Bryant hosts Special Olympics on May 3

By Jenna Morris
Staff Writer

Bryant University will host the Northern Rhode Island Special Olympics on Sunday, May 3rd. The Special Olympics committee held the first ever Kick-Off event in the Rotunda on April 8th, which proved to be a huge success. The student body at Bryant clearly showed an interest in the Special Olympics event on campus, and over 120 students signed up to volunteer at the event.

The Special Olympics committee has been hard at work planning, promoting, and raising money for this event for months. The volunteer committee has planned numerous events to raise money for the Northern Rhode Island Special Olympics, including an annual fundraiser on Thursday, April 23rd at the Smithfield Crossing Uno’s. The committee cannot wait to see all of their hard work finally come together on the day of games. “I think this event sends a very positive impact on Bryant. It gives students a chance to come and be a part of an amazing organization,” says Assistant Games Director, Stephanie Kirk.

The games this year will be dedicated to Mack Qualls, a former athlete from the Lincoln North Stars who recently passed away. His coach, Barbara Crosby, attended one of the committee’s meetings and told us of Mack’s story and brought pictures of him, his teammates, and family. He was a very dedicated and positive athlete, who continued to participate in all of the Special Olympics games, even after he lost his ability to speak and walk. His teammates all loved him and will greatly miss him at this year’s event.

People with intellectual disabilities and their families have many obstacles to overcome, yet the athletes in Special Olympics and the other people involved with this organization are so dedicated to these games and are an inspiration. “Too often people in business and students are too focused on small and insignificant tasks, yet no one ever stops to think about what life is like for those with intellectual disabilities. I can only imagine what these athletes and their families have overcome in their personal and social lives…” This event has helped me keep faith that there are good people out there who are willing to give their time and effort for nothing in return,” says Lauren Gainor, Games Director.

Several obstacles have been experienced firsthand by Nick Mancuso, this year’s Student Senate Liaison. “My brother Thomas was born with Down Syndrome. Since then I have worked tirelessly for inclusion, creating support networks for people with special needs, and making sure that we all get afforded the same opportunities regardless of our abilities and disabilities.”

Got marketing? Purple Cow moooves into Bryant

By Matthew Juszczyn
Contribution Writer

Bryant’s CEO organization recently held its third annual Purple Cow Competition. The competition, designed to help local businesses enhance their marketing plans and find new ways to compete, teaches students about real world business challenges and allows students to combine what they learned in the classroom and adapt it to help companies. The event was organized by Emily Murphy and Haley Trenholm.

This year, All That Matters requested that Bryant students help them re-tool their marketing plan. The company’s owner, Joan Dwyer, dropped out of college in search of her passion and “learned a lot about real world business challenges and allowed students to combine what they learned in the classroom and adapt it to help companies.”

All That Matters is the largest yoga studio in New England, employs more than 60 workers and offering additional services such as healing and self-development workshops.

In response to All That Matter’s need for new marketing perspectives and ideas, students submitted a written proposal to the CEO Executive Board, and six teams advanced to the final round to be judged by company representatives and CEO advisor Mike Robero. Participants were asked to develop a logo that is simple and spirit to and create an alternative to the relatively ineffective catalog that All That Matters dedicates 95% of their advertising budget to. In addition to the need for a new advertising media, All That Matters also wants to focus on changing their advertising message to appeal to a male audience. 

Caitlyn Vandervelde (Class of 2011) suggested that the company expand into the radio or TV market by developing a commercial that highlights some of the company’s core competencies. She also suggested the use of monthly specials and discount cards that would help create an incentive for people to visit and become customers. Vandervelde proposed that one way to attract more male clientele could be by changing the company’s work place stress management program, which could be expanded rapidly by coordinat-
**Purple Cow**

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(2011) thought that the company’s holistic aspect would be useful for hospitals and to those who are sick and threatened by major diseases and that physical therapy offices could use some of the services of All That Matters to create long-term customers. To attract men, Gorman proposed targeting football games and shops through the use of flyers. With regards to the company’s dependence on the catalog, Gorman suggested that separating the catalog and organizing it by services would likely lower costs and make it more readable.

Tyler Murphy (Class of 2011) conducted market research when he developed his marketing proposal for All That Matters. From his research, he determined that four words enter the minds of potential customers when they view the company’s advertising materials: peaceful, harmony, spiritual, and meditation. Murphy wants to see the company reposition its brand to focus on: power, serenity, and fitness by pursuing a major fitness, tennis, and yoga event and creating a membership program for men.

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**Students recognized at Media Banquet**

**By Brigit Clancy**

**Variety Editor**

The Seventh Annual Media Banquet took place on Thursday, April 16th in Bello Grand Hall. The Media Banquet allows students involved in the media organizations on campus to come together and be recognized for their great achievements with an award presentation.

This year’s Media Banquet featured Susan Hogan as the keynote speaker. Hogan is a reporter on WGBH’s “Evening Edition.” She has produced and written over 900 pieces for the show over the course of her career.

Hogan discussed her journey through the world of communication, beginning with college. She graduated from Syracuse University, with a degree in Consumer Studies. She later began her television career working at WCVB-TV in Boston. Hogan spoke of her desire to produce and report on stories. Her desire brought her to Bangor, Maine where she began her on-air career as anchor and consumer reporter at the ABC affiliate. In September of 1992, Hogan joined the Eyewitness News Team as the consumer reporter, where she has been ever since. Hogan is admirable for her drive and dedication to the world of communication.

After Hogan concluded her inspiring speech, the seniors within each media organization were acknowledged for their efforts throughout the year. The Art Expo was the first event which was given a round of applause for their achievements.

Following the recognition of seniors, awards were presented to the students involved in each media organization. Each organization — The Archway, The Ledger, the Media Production Club, and WJMF 88.7 FM — presented its own awards to its members. The Archway, Bryant’s student-run newspaper, presented awards to five of its members. The New Staff Member of the Year award was awarded to Kaleigh Durkin. Writer of the Year was given to Cristina Cox. Staff Member of the Year was given to Michael Yakavonis, the Editor of the Year award was given to Michael Adams, and photo intern Alex Miles received the Editor’s Choice Award. The Ledger, Bryant’s yearbook, presented three awards. The Production Assistant of the Year was given to Dan Agostinucci. First Frame Up Award was awarded to Jeff Smith. Most Reliable Cinematographer Award was given to Alberto DeCosta Calla and Lani Autinico. Show of the Year Award was given to Jessica Clark, Devon McCarthy, and Christopher Claude for the Morning Delight show. Production Excellence Award went to Mark Laslo.

Art Expo shows students in a new light

**By Fira Zainal**

**Staff Writer**

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**By Nick Poche**

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Sexual abuse is one of the most traumatic events that can happen to you. From day one, we are here to help you overcome the pain, trauma and feeling of isolation so that you can move ahead with your life.

On Friday, April 17th Relay for Life took place on the Bryant University Track. The event began at 4:00pm with the Survivor’s Lap. There were 19 Survivors in attendance this year, walking because they are fighting, or have won the fight against cancer in their own lives. A new addition to this year’s lap was the virtual survivor which allowed over 12 students to walk to honor cancer survivors who could not attend Relay because of distance, illness or other reasons.

The emotional Luminaria Ceremony was held at 9:00pm, where Luminaria bags lined the track and were lit with candles. Bryant Alumni ’08, Pat Sullivan was the honorary speaker during this ceremony. He delivered a truly memorable, and touching speech about his mother’s battle and ultimate loss of the fight against cancer, explaining the true reason why he Relay. After the touching speech, a Smithfield resident who resides next to Bryant and was moved by the speech came to the track to make a donation in honor of Sullivan’s mother, which was presented to Sullivan.

Colleges Against Cancer Secretary Stephanie Barone commented “Pat gave an incredible speech that touched every person standing in front of him. He is a wonderful inspiration to the Bryant community and we all know how truly proud his mother would be.” A silent lap in memory of all those who have lost the battle to cancer concluded this ceremony.

Amidst all of the emotions tied to an event such as this, there was time for fun. Fun Enterprises was around all night drawing caricatures and making photo key-chains for Relay participants to take home. Amazing performances by Bryant’s very own Professor Swift, Rich Ferri, Mandie Dunn Band, Professor Houston, DJ Kevin Javier and WJMF were enjoyed throughout the night. The first annual Relay for Life Dodgeball tournament was held at 1:00am, and Team Pink Kitties took home the prize.

The Fight Back Ceremony was held at 6:00am, and was a time to gather support of all participants to take charge and really learn how to battle the disease. Survivor Sarah Risiko from Bridgewater State University spoke about her life as a cancer survivor and why it is important to be aware of the dangers of the disease. The ceremony ended with participants knocking down piñatas labeled cancer, to symbolize how we are all working to fight to find a cure for the disease.

The event was a huge success, shattering all previous Bryant Relay records. This year over $80,000 has already been raised, and donations are still coming in through August. The success of this event was in large part due to the amazing director, Bridget McNulty and Assistant Director Katie Shea who devoted countless hours to planning this event.

Vice President of Colleges Against Cancer, Nickie Archambault had nothing but positive comments about this year’s committee. “The Relay committee chairs continue to expand this event with creative ideas to get the whole Bryant community involved. I consider myself very fortunate to be able to work with Bridget and this year’s Relay for Life committee. I have never had the opportunity to work with a group of more passionate and dedicated individuals. Our event was a huge success because we had an excellent leader and a committee who continuously supported her efforts to do more for the cause. Everyone involved should be very proud of themselves.”

Each year, Relay for Life gains more support from Bryant University. In terms of fundraising, participants and team, numbers increased tremendously this year. On behalf of Colleges Against Cancer and Relay for Life, thank you to all who participated and supported this event. Truly know that every dollar raised goes towards fighting this disease, and every dollar does count. We hope to see you all back on the track next year.

By Amy Angeloni
Contributing Writer

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Students devote time to Peru women's shelter this summer

By Brigit Clancy
Variety Editor

Maddie Archambeault (’10), Katie Gorham (’10), and Kathryn Varis (’09), all members of Bryant’s chapter of Amnesty International, have worked tirelessly for almost a year to collaborate a service trip to Peru, planned for this summer. Twelve students, accompanied by two professors, will travel to Peru to volunteer at a local women’s shelter from May 21st to 31st.

“We wanted to do an event for Amnesty Internationa]l this year, but nothing had come together before,” said Archambeault, the Vice President of Amnesty. “We were interested in doing a service trip and initially thought about Haiti or Kenya but, after speaking with a friend who travelled to the [women’s center] in Peru we became really passionate about this cause.”

The group will be working eight hours each day at the women’s shelter. “We will be cleaning floors, cooking, cleaning, and various other tasks,” said Archambeault.

While the trip is mostly to volunteer at the shelter, Archambeault said they will also have some fun and tour Peru. “We are also going to spend some time in Lima and travel to Machu Picchu!” said Archambeault.

Archambeault, Gorham, and Varis had to devise a way to raise money to fund the trip. “We have held some successful fundraisers as well as send letters to businesses and home to our families asking for donations,” said Archambeault. “We held a pancake breakfast in Smithfield last weekend and sold Dunkin Donuts in the Rotunda. We are going to hold a scavenger hunt for tons of raffle prizes ranging from Visa gift cards and gift cards to restaurants near Bryant. We will also be hosting a Ronzio’s night where we deliver all the pizza and potentially will be doing a song and dance as we go... We also did a Paddington Bear fundraiser where we sent a stuffed Paddington Bear (which was originally cre- ated in Peru) as well as a book and a jar of mar- malade around to the faculty suites to get donations for Paddington to return to Peru. The majority of our money, however, came from the Special Initi- atives Committee after reviewing and passing our proposal.”

The three members of Amnesty made a presenta- tion to the Special Initiatives Committee a couple of months ago to request money for the trip. “We wrote a proposal that ended up being around eight- pages long with details about the countries safety issues, cost, why we are going, every detail you could imagine,” said Archambeault. “We then met with Rich Hurley (an adjunct professor with the Center for Student Involvement) a bunch of times to improve the proposal and give him personal presence to the committee and answer their questions.”

Archambeault and Gorham expressed their ex-citement about travelling to Peru and about volun- teering, “I got more excited every day!”

Archambeault and Gorham believe it is in only one month. We have a great group of dedicated people coming so I am sure it is going to be a huge success. It is so exhilarating to know that we have the potential to help these women who at one point had close to nothing. After speaking with people who have been to the [women’s shelter], I am so excited to meet the women and be able to give them the hopefully fourteen suitcases of donations we are planning to bring for them.”

Gorham said, "We are all excited about going. This has been such a long journey and knowing that were actually going is a huge thrill. We have been ex- citing after almost a year of hard work. Even better, the group we have are attending is absolutely fabulous, and we are all confident we will be able to make a positive impact on the case.”

Archambeault stated that this trip made her appre- ciate Bryant and its resources offered to stu- dents. “This trip has really made me appreciate being at Bryant. The fact that this idea came, Kathryn, and I had in September has become a real- ity reminds me what a good choice it was to com- e to Bryant. We will have the opportunity to make a difference in the world that he formed Call- ing All Crows, an organization dedicated to mobilizing musicians and fans to pro- mote human rights. They are committed to promoting public service and have set a mission to end violence against women and bringing peace to Darfur. Though Chad was the founder, the foundation of Calling All Crows is its fans. This year, WFMF and the Spring Stock bands are teaming up with Calling All Crows to spread awareness and raise money for this worthy cause. Just by going to the concert and cheering on the bands you can make a difference. You can also purchase tickets for the raffle with some pretty sweet prizes like a Nintendo Wii and an iPod Nano, with all proceeds going to the charity.”

The Student Senate wishes all students good luck on finals and to have a peaceful and relaxing summer! We look forward embarking on the 2009-2010 academic year! Remember, we love to hear from you, so send any ideas, suggestions, or concerns to Amy Angelone, Student Senate Secretary at aangelo1@bryant.edu.

Good luck to all seniors in the future, and see everyone else in the Fall!!

Bryant University Student Senate

Spring Weekend musicians raise money for a worthy cause

By Kevin Douglas
Contributing Writer

Entertainers of today are some of the most highly-paid individuals in our world. The reason why athletes and mu- sicians become so wealthy is be- cause they have exorbitant numbers of fans and followers who pay their bills. We watch them, we hang up their poster and to wear their shirt. We love them so much because they are good at what they do, but sometimes this causes us to lose perspective and get lost in their stardom. We forget about their tal- ents, but is this truly the best way to choose our idols? We really should be judging these icons based on how they use their (well, our) hard-earned money.

This year that was bigger than any we had gathered for a recognition banquet to honor award recipients in myriad cat- egories. Greek Week was won by Delta Kappa Epsilon, on the fraternity side, and Delta Zeta, for the sororities. Not only were the winners of Greek Week announced, but also many other award winners were recog- nized.

Some awards won include:
Most Spirited Fraternity – Phi Kappa Tau
Most Spirited Sorority – Sigma Sigma Sigma
Best New Member (fraternity) – Justin Treleagan (Phi Kappa Tau)
Best New Member (sorority) – Lindsay Gonsiorowski (Delta Zeta)
Greek Man of the Year – Mike Barnett (Delta Chi)
Greek Woman of the Year – Rachael Hylan (Delta Zeta)

And the Winners Are...

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Study Abroad Spotlight: Ledia Dulaj and Roslyn Fucello

Name: Ledia Dulaj and Roslyn Fucello
Class of: 2010
University: Universidad Pablo de Olavide
Location: Sevilla, Spain
Partner: API
Semester Abroad: Fall 2008

Reason for going:
Ledia: I wanted to improve my Spanish but also emerge in a culture different from mine and truly take everything in. I chose Sevilla because it was a very traditional Spanish city in the south where it was warm all the time with palm trees which is completely different from New England.
Roslyn: I chose to study abroad because I really wanted to see if I could live in another country. Sevilla was a perfect fit because of its climate and its location in Spain. I really wanted to live in a place that was rich in culture and where English was not spoken.

Best experience/memory:
Best experience was living with our host mom and dealing with many of the cultural differences whether it was eating dinner past 9 pm or having a strict siesta time at 2 pm. Our host mom always wanted to talk and be one of the girls and any time spent with her was one of our best experiences.

Funny cultural experience:
When we were buying our train tickets to Madrid to go home there was only one “cheap” ticket left and the rest were offered at the expensive rate. The guy selling us the tickets at the train station told us to “pelear” (or fight in Spanish) for the cheap ticket right there at that moment in the train station. We were a little confused as to why we were being told to fight, but then if clicked that he was joking with us. It didn’t matter to us because we were splitting the cost of the tickets anyway.

How was the school different from Bryant University?
The school was much bigger in size as it had 10,000 students. Most of the hallways are outside and students hang out on the lawn. Also, if you think the Bryant quiet section in the library is quiet you haven’t been to the Pablo Library.

How did this experience change you?
Ledia: It changed me in a way that I learned a lot about myself and I learned to be truly independent by living in a different country and traveling to different countries every weekend. It was truly a life changing experience but also a self discovery.
Roslyn: Studying abroad has made me realize that sometimes it’s okay to take a step back and relax. I am more independent now and comfortable with traveling on my own.

Would you study abroad again given the opportunity?
Ledia: I would definitely study abroad again given the chance. It is a wonderful opportunity that teaches you a lot about yourself but also about others. I made many friends that I still keep in contact with and living in a different country truly makes you appreciate all the things that you take for granted in your home country.
Roslyn: I would most definitely study abroad again given the opportunity because it is a once in a lifetime experience. Living and learning about another culture is something that you can’t get just from visiting a place.

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Regulators go ahead for offshore wind farms

By Barbara Barrett

The federal government has cleared the way for developers to plant wind farms in offshore waters on the Outer Continental Shelf. The regulations were published Wednesday afternoon in the federal register, a move advocated by President Barack Obama at an Earth Day speech on a wind farm in Newton, Iowa.

They lay out the rules for leasing, siting, permitting and building wind turbines and other types of renewable energy in federal waters, within 100 miles offshore.

President Obama’s announcement was welcomed by both environmental groups and companies who have long wanted to develop wind energy offshore.

“We’re very encouraged,” said Jacqueline Savitz, senior campaign director for Oceana, an international marine conservation group based in Washington. She said the organization has long wanted to reduce the use of fossil fuels because of climate change’s impact on the oceans.

She said, however, that work should move forward carefully.

“Support wind energy,” Savitz said. “It doesn’t mean we want to go wind-nilly in planting wind farms everywhere. They should go through the normal environmental impact procedures.”

Potential hazards for the wind turbines, which can tower 300 feet or more, include hurricanes, the threat of bird strikes and the potential impact on military training that occurs in the Atlantic, said Dennis Sassen, a senior research scientist with the Energy Center at Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C.

The publication of the federal rule Wednesday follows years of work in the Bush administration to begin developing the regulations.

Michael Olsen, a former Bush Interior Department official, said the rules will allow projects to move ahead in both Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

“This is very significant,” said Olsen, a lawyer for the firm Bracewell & Giuliani, which represents a wind energy company called Deepwater Wind Energy. That company is working in Rhode Island.

There are companies right now ready to go,” Olsen said.

The federal rule runs more than 500 pages long and includes details about not only wind but also projects like wave and ocean current energy, known as hydrokinetics.

“This will open the door to major investments in offshore cleaner energy and jobs,” said the President, speaking in Newton, Iowa.

In a plan similar to some offshore oil and gas drilling leases, states would get about 27 percent of the revenues sent to the federal government from offshore wind and hydrokinetic leases.

Obama advocates high-speed trains in the U.S.

By Michael Slafsky

President Obama recently made public his wishes for high-speed passenger trains in the United States in the upcoming years. The idea, which many Americans look at as European, is quickly becoming a reality in this country. This comes after the federal stimulus package which passed in February included several billion dollars specifically for this reason. High-speed trains are among several environmentally friendly ideas which the Obama administration is trying to put in place.

There are several possible corridors for the trains, including a local, New England rail. The government has identified 10 potential locations for development, including a line connecting Florida to Washington D.C. and a major Chicago hub network.

These will all have tremendous effects, not only on our country, but on our environment.

President Obama looks at this project as a “legacy” mission, something that will define his Presidency. “Imagine whisking through towns at speeds over 100 miles an hour, walking only a few steps to public transportation, and ending up just blocks from your destination,” the President mused while unveiling the plan April 16.

His eagerness towards the venture suggests that the rails should be completed in the upcoming years. Obama hopes that this will solve problems such as declining oil reserves and clogged highways. Such issues, which have plagued this country for decades, may now have a resolution.

Obama advocates high-speed trains for the country tomorrow. This will be a several year, $10 billion dollar project. But, in the opinions of many, it is a worthwhile investment. In my opinion, high-speed trains can transform this country for the better. Today, we rely far too much on cars which are guzzling gasoline and raising environmental concerns. These cars not only raise oil prices, but contribute to the deteriorating environment. The fuel efficient trains will solve many of these issues. Internationally, countries use high-speed trains for their own sake, many families don’t even own cars, using trains and trains to get around cities and towns. The high-speed trains will be a great start for the United States in a transition to public transportation.

House panel to target ‘predatory’ mortgage lending

By Barbara Barrett

Once again, Congress will take up legislation to bar mortgage companies from steering homeowners into houses they can’t afford.

The House Financial Services Committee, which represents a wind energy company called Deepwater Wind Energy is working in Rhode Island.

Chairman Mel Wazgudflffi4 and Brad Miller — are again pushing a “predatory” lending measure. The bill, called the Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act, would require brokers to confirm borrowers make new loans or refinanced loans that don’t escalate beyond their means.

Consumer advocates say that lenders often paid brokers bonus fees, including some known as “yield spread premiums,” for steering borrowers into higher rates than those for which they’d qualified.

Buried in the bill’s legalese, however, are details that could make a difference in whether lenders or investment companies down the line shoulder the risk, whether homeowners can recover from bad loans before or after going into foreclosure, and whether state laws will protect homeowners or leave them to a weaker federal law.

The details have led some consumer advocacy groups to withhold their support, at least for now, and the mortgage industry is still trying to exert its influence.

“I think there is a deeper level of understanding about the need for more aggressive regulation of lenders,” Watt said this week in an interview. “The whole industry needs a set of good regulations around it.”

But in the current economy, more regulation could hurt borrowers if lenders lose flexibility on the types of loans they can offer, said Rep. Patrick McHenry, R-N.C.

When you restrict lending opportunities you restrict people’s access to credit,” McHenry said. A member of the House Financial Services Committee, he has endorsed getting rid of “bad actors” in the mortgage market, but that this bill wouldn’t do that.

“It’s moving in the wrong direction at the wrong time,” he said.

The practices that the bill targeted against not just homeowners but also brokers who refinanced their mortgages.

In the first three months of this year, the number of families threatened with losing their homes jumped 24 percent over the same period last year, according to RealtyTrac, which tracks foreclosures.

Dean Baker, a co-director of the Center for Economic and Policy Research, a Washington research center, said that lawmakers and the public realized that predatory lending didn’t affect just low-income borrowers.

“Two years ago there was this idea it was a poor people’s issue, but it turns out it wasn’t open for themselves, it’s just too bad,” Baker said. Now, he said, “people realize how widespread this problem is.”

Against this backdrop, consumer advocacy groups and mortgage industry representatives will testify about the bill Thursday before the House Financial Services Committee.

Chairman’s committee’s chair, Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., is a co-sponsor of the bill.

A committee vote could come as soon as next week, with a full House vote to follow.

“They’re going to feel a need to do something,” Baker said. “And the question is, will it be something for show or will it have teeth?”

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S&P 500 YTD Performance

-6.68%

AIF YTD Performance

-4.21%
Greer, Hoagland lead rout over Bellarmine

By Courtesy of Bryant Athletics

Led by four goals apiece from captains Zack Greer (Whitehall, Ont.) and Kevin Hoagland (Glastonbury, Conn.), the Bryant University men's lacrosse team earned its ninth win of the season with a 14-4 victory over Bellarmine University at Bulldog Stadium Saturday afternoon.

Greer's seven points on the day paced the Bulldogs (9-2), while senior faceoff specialist Andrew Hennessey (Wading River, N.Y.) added four more points off three goals and an assist on Saturday vs. Bellarmine.

Bryant would hold the Knights (6-7) to just one goal per frame while the Bulldogs stayed on the offensive for much of the contest. The Bulldogs had yet another close contest with their fellow Eastern Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Association (EIWA) team with 30 on the season.

“Looking back on our previous 13 games, I thought today was without question one of our best,” said Bryant head coach Mike Pressler. “It was just a complete effort from everybody. We played well in every phase of the game and that was our goal from the beginning. It was good to get out there, get ahead early and get a win against a good team, especially a good offensive team.”

It didn’t take long for the Bulldog offense to get to scoring, as Greer turned a strong early Bryant possession into a 1-0 lead just 39 seconds into the game with an unassisted tally after curling around the right side of the cage for a low shot.

Bellarmine would even the score in the fourth minute, as a Jarrett Davis goal put the Knights as close as the Bulldogs could get to the Knights at the Bulldogs all afternoon.

Back-to-back goals from Kauffmann (unassisted) and Hoagland (assisted by Kauffmann) came within 37 seconds of each other for a two-goal Bulldog advantage less than five minutes into the contest, but from there the teams would play to a draw through the remainder of the first quarter.

Bellarmine's Jordan Wong notched his first goal of the season to start the scoring in the second frame, taking a spectacular pass from Alex Porter out from front and landing right on the doorstep of Bryant rookie netminder Jamison Love (Darien, Conn.) to cut the home lead to 3-2.

But it would take Max Weisenberg (Long Beach, N.Y.) and Greer 61 seconds later to give the Bulldogs a 6-2 lead before sophomore Gary Crowley (Suffield, Conn.), assisted by Robert Stufano (Garden City, N.Y.), to take Bellarmine to the locker room down five, 7-2, with his only goal of the game with just 10 ticks left on the clock.

“A good team like this, you don’t want to let them hang around into the second half,” Pressler said. “I think with a 7-2 lead at halftime and by getting the first two goals of the third quarter, we really put the game away.

But I’ve seen Bellarmine score in bunches and come back, and to hold this team to only four is just a great credit to Jamison Love and the entire defense.

After the break, Bellarmine came back with a new goalie, David Haas, but still couldn’t keep the Bulldogs out of the net as Kauffmann came out with the first two goals of the third frame.

Davis scored a man-advantage goal with 5:52 to play in the third to make the score 9-3, but just 10 seconds later Holleland notched his first of three-straight tallies to get back a seven-goal lead. The senior attacker scored his second of the third with 3:39 to go in the frame after his ball dribbled past an unwary Bellarmine goalie and, scored again to open the fourth quarter, again unassisted.

“Obviously when you’re pulling goalies in and out, playing musical goalkeepers if you will, that tells you they aren’t happy with their play in goal,” said Pressler of Bellarmine’s numerous goalie changes. “They tried to keep us off-balance trading between a righty and a lefty, and I thought our guys adjusted to that very well.”

With 12:12 to play in the contest and Bellarmine back to its starting goalie, Greer struck again, assisted by Robert Stiliano (Garden City, N.Y.), to bring the score closer to 13-3. An 8-30 to play would be nullified by Greer’s - and the game’s - final tally seven seconds later before the score went final, 14-4.

Faceoff specialist Andrew Hennessey (Wading River, N.Y.), fighting the flu and questionable for today’s game, continued his stellar play, winning 17-23 faceoffs on the day with a trio of ground balls.

“Just think an unbelievable effort from Andrew Hennessey,” said Pressler, citing the severity of his illness. “And he still goes 17-for-23 with three grounders and only one turnover, just an unbelievable effort from No. 40 when we needed him the most.”

The Bulldogs outshot the Knights, 46-31 on the day, picking up 44 ground balls to Bellarmine’s 29.

Bryant played well in clear situations, going 21-for-25, while forcing seven failed clears from the visiting Knights.

URI sneaks past Bryant in extra innings Saturday

By Courtesy of Bryant Athletics

The Bryant softball team waged battle with the University of Rhode Island on the second of this season, and for the second time the Rams came away with an extra inning win, taking a 4-3 win over the Bulldogs in Kingston on Saturday. It was the fifth win in the last six games for the Rams, who took series two games to none after beating Bryant, 3-2, in nine innings back on March 28.

The Rams were able to get on the scoreboard first, putting together a short two-out rally to go up 1-0 in the third inning. After Courtney Prendergast was hit by a pitch to reach first with two down, Leah DiBussolo hit an infield single to shortstop to move Prendergast into scoring position. Wilson followed with a single to center, scoring Prendergast to put the home team up 2-0.

Stephanie Miranda (North Haven, Conn.) knotted the game up at 2-1 in the top of the fifth with a solo home run. It was her first of the year, over the fence in left field.

The blast pushed the senior’s hitting streak to seven straight games, the best four-straight game URI Reclamation declared the lead in the bottom of the inning, scoring one run on three hits to grab a 2-1 edge. With the bases loaded and one out, Darci Borden flew out to Kim Leonard (Milford, Mass.) in foul territory down the right field line to score Prendergast for the second time in the contest. Bryant evened the game again in the top of the sixth, as Ali Chouinard (Swansea, Mass.) came in to score on a wild pitch by Kelly Stanovich to tie the score at 2-2. The Rams drew a one out walk, moving to second on a single by Laura Bowen (Hudson, Mass.) and then a fielder’s choice, on a ground out by Ashley Coon (Levittown, Pa.) before racing home to score on the wild pitch.

Bryant starter Samantha Houseal (Mount Joy, Pa.) went the distance in the contest, giving all eight innings while allowing four runs and striking out four. The sophomore was able to get two big outs in the bottom of the seventh, getting a fly out and a strike out with the bases loaded and one out to escape the jam and send the game to extra innings.

Playing in their third extra inning game this season, the Bulldogs were able to take the lead in the top of the eighth, as Bowen hit a single to left field that scored Leonard from third to put Bryant up 3-2. Bowen was two-for-three with an RBI. Coon also had a hit in the inning to extend her hitting streak to a team-best five games.

After Stefanie Podubinsky sacrificed Alison Hartwell over to third, Jackie Kampmeier hit a game-tying triple down the line in right, knotting the teams at three apiece in the bottom of the eighth. Houseal got Amanda Shie to fly out to left for the second out of the inning, but a passed ball allowed Kampmeier to come home from third and give the Rams the win.

URI Sneaks Past Bryant In Extra Innings Saturday
Many teams annually blow the most important position in the NFL Draft

By David J. Neal  
MCT Campus

NFL coaches and scouts give the Zapruder-film treatment to any game tape involving quarterbacks they might draft. Their challenge is to pin down those intangibles and inervation in every potential quarterback’s interview answer. Everything measurable gets measured. Per-haps no athletes in any sport are more thoroughly studied.

Why then do NFL teams let future Hall of Famer Tom Brady languish until the sixth round while spending high first-round picks on busts? Akili Smith and Joey Harrington? Why will whichever quarter-back who goes high be the biggest bust? Former NFL coach Steve Mariucci said there’s a consensus on what looks for in other positions so it’s easier to identify the physical afternoon. For example, Mariucci said, almost everyone wants an offen-sive line that can block 6-6, 6-7, weighing 300 or more pounds. "The parameters of other positions are narrower," Mariucci said.

Also, he said, miss on a cornerback, you can shift him to being a nickel corner and he still might have a long NFL career. Miss on a left tackle and you can move him somewhere, correct the line (Oakland did this with 2004 first rounder Robert Gallery). Miss on a quarterback, though, and, well, you’ve just got a quarterback bust. "Forget the physical abilities," said former Oak-land and Tampa Bay coach Gruden, a well-known quarterbackophile. "You’ve got to evaluate the intangibles — pocket presence, leadership. Those are things that are tough to evaluate on tape or in a workout without anybody rushing you." As former Baltimore coach Brian Billick said Monday, all the busts — Ryan Leaf, Jim Drucken-miller, et al. — had physical ability. Yet nobody knows how they’ll handle the money, the media and fan scrutiny: likely being the franchise’s most promi-nent player. And there aren’t many ways to project that. According to Michael Holley’s Patriot Reign, a New England scout got suspicious about UCLA’s

As many NFL owners and coaches can attest to, there is no such thing as a “sure pick” when it comes to drafting a quarterback. Just ask San Diego. (MCT Campus)

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The Mountain West Conference on Tuesday formally presented to Bowl Championship Series officials a pro-posal that conference officials would "fundamentally" change the way college football determines its national champion.

While Mountain West commissioner Craig Thompson acknowledged BCS adoption of the pro-posal that includes an eight-team playoff plan was a longshot, he said it was im-portant that the BCS at least consider deciding who plays for the national title with a "more predicate-based" procedure. Under the Mountain West plan, an eight-team playoff would determine the national champion. The four existing BCS bowl games would serve as the first-round sites for the seeded tournament. The winners of the four BCS bowl games would advance to a semifinal round, and those winners would make up the national title.

The Utes went undefeated and still didn’t get a shot at the championship, thanks to the BCS. (MCT Campus)

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After listening to and questioning Thompson for 90 minutes Tuesday at the BCS annual meetings at The Langham hotel, the commis-sioners from the BCS confer-ence’s proposal to their confer-ence’s schools at league meetings this spring.

The commissioners will then report reaction within their conferences at a BCS meeting in June held in con-nection with the College Comissionsers Association meetings in Colorado Springs.

Swofford, who also is the Atlantic Coast Conference commissioner, said it’s “pre-mature” to say if the pro-posal has any traction within the other BCS conferences. The BCS last year rejected the so-called Plus One plan that called for a single game playoff following the BCS bowls.

The Mountain West proposal comes at a time of mounting Congressional and public support for a college football playoff. Even Presi-dent Barack Obama said in a “60 Minutes” interview last year he supports an eight-team playoff. The plan coin-cides with the conferences scheduled signoffs on a four-year deal BCS bowl package with ESPN starting in January 2011. So far the Mountain West has not signed the ESPN contract but likely will regardless of the BCS final stance on the conference’s plan, Thompson said.

Playoff Possibilities?

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Mountain West submits proposal that could alter the Bowl Championship Series

By Scott M. Reid  
MCT Campus

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(Courtesy of ESPN.com)
Bulldogs shine on track

By David Niles
Staff Writer

When it came time to write my last article in 2008, Boston/New England was at the pinnacle of the U.S. world. The Red Sox were defending World Series Champions. The Patriots had just come off a perfect regular-season Super Bowl appearance. And Tom Brady won his first MVP. The Celtics had an off-season to prepare their best regular season in years before deciding on who was coming back and were on their way to winning Back-to-Back titles. Oh, how things can change.

The Red Sox have traded arguably the best right-handed hitter in their team history and their other long depended-on starter can’t catch up to a fast-starting Sox on the DL. The J.D. Drew is a 14 million dollar designated part-time player, the team sitting at 7-0 and two losses in a real option at shortstop, and Elsbury hasn’t developed the way they were projected to. Mike Lowell and Jason Varitek are aging before us and the pitching has been inconsistent at best. Remember when Danny Ainge traded for Ray Allen and Celtic fans not so silently expressed their dissatisfaction? Now Ainge completed the process by swindling his former teammate, Kevin McHale, in a trade for Kevin Garnett and KG’s injury has been such a shiver away. Is the Laurence Maroney fiasco even close to being finished? Is Randy Moss getting cut? And towards free agency? The Celtics have gone from a team built around two aging swing men isn’t any sense. Rajon Rondo has developed into a real option at shortstop, and Ellsbury hasn’t developed the best regular season in the 400-meter relay team, which posted a personal best. (Bryant Athletics)

The years can’t compare

Several Bryant University track & field athletes posted personal and season-best marks as the Bulldogs entered yet another successful weekend. Competing at the Holy Cross Quad Meet, the women finished seventh while the men, behind their first-place finishes took home second in the team standings.

A week after an impressive meet at Brown University, Bryant saw several events cancelled due to the rain, the Bulldogs took advantage of more spring-like temperatures to turn in one of the best overall performances of the season.

The men finished second to Holy Cross, but came out on top of Central Connecticut, Colgate, Columbia, Stony Brook and Hartford. Plus, with the New England Championship being run on the horizon in a few weeks, Saturday’s performance by the Bulldogs is a good sign of things to come down the stretch.

Junior Alex Engel captured first-place honors in the 200-meter dash with a season-best mark of 22.92 seconds in the men’s 400 meters. Engel, in posting the team’s best mark of the year in the event, was not far off his friend Jeff Geiger’s 40.50s school record. Teammate Mike DiBella also ran a season-best record (PR) with a fourth-place time of 49.67.

Thomas O’Connor also placed first in the 200-meter dash, finishing in a personal-best 22.20 seconds. The mark also meets New England Championship qualifying standards.

Casey Fenwick turned in Bryant’s best time this season in the 1500 meters as the senior placed 12th overall in 5:00.60. Classmate Jusline Dowdajian also posted a season-best mark in the 400 meters this season with an eighth-place finish in 1:02.74. Katie Pelletier had a solid outing in the long jump, placing sixth in the event with a jump of 16 feet, 7 inches – well above his previous best of 14-10.

In the sprints, Sherika Nicholas captured the team’s best time in the 100 meters at 11.33, good for 13th overall while also running a season-best time in the 200 meters as well at 22.17. The women will compete at the Brown Springtime Invitational Saturday.

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Women’s Lacrosse HOME vs. Villanova, 1:00 pm

Bryant On Tap

Just ask Tom Brady if he preferred the last 15 NFL minutes he has played in comparison to the 2008 season. (MCT Campus)

Saturday, April 25:
Women’s Lacrosse HOME vs. Villanova, 1:00 pm
Baseball at Le Moyne, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm

Sunday, April 26:
Baseball at Le Moyne, 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm
Softball at Fairleigh Dickinson, 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm
Track & Field at Brown (Spring Brown Invite)

Tuesday, April 28:
Baseball HOME vs. UConn, 3:30 pm
Softball at UConn, 4:00 pm

Women put up 20 goals, still fall to LIU

Defensive wins in Black & Gold Spring Game

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"What are your plans for Summer 2009?"

-I have an internship in Connecticut, and I plan on visiting Kaleigh Durkin in New York City-
-Jamie Vincent '10

-I am working all summer waiting tables, and enjoying life without RA's-
-Jarrod Gibbons '11

-I'm still looking for a job, so I'm just spending my time soaking up the sun. Irish tan-
-Dan Holland '10

-I will be managing The Bryant Center all summer, and nailing an "A" in Business 400-
-Maria Acosta '10

-Jersey Shore. All day, every day-
-Gabriella Rossi '12

-I'm working and making mad money at P.W.C.-
-Pratik Parikh '10

"Students Speak Out"
By Michael Adams
Opinion Editor

When our parents were in school, I am sure that professor meant something completely different than how we view professors today. The way they teach and the way they expect students to understand and experience the entire period. We demand much more of our professors. We want them to be our mentors, to engage us in conversation, and to help us in our non-academic adventures. The relationship is more like a friendship rather than a position of absolute authority. While these professors are certainly hard to find anymore. I would favor adopting for a complete overhaul of every academic department here on campus. I am simply advocating for a new perspective. Teaching is an ever-evolving discipline. New theories are constantly being developed and improved. It is hard to believe but our current learning environments are being turned upside down. To me, this is positive change. Adapting to the new generation is the key. The problem is that every professor should be doing on a constant basis. Our brains are not wired to be filled with information; information to fuel our needs and wants, our desires and expecations. Information that is relevant to the world around us.

What needs to be realized is that students are unique—it’s not one size fits all. Students have different needs, wants, interests, learning styles and the world we live in. We have to brace this diversity, and create lessons that cultivate the unifying passion our generation has for learning. Create a community, where students are not afraid to speak up, where every student tries their best, and where failure is not a face of student’s faces. Instead, encourage power and initiating progressive change. If professors believe in us, then we believe in ourselves. College is not merely a version of Animal House. We want to work hard for our class and to apply what we are reading to the world around us. We know you’ve got years of experience under your belt, stories that you can use to point out to your own family. Humanize yourself. Do not become the professor of bolded regurgitation. Have been through the same things as us. High school. Bring in information that is relevent to consumerism, and we should keep our graduate. Bring on the projects that encourage student creativity and give us a chance to think for ourselves.

With all of this being said, I think a select group of professors has taken this new perspective of teaching to a level above and beyond my expectations. Professors are gaining feedback from our peers, and they are excelling, where they could use some help. If professors give us the outlet to give feedback, we will give it to you. Professors are using the whole class period for a discussion that are completely different than how they teach. We will use videos to demonstrate class theories, making their own power points, and even creating projects that help us apply what we have learned inside and outside the classroom.

By Bryan Regle
Staff Writer

Teaching is Evolving

American culture has evolved from a critically flawed system of consumer individualism to a relatively powerful force to inspire change. And it is not only to be spoken on when we have been violated. Our focus is now on improving the lifestyle, and what we cast ballots on is personal in comparison to the past. We’ve expanded policies incorporating benefits for masses of fellow human beings. Has the culture become more rationalist and self-centered that we have lost our connection to humanity? That is the case. The evidence of today is not particularly worse than the past.

Our nation today is at a critical point. We continue at war with an enemy whom we do not entirely understand, together suffer in an economy that is at a despairing low, and stand divided on the important social issues of gay rights, gun control, abortion, and national security. Though a new war, a new economic crisis, and new issues, our nation have become too focused on corporatization of culture that has occurred over the past decade. By this Professor Bassett implies that we as a nation have become too focused on theorizing and debating what position to realize that communal goals can still be attained in interesting points to former President Bush’s suggestion that the best thing an American can do after 9/11 involved going out to shop as an example of how we take consumerism contributes to something much greater than the individual.

Surprisingly, Professor Bassett suggests that the best defense against terrorism is to not opt out of the world in exchange for a commitment to community service either here in America or abroad. Another Bryant professor, Thom Bassett argues that such a policy may be insufficient.

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Instead he holds that in reality a much more effective form of change would be something similar to those of the 1960’s. The problem, he proposes, is that conservative and corporate America have twisted this historically significant method of activism almost into a joke of an excuse for drug use even when such was a smaller part of a greater movement that brought about much positive change for our nation.

Professor Basset is surprised that more action is not taking place on college campuses today. He points out that while he was still a student in the 1980’s, protests against the United States’ involvement in Vietnam America had a strong presence among students. As a student myself, I responded that the current President, is in a position of great global influence as seen in the current global effects of our economic folly. Foreign nations are, however, beginning to criticize the corporatization of culture that has occurred over the past decade. By this Professor Bassett suggests that the best defense against terrorism is to not opt out of the world in exchange for a commitment to community service either here in America or abroad.

As students we have the advantage of both freedom from life commitment and a wealth of information at our fingertips in campus libraries and faculty members. As a united educated force, we also have the ability to form coalitions that have an easy reach on and off campus media outlets in our area. Instead of merely acting out when we feel that our personal rights have been violated, we should use our personal right of free speech to voice our concerns on the issues of today.

In the end perhaps Dr. Carter is right that it is necessary for a draft to be implemented to the betterment of our nation through acts of terror, public protest, and a general consensus of opinion. In order to keep our respected status and for our nation to progress back to universal welfare and away from our individualistic focus of today.

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Knowledge is more than information; it is power

Although it is not often discussed in the classroom, we are taught lessons from our professors based on our background. By the end of the school year, what lessons are we leaving with? This is a question every student should be asking himself before leaving the classroom. To me, this is positive change. Adapting to the new generation is the key. The problem is that every professor should be doing this constantly. Our brains are not wired to be filled with information; information to fuel our needs and wants, our desires and expectations. Information that is relevant to the world around us.

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How Do You Define Torture?

By Drew Green
Staff Writer

A secret is a secret for a reason. People keep secrets to protect against a back-lash of accusations. The same is true for the memorandums that were recently released by President Barack Obama detailing the various tactics employed by CIA operatives in interrogation scenarios. There are many issues with the release of this information. First, it raises your moral belief of what you consider torture. If you were to go through the memos detailing the various forms of torture, then you probably would believe that the tactics used were justifiable under international and domestic law. That is an interpretation of law and an individual’s concept of what torture is.

Most of the clubs and organizations are completely dependent on the @Bryant announcements to advertise their events. I felt compelled to write this letter after reading the April 10th “Observations” column. There was an observation made about the @Bryant announcements, and since I am responsible for sending out the majority of those announcements, I wanted to respond. The first line: “We get a truckload every week.”

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Mike O’Donnell (Matthew Perry) is a middle-aged pharmaceutical salesman who was just turned down for the promotion he’s been working for over the past 16 years. On top of this, his wife (Leslie Mann) wants a divorce, his kids barely want to see him, and he’s living with his new best friend Ned (Thomas Lennon) who sleeps in a bed shaped like a pool racer. Flash back 20 years ago and you see a different Mike O’Donnell, this time played by Zac Efron. In his high school days he was a good looking and popular basketball Earnhardt, but the girl of his dreams and a bright future ahead of him. So how did everything end up so badly for Mike? At the last game of his high school career, with talent scouts looking on, Mike had to make a choice. Does he play the game of his life and go on to play for the Syracuse Orange, or follow his (recently discovered) pregnant girlfriend out of the stadium and tell her he loves her? You can imagine what happens.

Many critics have had many reasons to be biased against this film. Zac Efron is still the kid from High School Musical, and unfortunately for him the immense popularity of the franchise is inversely proportional to his respect as an actor. Also, the film’s premise is clearly quite generic. The classic body switch does over deal that we’ve seen a hundred times before in films like these and many others offer unexpected twists that make the movie worth watching. It’s well paced and never becomes too heavy, two things that usu-ally kill movies in their attempt to reach beyond being merely “entertainment.” This movie is ok with just being a diversion, a distraction, and does a good job of it.

Of course, I cannot say the movie was perfect. The biggest flaw was the staggering number of plot holes and inconsistencies. For example, would it not be reasonable to believe that Mike’s old basketball coach would at least be a little shocked by a kid who looks exactly like the Mike he knew from 1989 walking onto the team twenty years later? Also, teenage Mike tells (adult Mike’s) wife that he’s her brother-in-law. Wouldn’t she have law’s kid in order to explain the striking similarity between him and her husband. Wouldn’t she have known he had a kid? I guess it doesn’t really matter, because this movie isn’t back to the Future, it’s a throwaway.

To me this movie was like going to Salmo every day. It’s good yet inconsistent, and we always wish it was better. I believe that Efron has a future in film, I’m just not sure where yet. Most likely, he’ll be a leading man in romantic comedies and possibly dramas. But I digress. I give 17 Again 3 out of 5 Bulldogs.

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The action is only a couple of episodes in, and it is entertaining. As of this writing, five people are already dead. But many more are suspected. Could the killer be JD, the shady brother of the groom? Or Cal, her boyfriend who doesn’t seem to fit in with the island’s dark past? Or Steffi, who has a fondness for chanting an eerie litany every time we cut to commercials? Whether you are going through it or have gone through it, you can relate to this story. If you are a parent, bring your teen to the show and then have the “family talks” because “at a certain age, teens stop believing in the stars!”

Spring Awakening has performances at the Prov- idence Performing Arts Center until April 26th, the tour will then continue to the Colonial Theater in Boston from April 30th until May 29th. “Cannot be missed!” says Steffi. “It’s a wonderful show that will only last for one season, kind of a one by one” every time we cut to commercials.

The characters on Harper’s Island are very interesting, keeping you wondering who will die next. There is just enough of a motive to kill. While the writing may not be the best, it works for what it is: an entertaining murder mystery that plays out in Clue fashion, constantly keeping you guessing. Oriental drama story lines have many notable flaws. Some cheesy acting, bad dialogue, and a bit of cheesiness to some incidental situations are laughable, but what do you expect from a show like this?

Harper’s Island isn’t a show for everyone, it is nevertheless an entertaining bit of cheesy fun. Since it only runs for 13 weeks, I am going to keep watching—and enjoy it! If you are a fan of murder mysteries, plot twists, and interesting characters, you should watch too!

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