his Army experiences, Mr. Allen has been able to dramatically increase his leadership skills, undergo a great variety of training that has enhanced his abilities, and instilled a sense of discipline in completing the sometimes difficult tasks faced as a cadet, while balancing the normal academic workload with the commitments of ROTC. During this time he was heavily involved and extremely active in the program, participating in strenuous Physical Training (PT) sessions, Field Training Exercises (FTXs) and instructional Leadership Labs. Mr. Allen also competed as part of the Ranger Challenge team, ROTC’s extracurricular activity in which cadets undergo demanding physical training and learn new skills. During this event cadets travel to Fort Devens, Massachusetts, to compete with other cadets from across the Northeast in events such as the Obstacle Course, Land Navigation, Rifle Marksmanship, the Army Physical Fitness Test, and the Hand Grenade Course.

He also had the occasion to join cadets from the US Military Academy on their summer Cadet Field Training, held throughout the US. During this training session, Mr. Allen learned about leadership in the field, weapons proficiency, and the various functions of the Army. Mr. Allen has also been to Airborne School, where he learned how to successfully jump out of an airplane and land under a deployed parachute in order to surprise the enemy.

This past summer, Mr. Allen successfully completed Warrior Forge, the trial by fire that all prospective cadets must pass in order to commission. Finally, he had a most unique internship. He went to Germany and served as the platoon leader of a combat arms unit for four weeks, leading them on field exercises, qualification tests, and in simulated battle conditions.

So what is next for the soon-to-be Second Lieutenant Allen? Well, after graduation Mr. Allen will remain in the area for six months assisting the Patriot Battalion in instructing, cadets and training them in their quests to become Army officers. After that, he will deploy for BOLC II, a five week course in which newly commissioned officers learn about the lessons gained from experience in Iraq and Afghanistan.

This training includes urban combat, battlefield leadership, advanced weapons employment. After that comes the Infantry Officer Basic Course, where he will learn the skills and knowledge that an infantry officer must have.

After that, he hopes to attend Ranger School, a session that pushes soldiers to the limit, and prepares them for future operations. In conclusion, if you happen to see Mr. Allen around campus, take a chance to ask him about ROTC and all that it has done for him, and what he plans to do as a future US Army officer!

Green Pitch another step in campus-wide initiative

By Emily Murphy

Last Tuesday Bryant University’s Global Entrepreneurship Program hosted its first Green Pitch competition. The competition took the place of the annual Elevator Pitch competition. Students in the Introduction to Business classes were expected to pitch a business idea featuring either a green product or service or a strong social responsibility plan that would benefit the environment. The Best Overall Pitch was awarded to Don’t Forget Greetings, represented by Robert Zvek and Courtney Ramirez. The Most Likely to Succeed was determined to be TempText, headed up by Samantha Nappi. Finally, the Crowd's Favorite was Tupper’s Toths, delivered by Kyle Rudden.

The event itself was green—the food was served in eco-friendly containers, and the judges did not use the typical paper receipts to grade the pitches. Instead, each competition room had a Google account, and they were all synced to display scores that the judges inputted into their own computers. The only paper used was the program booklets and signs—which were all recycled.

John Ready, the co-founder of Catch a Piece of Maine, a lobstering company, and the Green Pitch's keynote speaker, told students about his experiences in the industry. Final Round judges included Craig Powell, the President and CEO of Connect-EDU; Troy Harlevig, the creator of Monster Lab at Monster Worldwide (owners of Monster.com), and Michael Cohen, the Executive-in-Residence and Partner at Wilson Alan L.I.C. Joining them was Ron Mondillo, the Principal of RAM Marketing; Dave Potter, CEO of Momentum Venture Associates and CEO of Previser Health Solutions; Dean Jack Trills, Ken Pereira, the founder and CEO of Healthcare Automation, Inc., and John Jaddou, managing partner and co-founder of Veraxia Management Advisors. Keynote speaker John Ready also took part in the final round judging.

The event was coordinated by the Global Entrepreneurship Program with support from the Collegete Entrepreneurs’ Organization.

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MAR 16 2009-Monday at 04:14
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
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LARCENY from Building ($200-$500)
MAR 17 2009-Tuesday at 17:07
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A student came into DPS to report the theft of items from her room.

ACCIDENT (MVA) Motor Vehicle Accident
MAR 18 2009-Wednesday at 01:04
Location: ENTRY CONTROL STATION
Summary: One student was arrested by the Smithfield Police for possession of marijuana.

DISORDERLY Disturbance
MAR 18 2009-Wednesday at 01:10
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A report of a minor accident with no injuries.

DRUG ACTIVITY
MAR 18 2009-Wednesday at 01:38
Location: ENTRY CONTROL STATION
Summary: A report of three vehicles being damaged.

DRUG Possession of Marijuana
MAR 22 2009-Sunday at 02:16
Location: SENIOR APARTMENT ROAD
Summary: A report of three vehicles being damaged.

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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, national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, or gender status. Examples of these incidents include name calling, offensive language/actions, and graffiti/behavior.

The DPS Crime Prevention Officers:
“TIP OF THE WEEK”
With the spring weather approaching, many students will leave their Residence Hall windows open when they are not in the room.

Always keep your windows closed and locked when you are not in your room!

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Spring Art Exhibit
The Bryant Center will host the Spring Art Exhibit in Papitto beginning Monday, March 30 from 12-2pm

Artwork will be featured March 30th through April 10th!

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Study Abroad Spotlight: Sam Schultz

Name: Sam Schultz
Class of: 2009
University: Jawaharlal Nehru University
Location: Delhi, India
Partner: IES Abroad

Reason for going:
Growing up in a Sikh community, I’ve always been fascinated by India. I always knew I would go there at some point in my life, so I figured this was the best way I could make the most of a trip out there.

Best experience/memory:
We had a week break between our orientation and when classes began, so a few of us took a 10-day tour up through northern India. Our first stop was to the Golden Temple in Amritsar, which is the capital of the state of Punjab. Since I first learned about India as a kid, I’ve always wanted to go to the Golden Temple, and I finally got the chance to see it during the day and at night, walk around inside, offer Prasad, and listen to the scripture. It was absolutely breathtaking.

Funny cultural experience:
During that same trip, we stopped in Dharamsala, most famous for being the hometown of the Dalai Lama, and stayed at this hotel about 3km north of the main downtown. We went out one night and got back to our hotel pretty late only to discover the doors were locked because it turns out every hotel in the town has a curfew. I was the only one with a phone and I lost it on the way back. Our taxi driver had passed out in the car in a drunken stupor, so, with nothing else to do, one other girl and myself had to hoist ourselves on the first floor terrace, climb around to the back of the hotel, and break into the window of our room. We had woken up the hotel manager, but he apologized to us in the morning for locking us out and made us all omelets for breakfast.

How was the school different from Bryant University?
Unlike Bryant, JNU is a very politically active campus, which is not too surprising since it’s located in the heart of the nation’s capital. It was really surprising for me to walk in to class at least a few times per month and discover that class was cancelled because either the students or professors were on strike or protesting. One week we didn’t have class at all because all the student government groups were protesting the Supreme Court’s attempt to regulate the student group elections.

How did this experience change you?
Having the opportunity to study Hindi, a language very different from English, gave me some great perspective on everything I’ve ever known about slang, grammar, and how we communicate. The tremendous diversity in India as far as ethnic, religious, linguistic, and economic differences, to name a few, has also helped me become a lot more tolerant and open to so many different ideas and perceptions.

Would you study abroad again given the opportunity?
Absolutely! Travelling abroad during college as a student is one of the best times to get out there. I think everyone should!

Bryant Held Hostage

It’s that time of the year again! WJMF will be holding their annual fundraiser for Meeting Street School in Providence, Rhode Island. For over 60 years, Meeting Street has provided education for children with special needs. Over the past few years, the school has served over 3000 children of all ages. This telethon fundraiser runs 36 straight hours from Friday April 3rd at 10am to Saturday April 4th at 10pm. During the 36 hours faculty, staff, students, and advisors can come in to the WJMF studio located in the Koffler Communication building to donate as well as go on the Air for interviews. I would like to extend an invitation to everyone , feel free to stop by the station and say hello.

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RELAY FOR LIFE UPCOMING EVENTS!

Purple Out! Men’s Lac vs. Brown Tuesday March 31st 7pm on the turf! First 200 fans receive a free purple out t-shirt!

Volleyball Tourney! Outdoor courts Saturday April 4th 1pm-5pm! Teams of 6, $5 to participate, music and fun! If you and your team wish to participate, you should sign up as soon as possible by contacting Maggie Delrose (mdelrose@bryant.edu) or Brian Ford (bford@bryant.edu)

Luminaria bags will be sold at each of these events!

Greek Corner

By Rachael Hylan

The Order-of-Omega, the National Greek Honor Society has been having a very eventful spring so far. We started off the semester with our first annual New Member Induction ceremony and dinner. We initiated 11 new members, bringing our chapter size to 21 members. We installed a new executive board, composed of President, Rachael Hylan, Vice President, Alyssa McLaughlin, Treasurer, Amanda Aarons, Secretary, Kerry Moriarity and Academic Chair, Arielle Purcell. At the annual 2009 NGLA Conference, the Order of Omega was recognized with an Honorable Mention for the Outstanding Chapter Award, the only chapter in the Northeast to receive recognition!

Beginning for the month of February, we created a Scholar of the Month award to distinguish a member of the Greek Life community that has excelled academically. Any nominations for the award are accepted and anyone in Greek Life is eligible to win. The winner receives a certificate, points towards his or her chapter, and a Ronzio’s gift certificate! Delta Chi Senior, and Order-of-Omega initiate, Gergely Nemeth received the first award for his various academic achievements including his acceptance to Duke’s graduate school.

In addition to our current events and activities, we have a lot more planned for the rest of the semester to look forward to, including participation in the Relay for Life and the addition of a mentor program to connect upperclassmen with new members.

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Geithner seeks expanded power over financial firms

By William Douglas
MCT Campus

Treasurer Secretary Timothy Geithner called Tuesday for new powers to regulate giant non-bank financial companies, such as insurance titan American International Group, whose failure would endanger the U.S. economy.

In a rare joint appearance before the House Financial Services Committee, Geithner and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said the AIG experience underscored that the Treasury needed to be able to take over failing financial institutions expeditiously, remove their bad assets and sell their good assets to competitors. The powers that Geithner seeks are similar to what the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. has over national banks.

The proposed resolution authority would allow the government to provide financial assistance to make loans to an institution, purchase its obligations or assets, assume or guarantee its liabilities and purchase an equity interest in the firm. AIG-style legislation would fill a significant void in the current financial-services regulatory structure with respect to non-bank firms.

Geithner said, "AIG highlights broad failures in the financial system," and that it underscores why action must be taken to ensure that such dangers never menace the nation again.

The Obama administration will lay out more details of its proposed revisions for financial regulation Thursday. It will do so in advance of a G-20 meeting of leaders from the world's 20 major economies, at which European nations will push for stronger regulation of global financial markets.

The White House has voiced wariness over ceding too much authority over U.S. markets, particularly in the view of Jewish men and women, who now have to live with people never thought possible. Billions and billions of dollars coming from, he admitted to them that he had been running a "ponzi" scheme. After some deliberation, the sons talked to MSN.com.com that he had been running a "ponzi" scheme. After some deliberation, the sons talked to

Do you agree with the Treasury’s pursuit for expanded powers? Tell us what you think. Comment on this story at www.bryantarchway.com

Understanding the Madoff Mess

By Michael Slafsky
Staff Writer

The name Bernie Madoff will forever be infamous for the largest “ponzi” scheme ever carried out by a single person. In December of 2008, Mr. Madoff was arrested and it was uncovered that he had defrauded his investors out of more than $50 billion. It was amazing that he was able to get away with it for as long as he did, and a shame that he was not discovered sooner.

A “ponzi” scheme is a way that an investor will defraud others, and yet still make the business successful. It was named after Charles Ponzi, one of the most crooked men in US history. After defrauding investors, Ponzi was arrested and deported. The name Ponzi continues to describe a type of fraudulent investing firm in which the investor reaps profits from his or her clients. Madoff had his investment firm, Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC, in 1960. He worked there as its chairman until his arrest. His firm was a very successful one; they even created the technology that later became the NASDAQ. The company did exceedingly well, being listed as the sixth largest business on Wall Street in 2008. It wasn’t until much later that the public found out that all of his earnings were faked. Basically, what Madoff did was take money from his clients’ accounts. He would pay off some investors using money he received from other investors. Meanwhile, he would take money for himself.

Madoff had client lists that included some of the wealthiest men and women in America and around the world. Madoff, being Jewish, had strong connections to Jewish investors as well as local Jewish organizations. Mort Zuckerman, Elie Wiesel and Steven Spielberg are just some of the victims of Bernie Madoff. Other reported celebrity victims include baseball star Sandy Koufax and New York Mets owner Fred Wilpon. Actors Kevin Bacon and his wife Kyra Sedgwick, as well as John Malkovich and Zsa Zsa Gabor were also among those believed to be defrauded. One organization hit hard by Madoff’s scheme was the Robert Lappin Foundation, which helped fund many Jewish organizations throughout the North Shore of Massachusetts. These organizations worked with Jewish families across the North Shore and the lack of funds would cripple their impact on the lives of thousands of people.

In December of 2008, Madoff told his sons he would be giving millions of dollars in bonuses, a much smaller figure than originally believed. When his sons questioned where the money was coming from, he admitted to them that he had been running a “ponzi” scheme. After some deliberation, the sons talked to their lawyer who had been the contacted authorities, ending Madoff’s run as a fraudulent investor.

Bernie Madoff recently moved from his penthouse apartment to a jail cell in New York City, where he is likely to spend the rest of his life. Madoff hurt his clients financially, and says people never thought possible. Billions and billions of dollars will never be seen again. He also has hurt his family, who will forever be connected to them. It is a white collar criminal in history. Madoff has also hurt the general public’s view of Jewish men and women, who now have to live with the actions of Madoff. In this tragedy, many people were hurt by the actions of one man.
Bulldogs split series against Monmouth

By Jackie Ammirato
Staff Writer

The baseball team traveled to New Jersey this weekend and split a four game series with Monmouth 2-2. Dan Lozeau and Kevin Cobb picked up wins for the Bulldogs as the team improved its record to 13-7 in its first season at the DI level.

The series started off roughly for the Bulldogs on Friday afternoon as the team committed four errors and left eight men on base in losing to Monmouth 8-1. The team did have some success offensively as Jeff Vigurs and Dylan Stone extended their hitting streaks to 16 and 13 games respectively. Also in the game, junior Nick Campbell recorded his 200th career hit on a double down the right field line.

Things picked up Saturday morning as Dan Lozeau went the full nine innings and allowed just three hits as he picked up his second win and led the Bulldogs to a 7-5 victory. O'Connor went 2-for-3 with three RBIs and two runs scored and McKenna had two hits to go with two runs. In the Saturday afternoon game, Bryant took a quick 2-0 lead thanks to two Monmouth fielding errors. A costly Bulldog error in the bottom of the fourth helped Monmouth score three runs in the inning and gave them the lead for good. Bryant was held to just three hits all game and fell 5-3.

Kevin Cobb took the mound for the Bulldogs in the final game of the series and picked up his fourth win of the season leading the team to a 2-1 win. Facing a 1-0 deficit for most of the game, freshman Jimmy Skagerlind led off the seventh inning with a single up the middle and with two outs Stone drove in the tying run. The Bulldogs rallied again in the top of ninth as English and Cobb helped Monmouth score three runs in the inning and gave them the lead for good. Bryant would never relinquish the lead.

The Bulldogs head to New York this weekend to take on Long Island University in a four game series starting Friday.

Welcome to Club 200

Junior Nick Campbell (Raynham, Mass.) hit a double down the right field line in the sixth inning in the first game against Monmouth on Friday, giving him 200 hits for his career. Campbell is just the sixth player all-time in the history of the program to register 200 hits for his career, and he is only in his junior season.

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Larson scored his first tally just over a minute later off a feed from Gary Crowley (Suffield, Mass.) to cut the deficit to just one goal, 2-1, but Andrzejewski answered with back-to-back tallies just 38 seconds apart to get the Penn advantage up to 4-1 with five minutes to play.

Senior attack Bryant Kaufmann (Putnam Valley, N.Y.) cut into Penn’s lead with 4:21 to play in his first three of goals on the afternoon, turning enough momentum toward the Bulldogs for Larson to send Bryant into the first break with a 4-3 deficit after he scored wraparound goal under heavy pressure with 46 ticks left on the clock.

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NFL has no plans to change overtime rules

By Adam Teicher
MCT Campus

Last season's Super Bowl was seconds away from being the first to march overtime. If not for Ben Roethlisberger's touchdown pass to Santonio Holmes in the final minute of Pittsburgh's 27-23 win over Arizona, the Steelers would have opted for a game-tying field goal.

That would have set up a scenario where a coin flip could have determined the result of football's ultimate game.

Never has the result of the coin toss had such influence over the outcome of overtime as it did last season. Almost half of the league's overtime games (47 percent) were won on the session's first possession of the sudden-death session.

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The league now takes on the matter for at least another year. There's nothing regarding overtime on the agenda for NFL owners, who on Sunday began four days of meetings at a seaside resort in California.

"It does concern me, but it also is a system that everybody knows the rules of and everybody does have an opportunity to play defense," said Falcons president Rich McKay, co-chair of the NFL's competition committee.

"It's not as though the coin flip decides the game. The accuracy of the kickers and the length of the field goals I thought was going to be a big factor. But when you look at the numbers, it's amazing that... I think the average (overtime winning) field goal was something like 37 yards. So it means the team had made it all the way to the opponent's 20-yard line and obviously had a real drive, not a 55-yard field goal, which would be my fear.

"I think that we are comfortable with that in the sense that I think people inside the league like the system, the system is built for extension and we have an opportunity to play defense. So I think for now that's the system we're

Critics used San Diego's upset over Indianapolis on wild card weekend as fuel for the fire to change the overtime rules, but the owners still aren't buying.

"No club proposed a change," McKay said. "I think overtime still achieves its major goal, which is it breaks ties. We think it achieves a second goal, which is it extends exciting games. Our system does resolve ties. This year is the first time we had a tie probably in about five years, and our system works well from an entertainment standpoint.

There are some statistics that I say otherwise concern some of us, but at this time there will be nothing proposed and I don't expect there to be much discussion about the topic, other than I'm sure we'll have a little open discussion for that topic of overtime."

"The NFL's concern in moving to a system where each team gets at least one overtime possession is in turning games into marathons. NFL executive vice president Ray Anderson said league surveys show players to be against a change because of concern for injuries."

I myself was a little surprised at how adamant the players were about not wanting to change the current overtime system and agreeing with Rich's assessment that they say, look, the excitement is there, everyone has got an opportunity to win this thing in regulation," Anderson said. "They were pretty adamant that extended play time, when you're playing 20 games, exposes you to injury risk, and they'd just as soon say, let's battle it out during regulation, and if you can't win it in regulation, you take our chances in overtime."

SCHEDULE: The NFL has no plans to alter the 20-game format currently in use (16 regular-season games, four exhibitions). However, the league could eliminate one or two preseason games to accommodate more regulation games.

The owners will be given information this week by the competition committee regarding competitive issues with a 17-game or 18-game regular season, but NFL executive vice president Ray Anderson contemplates no action until a collective/bargaining agreement is reached.

Bulldogs able to rebound against tough D-I foe

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them tie the score. I thought that was critical. For our confidence and psyche, that was a very positive thing.

A pushing call shortly out of the break on the Bulldogs' possession gave the Quakers the lead to one goal for the third time, 8-7, as Alex Weber converted the extra-man opportunity 2:10 into the third session. But the Bulldogs' top scorers of the game connected to bring the advantage back up to two with 9:10 to play when Harrison arrived on Larson's completion of his own hat trick with goal No. 3 on the day.

"Nine goals for those two guys," said Pressler. "Were we planning on that? Absolutely not. But we knew Larson was due for a breakout game soon. I inserted Travis and we needed a little more toughness on offense, to get those goals."

"We scored 11 goals before Zack [Gree] scored his first," added Pressler. "That's a big confidence builder for the guys."

Collins brought Penn's deficit back to one goal, 9-8, minutes later, but Harrison, Larson and Gree expelled for a trio of goals to bridge the third and fourth frames.

But down 12-8 with 13:57 left in the game, the Quakers weren't counting themselves out yet. Corey Winkoff scored an unassisted goal just 32 seconds before Rob McMullen drew the score to 12-11, in a make-up goal of his own. It would take Collins under a minute to make it three-straight and complete his own hat trick with a goal that brought the game to just one, 12-11, in Bryant's favor.

But the Quakers wouldn't be able to put a stop to the Bulldogs' potent and dominant defense, who tallied on three more goals for good measure in the final 10 minutes of the contest, from Greer, Kaufmann and Larson, respectively.

"We kept our composure when they came back and cut it to one and that's something we haven't demonstrated yet," Pressler said. "They made their game and we just had a little more in the end."

Despite the 15-11 victory, the Bulldogs were outshot, 45-40, and did not have their usual luxury of possession on every faceoff. Junior Andrew Hennessy (Wading River, N.Y.), who has been stellar from the X so far this season, faced his biggest challenge yet in Justin Lynch, and won 14-of-29 opportunities, well below his usual success rate.

"Andrew Hennessy had his toughest battle of the whole year today," said Pressler.

The Bulldogs dominated on ground balls, winning 45 to Penn's 33 but struggled again on turnovers, suffering 26 miscues. Love made 16 saves, outshining the six made by Joel Hegener in the loss.

"Jameson easily could have been our Player of the Game," said Pressler. "He was great between the pipes and his clearing game was outstanding. He figured some of those goals in transition and I think today might have been his best day yet."

The Bulldogs now take their back-to-back wins on the road for their next contest, the last road game of the season, Saturday, March 28 when they take on Lehigh University at 3 p.m.
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A 2009 National Player of the Year candidate. Greer (Whitby, Ont.) has been named among the 30 Division I men's lacrosse semifinalists. The 2008 Turnbull Award winner as the nation's Top-25 list. Greer showed the ultimate act of loyalty at the end of his career. His decision to remain at Bryant instead of entering the National Hockey League (NHL) was a testament to his dedication to his education and his love for his sport. He is now safely in the National Hockey League (NHL) where he will continue to play lacrosse. Greer is currently playing for the Toronto Maple Leafs and has starred in both the American Hockey League (AHL) and the National Hockey League (NHL). He has scored 17 goals and 12 assists in the 2009-10 season to help the team reach the playoffs. Greer is expected to be a key player for the Maple Leafs in the 2010-11 season. Greer is a key member of the team and a leader on and off the field. He is known for his strong work ethic and his ability to bring others along with him. He is a true leader and a role model for young athletes everywhere. Greer is a testament to the power of hard work and dedication, and he will continue to be a source of inspiration for all who know him.
“What is the strangest thing you have ever eaten?”

“Pigeon... it’s huge in Hong Kong.”
- Jason Gilmartin ’11

“I had a BBQ sauce and banana sandwich once... and I enjoyed it.”
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“I ate a dry grub once... oh, or I swallowed a bumblebee. I was riding my bike and then I swallowed a bumblebee.”
- Alec Rosenbruch ’11

“A guinea pig in Panama.”
- Jose Maldonado ’11

“I ate a hot dog from the movie theatres... it seemed like a good idea at the time.”
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Compiled by Amanda Dunn and Ashley McNamara
Students fighting? Let them cage fight!

I need to be cautious about my opening scene before we really get going here. Remember in high school, when two kids would shove each other against lockers, fighting over their girlfriend or trying to steal their lunch money? While this did not happen much where I went to high school, I’m sure this happened at one of your high schools. Now, what would happen to these students? Generally, they would be detained by a teacher passing by, and they would sit in the principal’s office waiting for their parents to be called. In some cases, the school resource officer would also get involved. That might involve some tazing. We all know how that can really mess some people up!

A Texas high school has been accused of putting students in a steel cage in the boy’s locker room and having a “death” match. The former principal stated administrators would watch the students fight. The principal has since resigned amidst other allegations against the school. When I first read this article, all I was getting were images that I probably should not be getting. I was picturing this dark, dirty cell, in a circa 1970’s boys locker room. I mean, I didn’t want steel cages in the locker room of my high school gym. It’s like a freaky round of UFC-esque fighting. The article does not state how many times this fighting actually went on, but I can only imagine it was a daily occurrence in this lovely high school environment these days.

One thing I want to know is why did these students agree to beating the pulp out of each other in a steel cage? Was it a last resort? Did they even try talking it out? I know in guidance, in middle school, we learned about how to solve conflicts with our fellow students. You know, it went something to the effect of “Don, I really dislike when you steal my strawberry back. While, this may sound like the most mundane way of solving a problem, it actually worked, as we developed our interpersonal, skills throughout middle school and into the beginning of high school. What all of a sudden makes students switch to a vulgar, more physical way of solving problems in high school? Not to mention the fact that administrators suggested they battle in a steel cage.

Just the mere fact that students were asked to hurt each other is incredibly barbaric and inhumane. It’s almost impossible to laugh at such a story, yet this is the life we see in and the people that choose to mess with society, truly do mess with society, by way of teaching students that problems will be solved via a steel cage.

I know we had celebrity jousting, but just imagine Bryant cage fighting? Yell, that’s what I thought—horrible idea.

Simon Says: Don’t stand by your man

By Michael Adams
Opinion Editor

The Rihanna and Chris Brown situation got Oprah up in arms. Recently she did a live broadcast which was dedicated to all the Rihanna fans of the world—a show to all the women and girls who take their boyfriends/husbands back despite the abuse.

How many women have desperately wanted to believe their partners when they say they will never provoke or ticked off or irritated, violence is not an acceptable response. Period.

Rihanna is no different from any other woman who hears her guy pleading, “Baby, I love you. I wouldn’t do anything to hurt you. I just snapped that one time and I’ll never touch you again.”

Ask most abused women about a comment like that. They’ve heard it before and they have been swayed by those sentiments to take a man back, to stand by their man. Rihanna, like many others, decided that Chris Brown deserves a second chance. And to listen to some of his fans, Rihanna brought this on herself. That’s the most disturbing part.

Rihanna is the most recent public face of dating and domestic violence, but her story is no different from any other woman hurt by intimate partner violence. The most recent statistics from the Centers for Disease Control state that each year 1200 women die and 2 million are injured because of intimate partner violence. And one in three teens are involved in some sort of intimate partner violence. That’s huge. And scary.

So here’s the problem I have. This is not just celebrity gossip. The number of tweens and teens who watch what’s going on with Rihanna and Chris is staggering. And we now have a huge group of children and teens thinking that violence is ok behavior in a dating relationship. If someone as beautiful and successful and rich as Rihanna can’t get rid of her violent boyfriend, then what kind of a message does it send to teens and tweens in similar situations?

She is the best proof we have that no one is immune to dating abuse and domestic/partner violence, and talking about it can only help to get it out in the open. To students and others reading this column: it’s not healthy to stay in a relationship that involves abusive behavior of any kind. And I know that we have students on this campus involved in unhealthy relationships. In light of the latest discovery about Rihanna and Chris, I’m going to list the warning signs of an abusive relationship. Watch out for a partner/boyfriend/girlfriend who manipulates or controls the other:

• ridicules or engages in name calling
• dictates how the other person dresses
• criticizes the other’s friends
• is fearful of the other’s temper
• is overly possessive or gets jealous about ordinary behavior
• makes the other person feel bad about themselves
• uses, physical force or threats to prevent the other from leaving
• feels stifled, trapped, and stagnant
• forces you to have sex or you have had sex when you don’t really want to

If you can think of ways in which your boyfriend or girlfriend is trying to control you, makes you feel bad about yourself, isolates you from the rest of your world, or harms you physically or sexually, then it’s time to get out. Right away. It can be tempting to make excuses or misinterpret violence as an expression of love. But even if you know that the person hurting you loves you, it is not healthy. No one deserves to be hit, shoved, or forced into anything he or she doesn’t want to do.

Don’t forget that one of the strongest signs of a healthy relationship is that both people involved feel good about themselves. Bryant has several on campus resources to help you if you’re concerned about your relationship. Don’t hesitate to come to the Counseling Center at x 6045, the Women’s Center at x 6855, Health Services at x 6220 or the Chaplain’s Office at x 6119. As Oprah said to Rihanna, “If he hits you once, he will hit you again.” ~ words that need to be person, too.
National optimism uniquely American

By Frida Chitits

When people outside the United States ask me to tell them about this country, I describe one aspect of it that I have always found extraordinary and strikingly different from the rest of the world: America, or more precisely, Americans, are the most optimistic people on Earth. That’s what I told an Iraqi refugee last year in Amman, Jordan, as she eagerly awaited the papers that would allow her to move to America.

Success, of course, is the mother of optimism. The US has marked American history, and optimism has moved into America’s genes. Conversely, failure is the father of pessimism. A past filled with disasters teaches you to see the glass half empty, or to worry that it will break when it’s full.

The greatest danger the United States faces in this time of economic crisis is permanently losing that sense of optimism, that edge it has enjoyed over the rest of the world. America’s outlook is key to its willingness to take risks. It is the second ingredient in its achievements and it’s an essential element in that most American of ideals: the pursuit of happiness. It is the reason why the country is a magnet to ambitious and talented people everywhere.

In Europe, true optimism went out with the catastrophes of two world wars and the fail- ures of utopian ideologies. Even the idealists there seem tainted with dark suspicion. Americans, on the other hand, still see gold at the horizon all we notice are storm clouds. The economy is shrinking, and the markets are suffering from free-floating anxiety. The new president, who described himself as a Hope Monger on the campaign trail, spent his first month in office trying to push us into despair so he could convince Congress to pass his rescue legislation.

After Bill Clinton told him he’d gone too far, his rhetoric soared again, and he promised America will be great again. This economic crisis will end. There is no question about that; ask any economist. We don’t know how long it will last or exactly how much it will hurt. But it will end. One day, we will need to replace our cars and our stoves. One day, what economists call pent-up demand will spark commerce and industry back to life. When that happens, some of the people who are taking risks now will be rewarded with extraordinary success. Dynamic fortunes will be made. The great-grand children of those people will recount how their ancestors built their fortunes during the Crisis of 2009.

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Compiled by Bryant Students

"Well...I'd like to have sex this weekend." 

"Are you naked? Are you naked? ...Well get naked.

Person 1: "I'm just going to swallow this and pretend like I never ate it."

Person 2: "That's what she said!"

"See how I slipped that in there?" (haha)

E-mail funny quotes to madams@bryant.edu. We seriously need quotes...we're not kidding.
Celebrate April Fools’ Day with a few unsuspecting friends

Here’s the thing about reading the paper. If you do it, it gives you an advantage over those who don’t.

How can you best use this advantage to show non-readers what fools they be?

We have a few ideas.

Now let’s be clear here. We’re not telling you to play April Fools’ Day jokes on non-readers. We’re just saying, hey, these classic gags are going to be played on somebody. What you do with the following information is entirely up to you.

1. With the kitchen-sink sprayer facing forward and the water off, wrap a rubber band tightly around the trigger so it is blocked in the “on” or “fire” position. When the victim turns on the faucet, they’ll get soaked! But (just remember not to forget) that you’ve done this or you’ll blast yourself!

2. Glue a couple of realistic-looking fake quarters to your driveway or other non-public property. It works better with real quarters, but we hear a few false calls. Then sit back and watch your kids drive themselves batty trying to pick them up. You’ll fall off your porch laughing.

3. Stuff tissues or toilet paper into the toes of your family’s favorite shoes, then watch them struggle to get them on in the morning. “Dang, Mom. Have your feet swollen that much?”

4. After everyone’s asleep, set all the clocks back an hour. Then wake everyone up (at the usual time) screaming about how they overslept, frantic and worried. “We stinker. After everyone’s asleep, set all the clocks back an hour. Then wake everyone up (at the usual time) screaming about how they overslept, frantic and worried. “We stinker. Then sit back and watch them on the big day. Then tell them again. And again. Tease them. Laugh at them. Tell them there’s nothing they can do about it. When April Fools’ Day finally arrives, just sit back and relax as their panic grows with each passing minute. You got ’em all right, and there wasn’t anything they could do about it.

5. If your kids eat apples for lunch, carefully core a thin deep hole in the fruit and then replace the end of the plug. Glue a couple of worms deep inside, then replace the end of the plug to conceal your handiwork. If done right, the first-bite reaction is priceless!

6. Two days before April Fools’ Day, start telling someone how badly you’re going to get them on the big day. Then tell them again. And again. Tease them. Laugh at them. Tell them there’s nothing they can do about it. When April Fools’ Day finally arrives, just sit back and relax as their panic grows with each passing minute. You got ’em all right, and there wasn’t anything they could do about it.

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8. If your family eats cereal for breakfast, remove the plastic bags from the boxes and switch them up. When they go to pour Raisin Flakes, they’ll get Cocoa Flakes! And if you really want to be mean, replace the milk with a mixture of flour and . . . wait, that is too mean. If you use milk in a carton, bring out just drop some food coloring in it. Pink milk anyone?

9. If you work in an office, leave a note on a manly co-worker’s desk saying he has flower pots to pick up at the desk. Have someone who has a voice that the target won’t recognize leave a similar phone message. Then watch and laugh as he rushes to the front desk to give him flowers that just aren’t there.

10. Buy a fake video security camera (available in joke shops and online for around $10). The camera looks real and even moves and turns in red light when it detects motion. Install it in your bathroom, then have a party. The first time a person uses the restroom, have the rest of the guests gather round your TV and laugh loudly enough for the person in the restroom to overhear. When the person returns to the room, they’ll see everyone watching a pre-recorded video tape of the empty bathroom, thinking they were just being watched in there. Can’t make sense are your friends have a good sense of humor. Until the joke is revealed, this one can be embarrassing!

James Rosell, McClatchy Newspapers

Great pranks throughout history

At the Web site www.museum ofhoaxes.com, the greatest April Fools’ Day jokes have been catalogued. It really is amazing what people are gullible enough to believe. Let us help you prepare to be suspicious by recounting a few of the great pranks of all time.

In 1933, the Madison Capital-Times reported that the Wisconsin Capitol had been destroyed by a number of mysterious explosions, attributed to “large quantities of gas, generated by the enormous bacteria in the Capitol air as it collapsed.”

In 1949, a New Zealand radio station announced the air as it collapsed. The station’s technical expert appeared on the news to announce a recently developed technology that would allow viewers to easily convert their existing sets to display color reception. All they had to do was pull a nylon stocking over the screen, and they would begin to see their favorite shows in color. Reports of hundreds of thousands of people clearing the traffic and telling people to get out of the way were reported by the station.

In 1957, the BBC show “Panorama” announced that thanks to a mild winter and the drought of the harmful spaghetti crop, Swiss farmers were enjoying a bumper spaghetti crop. The report included footage of Swiss peasants pulling strands of spaghetti down from trees.

In 1960, the BBC announced on radio that at 9:45 a.m. an unusual astronomical event would take place that listeners could experience in their own homes. He said the planet Pluto would pass behind Jupiter, which would lessen the Earth’s gravity and allow listeners to feel the impact in their own homes. Thousands of astronomers immediately headed to the landing sites, which caused huge traffic jams that lasted for almost an hour. Police had to be called in to clear the traffic and tell people with cameras, camcorders and folding chairs to go home.

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Bulldog Flicks: Watchmen

By Luke Stankiewicz
Staff Writer

Watchmen had the potential to be a poignant social commentary in the form of an allegory involving no quite superheroes set against an all too familiar, yet different, world. Sadly, this fell apart after the first hour as the film slipped into the oblivion of pretentiousness disguised as high intellect. The film isn’t terrible, but is damaged so heavily by its ridiculous running time that it was doomed before it started. The plot is both very simple and utterly complex. There is a group of masked crime fighters that call themselves “Watchmen” who have been working hard to protect society over the past century. The movie takes place in an alternate 1985 where, thanks to the help of the Watchmen, victory was achieved in Vietnam and President Nixon was re-elected five times. I guess there is no constitution in this alternate reality. At some point during the latter 20th century, there was a bill passed by Congress banning driving the whole course of the film, it is a shock that arises not from the brilliance of the writing, but the sheer stupidity of it. Thus, I turn to the film’s ending, but not surprisingly, it turns out to be staggeringly hollow. When you discover what has been driving the whole course of the film, it is a shock that arises not from the brilliance of the writing, but the sheer stupidity of it. Thus, I turn to the film’s length, which is usually not an issue for me since I have no disposition to ADD-like symptoms. However, the movie is at least an hour too long and is riddled with unnecessary scenes of gratuitous violence and sex. This movie features (dare I say) the worst sex scene I’ve ever seen. Set against the familiar song “Hallelujah” from countless other films, halfway through Nite Owl and Silk Spectre II’s “love scene” I felt the urge to throw my cup of soda at the screen in disgust. This, along with a completely useless part where the two aforementioned lovers rescue victims trapped in a burning building added up to a half hour of wasted time. What’s worse is that this length arises not out of necessity, but out of a pretentious need to include as much as possible from the original comic and the flat out arrogance of the director. As much as a filmmaker must believe in what he is doing and be confident in his efficacy, there is a very fine line between genius and arrogance. Watchmen seeks to be too many things at once, a piece of history, an action movie, a social commentary (albeit far out of date), and maybe even a romance. Normally I could forgive all of these things and chalk them up to inexperience. After all, it must be quite tough to take such an extensive source material as a 12 issue comic and turn it into a movie. However, this film crosses all these lines and then pushes it beyond even the furthest limits. To top it all off, a scene which looks outside Ozymandias’ office shows a skyline of New York City, featuring the Twin Towers in center view. I’ll sum up the whole movie based on the extremely infuriating decision to include this shot. Watchmen is an overlong, confusing, and overall average movie that doesn’t just cross the line but is good intentioned to pretentious, but goes well beyond it. If only I could get my money and more importantly my time back.

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From left: Jeffrey Dean Morgan as The Comedian, Malin Akerman as Silk Spectre II, Billy Crudup as Dr. Manhattan, Matthew Goode as Ozymandias, and Patrick Wilson as Nite Owl II.

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**Lil’ Wayne is ‘the best rapper alive’**

By Casey Mulcare

Assistant Sports Editor

Lil’ Wayne has had the music world in the palm of his hand and his I Am Music Tour only tightened his grip. Featuring artists Keri Hilson, Gym Class Heroes and T-Pain, Lil’ Wayne played for a packed house on St. Patrick’s Day.

Opening act Keri Hilson, a pop/hip hop songstress who has worked with stars like Timbaland and Lil’ Wayne, moved quickly through her set. Keri and her band were more than a littlecjbagnoy, as the crowd slowly filed in over the opening acts. She saved her most popular song, Turnin’ Me Loose, for when Lil’ Wayne was on stage at the end of her show, but unfortunately Wayne did not appear early for his verse of the track. Luckily, Keri would make an appearance later in the show.

I felt the show really started with the Gym Class Heroes. The band really spiked the crowd’s energy with popular songs such as their latest, Cookie jar, and their former favorites like Cupid’s Chokehold. Although throwing in a mix of material for apparent badges of honor, the crowd was treated to a mostly early performance from T-Pain’s, such as Hightower. Lil’ Wayne played for a packed house on St. Patrick’s Day. His recent is an Auto tune feature, which distorts the voice of the artists and has become a staple of his music.

Finally, Lil’ Wayne appeared behind one of the many brilliant tracks off of his latest album, Tha Carter III. From that moment on Wayne was the man of the hour as the crowd bobbed and singing to every lyric that came out of his mouth. He broke songs to other songs such as Autotune and T-Pain’s greatest hits with samples of other tracks they appeared on, such as DJ Khalid’s Whatcha Thinkin’.

Over, I know T-Pain isn’t on that track, but it’s Wayne: he can do what he wants. He brought out Keri Hilson and lyrics from the version of Tin Ceiling, much to the delight of the crowd. Wayne then proceeded to perform Tha Carter III off of the track, “Weezy” and Wayne delivered with one of the singles off of Tha Carter III. It was a treat that didn’t disappoint.

I am the best rapper alive” The crowd responded, chanting “Weezy! Weezy!” as he walked off the stage at the Dunkin’ Donuts Center last Tuesday night. Not a single person in the crowd would have disagreed after the show’s performance.

**Lil’ Wayne, otherwise known as ‘Weezy’**

(MCT Campus)

By Katie Hurley

Staff Writer

“In my first memory, I am three years old and I am trying to kill my sister. Sometimes the recollection is so clear that I can remember the itch of the pillowcase under my hand, the sharp point of her forehead digging into my palm,” Anna Fitzgerald, described in the beginning of Jodi Picoult’s breath-taking novel, My Sister’s Keeper. The flawless story line portrays an enriching narrative of a family battling cancer along with life’s everyday obstacles.

Kate Fitzgerald is the older of the two sisters, was diagnosed with leukemia when she was two years old. A year later, Anna Fitzgerald was born, and since then her healthy body has been Kate’s saving angel. Although, Anna is a wholesome child, she has earned the nickname, Kate through donating bone marrow and becoming the necessary body parts to keep Kate alive.

Anna’s life has forever been in the shadow of Kate’s battle against leukemia, and as a consequence a teenager trying to find herself. Anna realizes that this is not the life for her and takes a chance in the hopes that may potentially tear the family apart and cause the death of her sister Kate. Through Picoult’s talented writing, Anna takes her readers on an inspirational journey filled with numerous twists and turns that in the end will produce an unbeatable outcome.

The success of the novel has promoted Jodi Picoult to one of the New York Times bestselling authors of today’s country, and now five years after the publication of the narrative a movie is finally being produced. On June 26, 2009, “My Sister’s Keeper,” the movie’s premiere date.

The film is directed by the prominent Nick Cassavetes, and it includes a distinguished cast including Cameron Diaz, Alex Baldwin, and Jason Patric. Anna Breslin who plays Anna Fitzgerald and Sofia Vassilieva who plays Kate Fitzgerald are said to brilliantly manifest the beauty of this bestselling novel. So if you’re feeling inspired I would highly recommend reading Picoult’s novel. Likewise, keep an eye out for promotions on the movie, “My Sister’s Keeper,” will be the perfect film for a rainy summer day that will uplift its audience with such an awe-inspiring plot.

**Feeling inspired?**

**In our own backyard: Spring time in Providence**

By Erin Madore

Staff Writer

All around Rhode Island you can hear people cheer as winter’s cold and blustery days are over and the promise of tulips and sunshine. Rhode Island’s favorite flip-flops is in the air. Last Friday was the first day of Spring, and in the southern hemisphere, the beginning of the changing of seasons. So where do we start?

If you skipped Salmo or ate early you’re going to want to start your bright spring day with a filling lunch. The best way to start is an absolute favorite restaurant of mine – Citron, located in the historic plaza right across from Capitol Grille. Citron has a wonderful atmosphere full of bright colors and a cozy and comfortable fish setup. The reason I literally mean every time I visit Citron? The seared mahi mahi. Made from organic burger, these seagulls are by far the best I have ever had. In the mood for something a little lighter? The Smoke Turkey Sándwich and Crispy Flounder are amazing and served with hand cut fries. Between the stunning surroundings and phenomenal food (without atrocious prices) Citron is definitely the best place to start.

After eating a "moulin-ouat-lunch," leave Citron and meander under the bridge towards the river, which is in fact where they start Waterfire. All the construction that has been going on around the river, the city is teeming with life and beauty. As you walk down Waterfire, I’d recommend a short detour to the Providence Place Mall. Butterfield is a quaint little shop offering beautiful home goods, jewelry, and bedding. The most unique store on the street is definitely OOP, OOP is whithum a whimsical cute and quirky and lets your imagination run wild with decorations to fill your dorm rooms and apartments.

Looking for contemporary and hip clothing for flipping out in the town? Clover offers men and women’s clothing for all types of occasions but they’re all simply stunning. Another clothing line of mine is Elsa Arms, an upscale women’s clothing boutique that offers the newest styles rivaling even the most chic shops on Boston’s Newbury St. Strolling down Westminster, and visiting all the unique shops will have you forgetting all about Providence Place and enjoying the beautiful weather.

There is no question that the best way to end the day is by grabbing a hot drink and relax. Now, normally I would never suggest you visit a commercial café, however, the Starbucks located in the bottom of the Biltmore Hotel offers a view of downtown Providence and the park. This is the perfect place to grab a cappuccino, a cookie and a window seat to watch all the students and young professionals also enjoying the spring day. Surely an ideal way to end a successful day full of shopping and great food all found only 20 minutes away in downtown Provi- dence.

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