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The dance-a-thon was a sensation raising $4,000 total for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. “We greatly exceeded 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. Kate Machiely 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.

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“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.”

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Hillel engages community in holiday events

By Jessica Miles

Campus News Editor

A new year marks a makeover for Bryant’s Hillel, as they walk the campus in blue t-shirts featuring the Hebrew “chai” on their backs. This is Hillel’s latest means to get the word out about the organization. I sat down with Jessica Beck, Treasurer of the Bryant chapter, and spoke with her about the initiative. Hillel is sending to the Bryant community, “We are trying to get people to ask about Hillel. We’re gaining momentum and we really want to make 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 Samter.

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 Culuski where Hillel members will conduct a traditional Passover religious service and a kosher Passover dinner featuring the Seder plate.

Want to know which Bryant students will be in attendance at the Seder? Join us April 3rd at 7pm in Janikies Theater. The event allows the festival to a detailed list of high schools and additional colleges encouraging their students to submit work to the festival.

As Hillel prepares for the Passover Seder, they also prepare for this year’s Passover Seder.

Members of Hillel prepare for this year’s Passover Seder.

By Jessica Komoroski

Assistant Editor-in-Chief

Since the Student Arts and Speaker series (SASS) started this fall, the committee has worked to bring student-centered arts and cultural events to campus. First born from the Student Involvement fee, the committee has brought a wide involvement fee, the committee has brought a wide

Student-made films showcased in Bulldog Film Festival

By Jessica Komoroski

Assistant Editor-in-Chief

The event allows Bryant students, and students throughout New England, to present their artwork to an audience of their peers.

The event will encourage the student body to explore the culture with members of our community members to attend our annual Seder. We would love to use this as an opportunity to share our culture with students, and students throughout New England in the “Bulldog Film Festival.” The festival will include films made by Bryant students and there will be a cash prize for the best films.

The event’s planning committee includes faculty members Tom Dooley, Elizabeth Walden and Tom Roach who served as liaisons for schools in the surrounding area; these individuals sought the help of their colleagues to provide their sessions.

By Stacie Berdan

Author of Going Abroad

Date: Saturday, March 28, 2009
Location: Bello Grand Hall
Time: 11:00am to 4:00pm

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Phunk Phenomenon hits a beat

By Bryant Army ROTC

Contributing Writers

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 cadre 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, for ROTC there are many 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 captain, 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 instructive 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, and 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!

Bryant student to commission as US Army infantry officer

Green Pitch another step in campus-wide initiative

By Emily Murphy

Copy Editor

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, the creator of Monster Lab at Monster Worldwide (owners of Monster.com), and Michael Cohen, the Executive-in-Residence and Partner at Wilson Allen L.L.C. Joining them was Ron Mondillo, the Principal of RAM Marketing, Dave Potter, CEO of Momentum Venture Associates and COO of Previser Health Solutions, Dean Jack Triffis, 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 Colle-giate Entrepreneurs’ Organization.

On March 23rd Lili 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.

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EDU, Troy Hatlevig, the creator of Monster Lab at Monster Worldwide (owners of Monster.com), and 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 Hatlevig, 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.L.C. Joining them was Ron Mondillo, the Principal of RAM Marketing, Dave Potter, CEO of Momentum Venture Associates and COO of Previser Health Solutions, Dean Jack Triffis, 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.

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**DPS LOG**

**EMT CALL**  Medical Services Rendered  
MAR 16 2009-Monday at 04:14  
Location: RESIDENCE HALL  
Summary: A report of a person feeling ill. EMS was activated.

**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: A report of a student who found marijuana in his vehicle.

**DISORDERLY**  Disturbance  
MAR 18 2009-Wednesday at 20:55  
Location: UNISTRUCTURE  
Summary: An activated smoke detector. System was reset.

**LARCENY**  (Over $500)  
MAR 20 2009-Friday at 22:41  
Location: RESIDENCE HALL  
Summary: A report of a stolen safe from a room.

**DISORDERLY**  Dispute  
MAR 20 2009-Friday at 02:16  
Location: SENIOR APARTMENT ROAD  
Summary: A report of three vehicles being damaged.

**DRUG**  Possession of Marijuana  
MAR 21 2009-Saturday at 15:19  
Location: RESIDENCE HALL  
Summary: Three students were arrested by the Smithfield Police for possession of marijuana.

**BIAS INCIDENTS**  None Reported  
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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, natural origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, or gender status. Examples of these incidents include name calling, offensive language/acts, 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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**¡Viva! Beisball**  
Showing in Janikies on Tuesday, March 31, 2009  
7 p.m.

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This film addresses issues of stereotypes, discrimination, and cultural divide.

All are welcome to attend!

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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 North 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 boost 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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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 are 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 member, 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.

RELAY FOR LIFE UPCOMING EVENTS!

Purple Out! Men’s Lax 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!

Archway applications are now available!

Editorial and Executive Board applications for 2009-2020 will be accepted until Friday, April 3rd! Act now and become a part of one of Bryant’s Major Organizations!

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Geithner seeks expanded power over financial firms

By William Douglas
MCT Campus

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner called Tuesday for new powers to regulate giant nonbank financial companies, such as insurance giant American International Group (AIG), 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 expedi- tiously, remove their bad as- sets and sell their good assets to competitors. The powers that Geithner seeks are simi- lar to what the Federal De- posit Insurance Corp. has over national banks.

The proposed resolution authority would allow the government to give finan- cial assistance to make loans to an institution, purchase its obligations or assets, assume or guarantee its liabilities and purchase an equ- ity stake in it. Geithner said the legislation would fill a significant void in the current financial-services regulatory structure with respect to nonbank companies.

Geithner said, “AIG highlights broad fail- urs in the financial system,” and that it un- derscores why action must be taken to ensure that such dangers never menace the nation again.

The Obama administration will lay out more proposals for new provisions on fi- nancial regulation Thursday. It will do so in advance of a G-20 meeting of leaders from the world’s 20 major economies, at which Euro- peans will push hard for stronger regulation of global financial markets.

The White House has voiced wars on ceding too much authority over U.S. markets to international institutions. However, Presi- dent Barack Obama said Tuesday that he would push at the G-20 meeting for greater regulation by hedge funds and other nonbank financial institutions that, like AIG, could af- fect the world economy.

Geithner said he’d give more details of the administration’s regulatory plan Thursday when he testified again before the committee.

House Financial Services Committee Chair- man Barney Frank, D-Mass., appeared sup- portive of the administration’s call.

“We need to give something elsewhere in the federal government... the authority to do what the FDIC can do with banks,” Frank said. “It’s called resolving authority, but giving somebody... a form of bankruptcy power given under the Constitution... allows us to avoid the choice of nothing: Nothing in the case of Lehman Brothers, all in the case of AIG.”

Lawmakers grilled the two senior officials anew about whether the $165 million in bonuses paid to AIG employees. Gei- thner and Bernanke restated their displeasure over AIG’s retention bonuses and vowed to work with Congress to pre- vent excessive bonuses or re- wards going to the employees of firms that receive federal bailout money.

Bernanke testified that he had con- sidered suing to block the AIG bonuses but his legal department persuaded him not to. Bernanke said that if the Treasury had the power it now sought, “the bonus issue would not have arisen.”

“I share the anger and frustration of the American people, not just about the compensation practices at AIG and in other parts of our financial system, but that our system per- mit a scale of risk-taking that has caused grave damage to the fortunes of all Ameri- cans,” Geithner said.

However, while Geithner said he found the bonuses repugnant, he said that there was no choice but to pay them because they were part of legally binding contracts.

“We need to strike the right balance between encouraging investment and prudent risk-taking to get our financial system moving again, and, on the other hand, placing limits on executive compensation to avoid taxpayer-funded rewards for failure,” he said.

Do you agree with the Treasury’s pursuit of 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 Bernard Madoff will forever be infamous for the largest “ponzi” scheme ever carried out by a single person. In December of 2008, Mr. Madoff admitted he was uncer- tain 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 oth- ers, by promising the success is real. 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 inves- ting firm in which the investor ripped off his or her clients.

Madoff had client lists that included some of the wealthiest men and women in the United States and around the country. Madoff, being Jewish, had strong connections to Jewish investors as well as local Jewish organizations. Mort Zuckerman, Eli Wiesel and Steven Spielberg were among the clients of Bernie Madoff. Other reported celebrity victims include base- ball 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 the people 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 Massachusegidxzfis. These organizations worked with Jew- ish families all over the North Shore and the lack of funds will cripple their impact on the lives of thousands of people.

In December of 2008, Madoff told his sons he would be giving away millions of dollars in bonuses, much earlier 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 lawyers who later contacted authorities, ending Madoff’s run as a fraudulent investor.

Bernie Madoff recently moved from his penthouse apart- ment to a jail cell in New York City, where he is likely to spend the rest of his life. Madoff hurt his clients financially, as well as the general public. 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 their fallen patriarch, 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 LoRusso 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 Viguers 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 LoRusso went the full nine innings and allowed just three hits as he picked up his second win and led the Bulldogs to a 5-1 win.

Bryant's offense continued to click as they pushed their hitting streak 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.

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 Jordan English and Kevin Cobb led off to load the bases. Tom Norton drove in the winning run with an infield single. Reliever Mark Andrews entered the game in the bottom of the ninth and kept Monmouth scoreless to pick up his fourth save of the year. Skagerlind and English led the Bryant offense with two hits apiece.

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

Men's Lax rallies vs. Penn, 15-11

A 4-1 deficit to open the game wouldn't deter a comeback for the Bryant University men's lacrosse team, as sophomore Matt Larson (Cheshire, Conn.) and freshman Travis Harrington (Vesal, N.Y.) lit up the net with a combined nine goals in the Bulldogs' 15-11 victory over the University of Pennsylvania, 15-11, Sunday afternoon at the Bryant Turf Complex.

Harrington netted a career-high four goals and added a pair of assists to lead the game in points scored while Larson scored five tallies - three of them unassisted - leading five Bryant scorers in the win, four of them recording multi-goal outings.

Freshman Jameson Love (Darien, Conn.) also came up huge between the pipes for the bulldogs, making a number of bigtime stops en route to a career-high 16 saves, anchoring a defense that faced 45 Quaker shots.

Bryant (6-4) got off to a timid start, pulling pressure on an offense that ripped off 14 shots in the opening frame. Craig Andrzejewski opened the scoring for Penn (1-5) at the four-minute mark with an unassisted goal before teammate Terry Kennedy made it 2-0 in the away team's favor with 8:45 to play in the first period.

Larson scored his first tally just over a minute later off a feed from Gary Crowley (Scituate, Mass.) to cut the deficit to just one goal, 2-1, but Andrzejewski answered almost immediately with a goal to up the Quakers' lead to 3-1.

Bryant would never again trail for the remainder of the contest.

"Tim is one of our freshman stalwarts in the defensive end," said Pressler. "I thought he played his best game today. We've seen him do it in practice, and it's great to see him perform on game day too."

"When we went up 5-4 early on, the momentum shifted," said Pressler. "We were taking the play to them and that was the difference. We were more aggressive, more physical, tougher on the loose balls. And that was something we had to do."

But that didn't mean Penn wouldn't make it interesting.

A triple-team of Max Weisenberg (Long Beach, N.Y.) dished off a quick pass to Harrington in close, allowing the freshman to deposit his second-consecutive goal with 5:42 to go to give Bryant a 6-4 edge before Penn threatened the lead with a goal from Gary Heederman.

But Kaufmann answered immediately, making good on a pass across the cage from leading scorer Zack Greer (Whitby, Ont.), who started the play by picking up a key contested ground ball near the sideline.

And just as Penn seemed to have gouged the last push before intermission - Drew Collins scored with 45 seconds left - Harrington made it his first career hat trick on an identical goal, again from Greer, to take an 8-6 advantage into the halftime break.

"We were certainly glad we were back in the game, but we knew that we had to come out and regain the momentum that we finished the half with," said Pressler of the feeling at halftime. "They cut it to one twice but we never let

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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 lack 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.

Since the NFL instituted overtime in 1947, 49 percent of overtime games were decided on the first possession. The accuracy and range of the league's kickers is higher than ever and could account for the increased percentage.

The league will not act 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 weight 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) goal field 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 excitement and we have an opportunity to play defense. So I think for now that's the system we're going to stay with."

When Carstenson was president and general manager, the Chiefs on more than one occasion sponsored a proposal that would provide each team at least one possession in overtime. The proposal failed each time, and the Chiefs made no effort to change the rule this year.

"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 extremely exciting. Our current system does resolve ties. This 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 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 which is it they feel 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've played 180 games, exposes you to injury risk, and they'd just as soon let's battle it out during regulation and if you can't win it in regulation, then 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 matches 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 Stallions' Austin Wilkins 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 Harrington assisted 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 because we needed a lidgawyzle more firepower on offense and we have an opportunity to play defense. So I think for now that's the system we're going to stay with."
C-10-11, 14.3ERA, 1.18whip
I bet you wouldn't have guessed the player A (with clearly the best numbers) is Daisuke Matsuzaka, who continues to be criticized for pitch limits. However, my expectations. Players B and C (with very comparable numbers but vastly different defensive and fielding statistics) are Josh Beckett and Tim Wakefield, respectively. Given the success of Jon Lester in addition to this, I fail to understand why we continue to label Beckett as the staff ace.
- The recent 4-6 stretch the Celtics went through without KG showed how overrated Paul Pierce is (sorry, but the front five top 20 player in my book) and expanded how bad Al Battier defensive deficiencies (he doesn't look quite as quick without KG bailing him out when he gets burned). There are the statistics for two basketball players.
A 2.86 SFG, 7.69 3APG, 33.3% on 3PGA, 12.9% on 3FGA, 9.49RTG, 3.5APG, 13.2% on 3FGA. B is LeBron James, whose identified flaw is outside shooting. Playing shooting Michael Jordan at the age of 50, think his game has run out of gas. A: OK. A: argument I heard from the Bulldogs, understanding this is harder to pick all the winners or all the losers in the first round of the NCAA tournament? "Zack Greer epitomizes all the essential qualities for which the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award stands," said Bryant Director of Athletics Bill Smith. "He is a standout, not only on the field, but also in the classroom and in the community. He has been a stellar example of what we look for in our Bryant student-athletes and we are proud to have Zack as a member of our Bulldog family." Greer showed the ultimate act of loyalty at the end of the 2008 season, proving true character when he forwent the MLL and NLL drafts to spend his extra season of eligibility with the Bulldogs after graduating with an undergraduate degree from Duke University.
- His total points and assists are the highest in the nation and the NCAA. Greer has given the Bulldogs added experience and leadership.
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“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.”
- Marisa Bono ’11

“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.”
- Pat Helmas ’11

“I ate a penny once.”
- Anthony Iannello ’11

Compiled by Amanda Dunn and Ashley McNamara
Students fighting? Let them cage fight!

By Michael Adams
Opinion Editor

I need to remember the scene before we really got going here. Remember in high school, when two kids would shove each other against lockers, fighting over the 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 letting them “duke it out”, as the former principal stated. Administrators would watch the students fight. The principal has since resigned over 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 have 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 given the lovely high school environment these days.

The article did a live broadcast which was dedicated to all the Rihanna fans. Ad-

rributed to dating relationships. 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, 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...

• is 회원 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 it will never happen again? Rihanna is not alone and sadly some of her young fans are blaming her for provoking his violent attacks against her.

• Violence in any relationship is NOT normal and it is not acceptable. Hitting someone, pushing, shoving, putting your hand through a wall is NEVER ok. No matter how much you may provoked or ticked off or irritated, violence is not an acceptable response. Period.

• Rihanna is no different from any other woman who bears 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 lis- ten to some of his fans, Rihanna brought this on her- self. 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 invol-

volved 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?

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• ridicules or engages in name calling

• dictators of how the other person dresses

• is fearful of the other’s temper

• is overly possessive or gets jealous about ordinary behavior

• makes the other person feel bad about herself/himself

• 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 you need 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 6230 or the Chaplain’s Office at x 6139. As Oprah said to Rihanna, “If he hits you once, he will hit you again.” – words that need to be heard. Please don’t do anything to exacerbate the relationship.
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. Optimism 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 secret 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 failures of utopian ideologies. Even the idealists there seem tainted with dark suspicion. America’s sunny outlook is quietly mocked in the continent, with Europeans sounding like the mature adults who smile knowingly at the naive enthusiasm of dreamy young ones across the sea.

In Latin America and much of the developing world, the odds of dramatically changing one’s station in life are so remote that poor people are taking risks now will be rewarded with extraordinary success. Dynastic fortunes will be made. The great-grand children of those people will recount how their ancestors built their fortunes during the Crisis of 2009.

My Iraqi friend has arrived at a time when the country’s confidence is being tested. I still believe he would prove the greatest obstacle in their post-Soviet life. After all, time and time again their attempts at a better life had brought ruin. For all the troubles the United States has seen, and the countries it has share after more than 200 years, America’s past has encapsulated some of the most devastating experiences that have befallen the world. It’s easy to see how disaster has a way of sapping the sweet syrup out of optimism. The experiences of Sept. 11 and New Orleans after Katrina showed us we can wake up one day and find our world tragically transformed in a few hours.

My friend from Iraq has now arrived in this country. The America she has come to is not the land of optimism. The latest measure of consumer confidence shows that when we squint into 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 to move to America.

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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Bryant Said What?!

“...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.
Great pranks throughout history

The BBC show “Panorama” fooled viewers with a story on spaghetti crops. As the report detailed a drought that threatened crop yields, viewers were encouraged to contact their MPs to urge them to “bear down” on the European Commission to prevent the price of pasta from rising. This prank was revealed as false when the report later showed footage of people eating spaghetti.

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 greatest pranks of all time.

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Bulldog Flicks: Watchmen

By Luke Stankiewicz  Staff Writer

Watchmen had the potential to be a poignant so- cial commentary in the form of an allegory involving not 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 obliv- ion 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 be- fore 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 alter- nate 1985 where, thanks to the help of the Watchmen, vic- tory was achieved in Viet- nam and Presi- dent Nixon was re-elected five times. I guess there is no con- stitution in this alternate reality. At some point during the latter 20th century, there was a bill passed by Con- gress banning the use of masked vigi- lantes, forcing the Watchmen to disband. Now as the threat of nuclear war with Russia grows ever more imminent, the world looks to the Watchmen as their last chance for salvation. There’s more to it, but it’s mostly useless back stories and meaningless side plots. One of the most annoying things about this movie is that nearly every plot twist and development is later revealed to be backhanded. When Nite Owl looks out at a dirty, crime-infested Manhattan street where a riot had just taken place, he asks what happened to the American Dream. The Com-edian aptly points out that “It came true, you’re look- ing at it.” Maybe it’s because of all the hype, or maybe it’s because I’m sick of filmmakers capitalizing on the latest trend (in this case graphic novel based movies), but I feel inclined to be quite harsh on this film. With a movie that is nearly three hours I ex- pect something extraordinary, such as Lord of the Rings or Forrest Gump. Sadly, I got nothing near it. To start, the plot is quite thin. I won’t reveal the ending, but not surprisingly, it turns out to be stag- geringly 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. How- ever, the movie is at least an hour too long and is riddled with unnecessary scenes of gratuitous vio- lence 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 pre- tentious 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. Watch- men 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. Nor- mally 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 mate- rial as a 12 issue comic and turn it into a movie. However, this film crosses all these lines and then pushes it be- yond even the furthest limits. 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Watchmen is an overlong, confusing, and overall average movie that doesn’t just cross the line into pretentiousness, but also works well be- yond it. If only I could get my money and more im- portantly my time back. If you want to see this movie done right, go watch Spider-Man 2. I give this “film” 2 out of 5 Bulldogs, and that’s generous.

Buds and Suds: Harpoon IPA

By Michael Adams and J-Kwan  Staff Writers

We had to call Michael’s Dad for a recommendation for this week. We decided that an IPA, or Indian Pale Ale, would be the microbrew of choice for this week. Har- poon is brewed in both Massachusetts and Vermont. It’s a brightly colored label with a bright red cap. Now, it’s time to get down to the details. Here’s how these bi-weekly reviews are going to work: we will tell you our first reactions verbatim, and then we will go into appearance, smell, taste, mouth-feel, drinkability, and price followed by the infamous beer mug rating, similar to the bulldog ratings that are done on the movie reviews. Here we go.

Michael’s Reaction: “It’s OK. Nice, bold flavor.”  J-Kwan’s Reaction: “It’s very crisp.”

Appearance: Golden brown, not too much head.

Smell: “thick” smell. The way beer is supposed to smell.

Taste: This is a moderately heavy beer with great fla- vor and a lingering after-taste. An IPA, we have deter- mined, is quite an acquired taste for those of you trying out your first brewski.

Mouth-Feel: Lots of carbonation with a smooth bubb- lify feeling.

Drinkability: This is not one those “funnel that beer” beers. You definitely need to take your time on drink- ing this one and appreci- ate the craft brewery that it came from. Overall, we loved the taste, and look forward to trying other beers from the Harpoon Brewery.

Price: $8.89 for a 6-pack

This beer earned 3 out of 4 mugs
**Spring time in Providence**

In our own backyard:

I am the best rapper alive. The crowd responded, chanting “Weezy! Weezy!” as he walked off the stage at the Dunkin’ Donuts.

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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 others like Cupid’s Chocolat. Although throwing in a mix of recent hits in theater band a rap/hip hop concert may seem like a reach, Gym Class Heroes has the advantage of having a very cross-genre sense that many people could, and did enjoy.

As a side note, the stage and music setup crew moved through the band setup very quickly. Some concerts it seems to take up to an hour to switch the setups between acts. Transitions very smoothly and the crowd waited no longer than twenty minutes for each act to start.

Now T-Pain could hold his own concert and sell out the Dunk by himself, so to have him in this concert was nothing short of a treat. Fun fact: T-Pain can dance. He moves very well and the crowd responded by dancing right along with every song he played. T-Pain has mostly built his fame from appearing on other artists tracks, so he continued with what has worked for him by playing short segments of songs he has been a part of, such as the 2 Step Remix originally by DJ Unk.

He then moved on to some of his favorite local artists such as Irwin and Me On a Drink but also worked in new songs off his latest album Thr33 Rings. One of my favorites from T-Pain’s performance was off of Thr33 Rings titled Keep Going - a song dedicated to fans of the rapper’s. This song is a perfect combination of T-Pain’s skills as well as his voice, which most of the time is gargled by the growing Autistic Atitude. Many songs distort the voice of the artist and has become a staple in many of his tracks.

Finally, Lil’ Wayne appeared behind one of the many brilliant tracks off of his latest album Tha Carter III. From that moment on Wayne took over the show and the crowded bobbing and singing to every lyric that came out of his mouth. He brought out DJ Unk to do their light Parasol and with samples with other tracks they appeared on, such as DJ Khalid’s Wiz Takin’ Over. I know T-Pain isn’t on that track, but it’s Wayne; he can do what he wants.

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

(MCT Campus)

Other songs off of Tha Carter III, such as Ms. Officer, Lollipop, La La, Plane Home and Missunderstood. He also threw in some of his older hits like Fireman, fully equipped with sewer fire throwers mounted on a lit up truck. He also performed some of his multiple mix tapes, such as DaBabyBoy.

The energy level was always sky high, whether the song was meant for the dance clubs or reflecting on life. Just when you thought Wayne was getting tired, he would come back with another high energy hit. I have attended many different kinds of concerts, from hard rock to country to hip hop, but this show took the cake. I am proud to say my section started the mandatory encore including chant of “Weezy” and Wayne delivered with one of the singles off of Tha Carter III that almost didn’t make the album in the first place. A Mil!

At that point I left the show drained and completely convinced that Lil’ Wayne is one of the best performers in the hip hop/rap genre out there. While St. Patrick’s Day may seem like an odd partner for a Lil’ Wayne concert, I know that I will always put the two together, as I won’t soon forget such a highly entertaining show.

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**In our own backyard:**

**Spring time in Providence**

By Casey Mulcare

Assistant Sports Editor

Center last Tuesday night. Not a single person in the crowd would have disagreed after the best performance.

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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 trees sprouting and the first of favorite flip-flips is in the air. Last Friday was the first day of Spring, and in the northwestern hour the colors of the changing of Rhode Island I have come up with the perfect outfit, or rather a shoe.

All you need is a pair of comfy shoes (lace up is okay), socks that can be pulled over your feet for a day, don’t care whether you wear away or not, a small supply of cash, and a camera to document all the fun you and your friends are going to have. When I think of Spring in Providence there is one area in particular that is a favorite of mine – downtown. The area stretches all the way along the water and simply enjoy the weather. Once you’re done enjoying the river and sight-seeing, you’re done and simply enjoy the weather. Once you’re done enjoying the river and sight-seeing, you’re done enjoying the river and sight-seeing.

There is one main street in downtown Providence that is a perfect place to do this and hip and unique shops that offer clothing and accessories for every taste – West End.

There are a dozen or so local and unique stores that offer apparel, jewelry, and goods that you could never find at 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 OOF. OOF is where whimsical meets 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 figures big and small the town? Clover offers men and women’s clothing for all types of occasions but they’re all simply stunning. Another favorite of mine is Elisa Arms, an upscale women’s clothing boutique that offer the newest styles rivaling even the most chic stores on Boston’s Newbury St. Strolling down West End and visiting all the unique shops will have you forgetting all about your pressure point and enjoying the beautiful weather.

There is no question that the best way to end a day is to go out for dinner, but except for 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 muffin 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 Providence.

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**Feeling inspired?**

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 theтич of the pillowcase under my hand, the sharp point of her face pressing into my palm,” Anna Fitzgerald describes in the beginning of Jodi Picoult’s breathing tale My Sister’s Keeper. The flaw story line portrays an enriching narrative of a family battling cancer along with life’s everyday obstacles.

Kate Fitzgerald, 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 early cancer signs. Kate is her sister through donor and simply enjoy the weather. Once you’re done enjoying the river and sight-seeing, you’re done and simply enjoy the weather. Once you’re done enjoying the river and sight-seeing.

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