Career Services shows love to Bryant students

By Emilie Lavoie
Assistant Campus News Editor

With the end of the school year slowly approaching, many students, especially seniors, are beginning to focus on career possibilities beyond graduation. For all those whom have this focus, Bryant is well equipped with the Career Services department, located on the first floor of the Rome. These workshops are all career planning workshops for students. Just some of the upcoming workshops include: Negotiating Job Offers, Working a Career Fair, Interviewing for Success, Getting Into Graduate School. These workshops are all one hour or less, in order to fit the busy lifestyle of the job seeking student.

Along with workshops, Career Services runs several programs for students in the spring. Two of these programs, beginning in March, focus on Careers in management and advertising. The management program brings in a panel of alumni and other professionals in the specified field to talk to students about job possibilities.

The advertising program will bring students to the RDW group, a PR and advertising agency in Providence. Professionals will meet with the students and talk about the different career possibilities in their field of concentration, and the needed preparations and expectations for joining the workforce.

Finally, the Boston Alumni/Student Networking Event will be taking place in late April. Students will specifically speak with alumni in the Boston area about their particular jobs and industries. Beginning on March 1, students can start signing up in the Office of Career Services for this event.

The Alumni Career Network is a database of names and contact information from those alumni who have generous resources for students who are seeking additional information about their possible careers. Additionally, according to Career Services Director Judith Clare, after graduation students are welcome to return to Career Services at any point in the future. This is a little known fact since few students realize that the campus resources are still available after graduation.

"This is a perfect opportunity for students who are undecided, or decided but unsure if the right choice was made is the Career Assessment Testing," according to Clare. Basing the outcome on students' morals, interests, talents and skills, career paths can be woven and chosen. This resource is generally perfect for the younger students, as most majors are cemented by a student's junior year.

For these younger students, and any other undecided or befuddled students, Career Services also offers a Career Planning 101 course five days a week. It is no credit class that is generally for first and second year students. This is another way Career Services helps students find the field they are the most comfortable working in, as well as the field that is best suited for them. There are four different sessions designed for the various aspects of career planning. Classes begin now, and students can still sign up in the Career Center, by phone, or by telephone.

One very important event that Career Services will be hosting in the spring is the Bryant University Career Fair on March 23 at 5 p.m. This fair is open to all students, freshmen through seniors, looking for summer jobs, internships, and...
Do your homework to find the loan that fits you

By Iva M. Augestrom
The Dallas Morning News (KRT)

If you don't think you're eligible for financial aid, think again. A recent study by the American Council on Higher Education found half of all undergraduates who need loans don't use one, and only one in eight who need federal money during the 1999-2000 academic year didn't receive their money because they didn't apply.

The about 8 million students who lost out on low-interest student loans and free money. It's a tragic fact that students don't want to explore their options," said Jacqueline King, director of ACES Center for Policy Analysis. "The only way you are going to know if you are eligible for financial aid is if you apply."

The key is to fill out for Federal Application for Federal Student Aid. It's the starting point for applying to almost all the financial assistance programs and determines eligibility for federal loans and grants. There are also several schools that also use it as part of their application for non-federal aid.

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"[Students are] not going to know if they are going to afford higher education. There are myriad types of education loans, scholarships, grants and federal grants available. Students can find out who are working to avoid student loans. That's not a smart strategy," King said. "If you're delaying your entry into the job market with your college degree, you're costing yourself more in the long run.

Students received more than $31.7 billion in financial aid for undergraduate and graduate students in 2003-04, according to the 2005-06 FAFSA is available in paper form from the U.S. Department of Education. It is also available online at www.fafsa.gov.

To be eligible for financial aid for college, you must meet certain requirements. One requirement is that you must receive a student's form no later than midnight on June 30, 2005. But that's not the only reason. Most families who filed a FAFSA for the 1999-2000 academic year did so after important deadlines had passed, often resulting in receiving state and institutional aid, loans, and work-study aid for on-campus working students with good financial aid information can afford higher education, said Martha Holler, spokeswoman for Sallie Mae, the nation's leading education lender.

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The form, which has to be filled out every school year, is comprised of information about the student's family income and investment assets, assets family size, the number of family members and a request for information about other aid.

"You've got to put some effort into it, but the rewards can be tremendous."

-Marc Peterson, financial aid director at Southwest Minnesota State University.

"or applying for the loan. Instructions should be provided with the award package. Federal programs are the single largest source of education loans, students received more than $35.5 billion in loans last academic year. Of these, $35.5 billion were only widely used federal loans are the Stafford loan.

Federal Stafford loans are available to all undergraduate and graduate students. There are two types, subsidized and unsubsidized, and each has different loan limits depending on the student's year in school. The subsidized loans are need-based. The Stafford loan pays the interest on these loans while the subsidized loan pays the interest during the time the student is in school and during the grace period before entering the payment plan.

Unsubsidized loans are non-need-based. The borrower is responsible for paying the interest on these loans as soon as they are taken out. The Stafford loan interest rate is 7.27 percent during in-school, grace and deferment periods, and 8.37 percent during repayment. The interest rate is variable and may change annually on July 1, but will never exceed 8.25 percent.

Community organizations, labor unions and financial aid foundations and charities often offer scholarships. Websites such as www.fastweb.com and www.scholarships.com provide comprehensive scholarship search options.

The need-based federal Pell Grant is the largest federal grant program, more than 5.1 million students last year received an average of $2,465. While scholarships, grants do not have to be repaid. However, unlike scholarships, grants students must fill out the FAFSA to receive. Students who are eligible are considered for federal government and state aid.

Even though some forms of student aid are rapidly increasing, the average budget said students are relying more heavily on private loans. Nationally, the average student loan borrowed reached $11,1 billion in 2003-04, up from $9,9 billion the previous year. Of those loans, $16.6 billion were private, while the remaining $25.7 billion were federal.

Private loan programs should be used as a last resort, relying on only after all other sources of financial aid have been exhausted, said Holler.

"To make sure you get funded properly and fully, fill out that "I won't have enough to get offered," he said. "Don't spend your time not getting any interest if you don't have to.'

U.S. soldiers opposed to Iraq war seek refuge in Canada

By Cara Bickley
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

Jeremy Hirnman, paratrooper-turned-Iraq war deserter, has a lot in common with the thousands of Vietnam War-era draft dodgers who crossed into Canada decades ago. Hirnman says he's sought asylum in a country that did not support a U.S.-led conflict in which he declined to fight.

Now, one year after fleeing Fort Bragg, N.C., with his young family in tow, Hirnman is in Ottawa waiting for a Canadian tribunal to decide whether he is a refugee for refusing to fight. Hirnman was welcomed into Canada as "someone who sought to do the right thing," said the country's top security official.

Canada has no encourages deserters to seek asylum here. But Hirnman's war record does not sit well with at least a few Canadian organizations, including the British American Indian Council, which has issued a statement that Hirnman's actions were "a violation of the law." Hirnman is one of four known American military deserters who fled to Canada rather than go to war or face jail terms, and the first of three to appear for refugee status.

All deserters insist they were acting in response to what they saw as a war they couldn't support. Hirnman's case is likely to determine whether he will be granted asylum in Canada. Hirnman's case is likely to determine whether he will be granted asylum in Canada.

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Technology updates

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Dark Fiber connection, capable of speeds of up to 1 Giga Byte transfer per second. "With Dark Fiber you are going to pay a certain amount. If you want to pump up the speed of it, you pay more for the electronics," said Closter.

As with any good business investments, initially, it would cost more to set up the network, but in the end the added capabilities is worth the cost.

While students will probably not notice the difference in their individual computer; it is noticeable when the network is completely utilized.

Additionally, educational video will be streamed from anywhere in the country allowing the school access to extra resources.

Looking into the future, the campus hopes to utilize its wireless environment to the fullest extent. The next step includes dual hand Wi-Fi cell phones capable for use on the campus network at an extremely reduced rate.

Also, advancements in the area of health and safety could be incorporated into the network. For example, wireless IP phones are being considered for DPS and RAs while on duty. Additionally, several wireless security cameras are already on trial around campus.

Bryant's facilities get all dolled up

By Emilie Lavoie
Assistant Campus News Editor

While students spent their winter breaks at home, enjoying the season, Bryant's campus was still abuzz with renovations and facilities updates.

Upon returning to the campus students gradually began to notice some of these changes.

Also, in the Unstructure have gotten attention recently as one of the first changes students noticed as they returned to class. In a previously published article, the discussion focused on the once unused monitors not to use in the Unstructure. This is just one of the major changes since vacation in respect to technology on campus.

Many of the major changes are in the Koffler Center. This building has been under extensive renovation since the beginning of the school year. However, to highlight some of the most prominent areas would a strong focus on the new radio and television studios in Koffler. These new facilities broaden Bryant's technological capabilities even further.

Another aspect of technology that will soon be joining the additions to Koffler is the installation of more plasma monitors that will be mounted on the walls of Koffler. According to K-W Plaza Director of Facilities Administration and Planning, these new television sets are valued at several thousand dollars and have been donated to Bryant by a local company. He also mentioned that brand new furniture was added to the Koffler Center, especially in the main entrance area.

Smaller additions to Bryant's facilities include the new tables in Saimonson as well as the new ice maker. The ice maker and soda machines were updated in an attempt to prevent the lines previously created when students waited at the old machines. The tables, of course, were added to alleviate any lack of seating and to create more space for students to enjoy their meals.

In regards to major renovations on campus, Person remarked that this winter was a relatively quiet one. Much of what was done referred to as "routine maintenance." He also explained that the low in renovations are as a result of the projects planned for this summer.

Person refers to the projects in line for the campus during the summer months as "major capital renovations." The first thing that will be addressed is a remodeling and expansion of the facilities building located behind the MAC. Next, staff will be added to assure Person that he does not get "swamped into these upcoming projects shorthanded.

With these basic adjustments underway, the facilities department will approach the major tasks currently at hand.

The first project Person mentioned was the renovation of Residence Halls 1 and 2. Basic cleaning and upkeep will be done to all halls, but Halls 1 and 2 will undergo more serious renovation projects. There have been situations concerning a leak in ceilings and roofing in these buildings, as well as some damage done to walls inside the buildings. These repairs, including the purchasing and placement of new furniture in Halls 1 and 2 will be addressed as well.

Next, Person mentioned a new roof to be also put on the Bryant Center. During the summer, a huge construction staff will be replacing the current roofing with a needed replace. This will again, require an increase to staff and much attention from the facilities department.

Finally, as many students were pleased to hear, at the request of President MacBryde, Person and his facilities staff will be addressing the parking situation on campus over the summer months. New parking spaces are intended to be added to alleviate inconvenience and safety issues among the student and staff at the university.

With the summer only months away, preparations for these major projects are due to begin, although the outcomes will not be seen by the students in the fall months. Person and his facilities department will be hard at work to continue to add such facilities, resources and quarters for everyone on campus.

Careers

Happy Valentine's Day from The Archway

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full-time jobs. An overwhelming number of businesses attend this fair and Clare recommends the fair to all students.

Clare closed with an analogy about careers. "Career planning is much like packing for a trip," he said, "the earlier you begin planning, the better the trip will be." This is an analogy that all college students can relate to. Better the trip to the career of your choice by using the resources at your fingertips right here on Bryant's campus.

FYI

Did you know...

-Senate has begun their second Warming Up Rhode Island Clothing Drive. They will be collecting any unwanted clothes, shoes, and coats. All donations will be presented to a soup kitchen in the local Providence area at the end of February. Please take the time and consider to help with this worthy cause during the winter season. The Student Senate will be coming around door to door to collect your donations during the week of February 21st.

Also, keep an eye out for a table in the Rotunda. Any questions, please contact John Cullen at jac18@bryant.edu or Hope Solomos at eso-lomo@bryant.edu.

-As a result of Business Affairs' process improvement initiative, effective Monday, February 7, Central Scheduling operations will be transferred from Facilities Management to the Office of Conferences and Special Events. The transfer is expected to increase scheduling efficiency of facilities and keep with the current trend at peer institutions. To schedule facilities or request room set-ups (tables, chairs), please call extension 6921 or send an e-mail to schedule@bryant.edu. We do not expect any negative impact on operations during the transition, as all in-process reservations will be transferred.

-A reminder to ALL seniors to RSVP for the Kick-Off Gala on February 18th, 2005. The event will be held from 6-8pm in the Grand Hall and proper dress is required. The Gala is being held in celebration of the kick off for the Senior Class Gift solicitation on period. There will be food and refreshments, with alcoholic beverages available for those students with proof of legal age. All seniors should have received an invitation in their mailboxes early last week. Seniors may RSVP to smaldona@bryant.edu or call the RSVP hotline at ex. 6173 for the RSVP hotline and enjoy an early evening social event with all your fellow seniors before term runs out. Questions can be directed towards the Class Gift Chair John "Johnson" Cullen at jac18@bryant.edu or ex. 462.

-Due to the high volume of first-class mail and mass mailings being received by the Bryant University Post Office is requesting that all students empty their mailboxes on a daily basis so that new incoming mail can be sorted and delivered to a student's mailbox on a timely basis.

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Bryant on the Night of the Super Bowl

By Greg Hirschorn
Staff Writer

The Pat's dynasty has finally been established. This past Sunday afternoon, the nation watched the New England Patriots win their historic third Super Bowl in the past four years. On the Bryant campus, friends gathered together, reveled in the win, and even sampled the TV, to which a competitive game.

According to the Snack Food Association, Americans consumed 12.4 million pounds of potato chips on the evening of Super Bowl Sunday and spent $50 million dollars to stock up on food for the big game. Potato chips were not the only big hit. Americans also ate 9.2 million pounds of tortilla chips, 4.2 million pounds of pretzels, 3.8 million pounds of popcorn, and 3.1 million pounds of snack nuts.

Here, on campus, students helped contribute to these astonishing totals with abundant amounts of a variety of snack foods. Another highly consumed item, alcohol, became an issue as there were many students roaming the campus intoxicated. Unconfirmed reports say that Americans consumed 2.1 billion barrels of beer on Super Bowl Sunday.

The final outcome of the big game left mixed feelings around campus. Those who placed bets on the Patriots were thrilled, but not if their bet was the Patriot's winning by at least seven points, since they agreed on the success of managing student activities around campus before and after the game. According to Dave Genovese, "It was very controlled, and D3 did a very good job of keeping people out of the pond."

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Campus News

ROTC teaches Bryant student tough love

By Shannon Noonan
Campus News Editor

"Those who do not do battle for their country do not know with what ease they accept their citizenship in America" Dean Bowles, The Face of South Vietnam, 1967.

"One cannot answer for his courage when he has never been in danger" François, Due de la Rochefoucauld, Maximes, 1685.

Many of the cadets at Bryant University are stamped with a yellow magnetic "support our troops" ribbon. While these students choose to show support for the American fighting forces other students have chosen to do much more. Some students have chosen to join and lead America's brave military men and women. The Army ROTC Program at Bryant University currently has eight students who are actively involved in the program which is hosted at Providence College with approximately 100 other cadets.

Out of the 100 cadets, approximately 90% continue on to be Officers in the United States Army. There are approximately 280 ROTC programs across the USA, commissioning 500 officers, annually 89% of which have received scholarships. Two thirds of the current graduating ROTC class will be overseas in Iraq or a similar area in about 18 months.

Freshmen who participate are only required to attend the class and three hand-on labs about leadership, but they are welcome to physical training and field training exercises. The sophomores involved in ROTC, they participate in physical training during the three days a week, they must attend a class, and lab. Juniors are required to attend physical training five days a week, their course, and the leadership lab. The juniors receive a great deal of leadership training and feedback. In the fourth year, the seniors lead and manage the course which is an unparalleled experience that goes far beyond an internship. So why do the brave men and women of Bryant University's ROTC program do it?

Cadets repelling during 'Discovery Days', a program designed for recruiting new cadets.

Philip Sepelak, a junior finance major, here has been involved in ROTC since he was a freshman. About the program, Sepelak said, "Leading other soldiers and being in charge of a platoon right out of college. It's training for the real world." Sepelak received a four year scholarship that has paid for his entire tuition, books and a generous monthly allowance. In return for this "free ride," Sepelak has committed himself to four years of Active Duty Army. Sepelak plans to serve his commitment for the Army in the Finance Branch. Additionally, Sepelak plans to eventually enter the civilian finance world with the leadership and experiences that he has and will receive from his service. Not all participants in the ROTC program owe service time for taking this all expense paid three credit course. In fact, a college student can participate in the ROTC program until their junior year without any military commitment. This even includes a paid two week summer internship called Leadership Training Camp (LTC). Also, there are scholarships in the Reserve and Guard forces, not just for active duty Army.

Senior Robert Jacavone

Cadets never leave a man behind, even during field training.

explained his reasons for participating in ROTC as, "Personally I think every one should serve and give back to their country that's provided so much for them. The U.S. Army is one, if not the greatest and most powerful organizations in the world. Who wouldn't want to be a part of that?"

Another Senior John Boyle describes how well ROTC complements a business education. "Hell yeah, I can't picture anything that would better compliment a business diploma. The main directive of ROTC is to instill leadership and management.*

To better explain the relationship of ROTC and a business degree, Sergeant Major Gary Fortunato, a military science professor explains. "Everyone is looking for an edge in their field."

In most college courses you're not given the opportunity to truly test yourself especially as a leader. We provide the hands on experience in leadership that the business world and Fortune 500 companies recruit. US ROTC is the leading institution on leadership in the world. Were offering students a chance to take advantage of leadership skills and there isn't even any service requirement for that advantage." SGM Fortunato continued. "Step inside yourself and ask yourself what will you take away from the university because this is a venue that you could explore." If interested in the program contact the ROTC program at 401-232-6275, 401-865-2472 or see the ROTC website at http://web.bryant.edu/rotc.

Field training exercises put cadets in simulated situations.

Cadet Sepelak celebrates his contract during a ceremony.

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**Opinion**

**The Hangover: How to get from “first date” to Valentine.**

By Justin Williams

**Staff Columnist**

The time between December and February is a difficult one for dating women. If you start dat- ing someone in December, you’ll have to deal with a lot of stuff for Christmas. If she’s Jewish it gets more expensive with eight days worth of stuff to buy for Hanukkah.

Then this woman you started dating in December will want to celebrate a one month anniversary in January, which will end up costing even more money. Then you’ll have to deal with Valentine’s Day and you’ll have to buy her something else. You’ll have to buy her hearts and cudas and other Valentine’s day paraphernalia, you might end up saying the worst thing you can say to your new girlfriend: “I love you.”

If you’re smart, you won’t be dating someone from December to February. But let’s say you’re not smart, and you choose to date anyone before Valentine’s Day, you simply couldn’t continue dat- ing someone for that long. You’re going to break up before your first date.

The Ranger Big Daddy Kane once said, “Pimpin ain’t easy,” and indeed, it isn’t. A much easier way to be a successful player is through having a girlfriend. But unless you’re at good commuting distance from Dynamic, you’re going to have to take a girl on a successful first date to make her your girlfriend.

Before we go any farther, I need to stipulate that you’re going to want to avoid making a girl on campus your girlfriend.

Although it can be tempting because a cheap dinner date can consist of taking her to Salmonson and swiping her in (as long as you’ve already point out), there are sev- eral things that should outweigh the benefits. She’ll be more likely to want to sleep with you.

She’ll eventually find out your business from other business on campus.

There is a chance that someone on campus has already locked “up” the girl and could be a little awkward when you see that email everyday.

Because woman like to talk, you might spend an entire day with her under the assumption that she’s your girlfriend and spend several hours filling her.

The “first date” starts off-by asking the girl out. Instead of asking, you should probably just tell the female that you’re going to take her out. This way, she’ll be less apt to say no.

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**The Archway**

**By Tobery Simon**

**Staff Columnist**

It’s that time of year again. Valentine’s Day… love is in the air, love is everywhere. I always think it’s good to use this particular holiday as a chance to talk about the need to “love” carefully. Obviously this is different. A lot of people for all of us for the purposes of this column, I want to talk about loving a specific sexual sex.

A former professor of mine said that we should be aware that natural but not perfectly natural. That’s a bitter pill for anyone to swallow but it may be the only difficulty for you as college students. Your sexual expectations are shaped by a plethora of factors that past gen- erations never faced. People have largely stopped to depict sexuality as a distinct and sometimes controversial. Yet sex is a part of the human experience that previ- ous generations never faced. People have largely stopped to depict sexuality as a distinct and sometimes controversial. Yet sex is a part of the human experience that previ- ous generations never faced. People have largely stopped to depict sexuality as a distinct and sometimes controversial. Yet sex is a part of the human experience that previ- ous generations never faced. People have largely stopped to depict sexuality as a distinct and sometimes controversial. Yet sex is a part of the human experience that previ- ous generations never faced. People have largely stopped to depict sexuality as a distinct and sometimes controversial. Yet sex is a part of the human experience that previ- ous generations never faced. People have largely stopped to depict sexuality as a distinct and sometimes controversial. Yet sex is a part of the human experience that previ- ous generations never faced. People have largely stopped to depict sexuality as a distinct and sometimes controversial. Yet sex is a part of the human experience that previ- ous generations never faced. People have largely stopped to depict sexuality as a distinct and sometimes controversial. Yet sex is a part of the human experience that previ- ous generations never faced. People have largely stopped to depict sexuality as a distinct and sometimes controversial. Yet sex is a part of the human experience that previ- ous generations never faced. People have largely stopped to depict sexuality as a distinct and sometimes controversial. Yet sex is a part of the human experience that previ- ous generations never faced. People have largely stopped to depict sexuality as a distinct and sometimes controversial. Yet sex is a part of the human experience that previ- ous generations never faced. People have largely stopped to depict sexuality as a distinct and sometimes controversial. Yet sex is a part of the human experience that previ- ous generations never faced. People have largely stopped to depict sexuality as a distinct and sometimes controversial. Yet sex is a part of the human experience that previ- ous generations never faced. People have largely stopped to depict sexuality as a distinct and sometimes controversial. Yet sex is a part of the human experience that previ- ous generations never faced. People have largely stopped to depict sexuality as a distinct and sometimes controversial. Yet sex is a part of the human experience that previ- ous generations never faced. People have largely stopped to depict sexuality as a distinct and sometimes controversial. Yet sex is a part of the human experience that previ- ous generations never faced. People have largely stopped to depict sexuality as a distinct and sometimes controversial. Yet sex is a part of the human experience that previ- ous generations never faced. People have largely stopped to depict sexuality as a distinct and sometimes controversial. Yet sex is a part of the human experience that previ-
The Rant: It came from the blog

which happens to be about how stupid blogs can be, are it can be found at thingisahotblog.com, clever
site, eh?

So without further ado, I give to you my blog entry!

This is my maiden voyage into the fabulous world of blogs.

In fact, it feels very arrogant and pompous to spend
and effort to write stories,
document my life experiences,
aimlessly empty the stockpiles of
random thoughts in my head
on paper... not really a paper, but you are bright people. You have
head.

Wait, what the heck am I talking
about? You are not bright people. You are
are all. You are the one
and only, whoever you are. If

The MBAs move on in their search, but that league is at a point where all is really comprised of is swept up, violent puns are the order of the day. But the NGA has something much more important to do than warn other players got involved and transformed into a great movement. I have

The problems have also taken place off the court with inci-
dent in which Bryant and rookie pace scandal, which was
blown out of proportion, scarred the image of the league. I have with watching players such as Bryant are the fact that they are not

Instead, the players and owners are now trying to negotiate a new agreement. The owners want a salary cap so that there is a limit on how much the players

get a real sense of what all the

amnessia and forget all the strings you’re about to attach when you cross the line to a relationship. But, it’s usually worth it.

The New Love—Your investment pays off and you reap the benefits of your long-term faithful
care. You get to do all those cheesy couple things like go on walks in the park when the other one little presents or care. Generally, there is plenty of sex.

The Long-Term Relationship—Begin to draft Declaration of Cohabitation, you may also
know all about his boss’s culinary preferences. Tell-tale sign you’re in one: every conversation
deadline with “I love you.”

You’re no longer required to change out of your pajamas, but please, keep up the oral hygiene.

Each Other’s Better Halves—I’m not even going to waste my time defining you. I’m sure you’ve over-analyzed the mutual significance enough already.

Baseball is the greatest game on earth. There is no other game that boasts to look at it (go, see the ball, hit the ball, kill the guy).

Series, the rivalry will be more intense than ever before.

Sports, two months professional sports goes into a period of near hibernation.

To get through this period of time I need to turn on to college basketball and professional hockey.

The countdown is underway until the beginning of the baseball season on April 3rd. Until then, who really cares what happens in pro sports?

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Upcoming GAMES

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Indoor Track & Field Saturday, February 12, @ Tufts/Boston University Saturday, February 19, NE-10 Championships Friday, February 25, @ New England Championships Friday, March 11, @ NCAA Championships

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Indoor track and field is all Heart

By Shaun Leddy
Assistant Sports Editor

The men and women's track teams are noteworthy for running and finding ways to keep in shape throughout all types of weather. While most of us enjoyed the recent snow storms from the comfort of our own homes, the Indoor Track and Field team had already been set into their winter workout schedule, and a little snow would not deter them from sticking to it. Returning to campus on January 16, the members of the Bryant Track and Field team have been hard at work preparing for what has already been a very successful season.

With meets at Brown, Harvard, and an upcoming one at Tufts, the athletes have been determined to be in top shape for their competitions. At their most recent meet, the Smith College Invitational, four new school records were broken proving that the hard work and dedication these athletes committed allowed them to prevail in the end. Hafliz Kasim set a new record in the men's 55m with 6.47 seconds and Jozef Gallo set a new record in the pole vault. Other records were broken by Nicole Radzik in the 3000 meters with a time of 11:09.37, and the women's 4 x 400 relay team who set the school record in the relay indoor with a time of 4:27.46.

Samantha Genatossio was named "Co-Captain & Field Athlete of the Week."

"We couldn't be happier to be raising the bar and breaking the school records this season," said Coach Laughlin. "Everyone has been working really hard this season. The record-breaking performances are an illustration of the determination this team has," remarked senior co-captain Dan Galacalone.

Giacalone. Other standouts from the Smith meet include Holly Resendes who competed well in the 1,500 meters, and 4 x 400 meter relay. Also, Amber Torrey who received third in the weight throw, Dallas Lynch who earned first place honors in the men's long jump along with teammate Daniel Kwarteng, who placed second. "My other teammates who are working hard, but not breaking records should be recognized for their performances in achieving their personal best," added Giacalone.

Track and Field is split up into three different groups: sprinters and jumpers, distance runners, and throwers. Coach Laughlin explains that each group works focused on separate goals and techniques for practice, finding space to practice wherever they can, either inside the Wellness Center or outside. They often take the opportunity to run at Brown and CCR's tracks. Coach Laughlin also noted that even though the different groups practice separately, they bring them all together the day before meets to regroup and prepare for the upcoming competition. When brought together the athletes combine to make a very talented and unique team. "All the girls wear pink bracelets to show our support of each other, we are very close," explained sophomore distance runner Kara Tranquillo.

One invaluable part of being a member of the Bryant Track and Field team stems from their commitment to the sport. Unlike other sports where competition usually consists of a 50-minute game, track meets last an average of six hours. "We wake up at the crack of dawn, and don't come home until 9:30 at night. That's dedication!" explains sprinter and jumper Courtney Blackkus. The athletes spend entire days at meets, cheering on their teammates, enjoying the competitive atmosphere all while breaking school records and improving their personal bests. With a meet at Tufts this weekend, and the NE-10 Conference Championships just approaching, there is sure to be more success to come for this highly talented and dedicated team.

A dance team by any other name still can move their feet

By Samee McDonnell
Copy Editor

The Bryant University Dance Team had a very productive and fun adventure spent in Boston over the weekend of February 4. Along with 25 other dance programs from a number of different schools, they performed in an exhibition at Boston University. The exhibition, Views From The Edge: The Third Annual New England Collegiate Dance Collaboration, was hosted by The Edge, a dance group from Boston University. There were a number of different schools from New England that brought a number of different styles, group sizes, and levels of experience to share at the exhibition. Kate Thuber, a junior Marketing major, who is President and Captain of the Bryant Dance Team, stated "The team worked extremely hard beginning immediately after we got back from winter break. I believe you could really tell the amount of work that was put into our performance."

Not to be confused with the Bryant University Choraleers, The Bryant University Dance Team is looking to gain support and diversity as the team grows. They are hoping to gain more performers and interesting routines that will gain the attention of a number of different dancers with diverse and eclectic backgrounds. Thuber said, "The team is changing and getting better every day and we are currently in the process of changing the image of the team and succeeding at our goals. Especially with the help of our coach Amanda and our advisor Tim Strebecht Saturday was a long day for the dancers. There was a rehearsal period all day and the event Views From the Edge lasted until late into the evening. A few hundred people packed the Sherman Union Grand Ballroom, where there was seating, a stage, and a space where the dancers could warm up and change. Each dance ensemble was given the opportunity to exhibit one dance of their choice of music and movement. The Bryant Dance Team has decided to offer one name team in lieu of something more specific to their dancing abilities and style. To pick a name they have decided to hold a fundraising contest. The team will elect five possible team names and then will offer the names to the students of Bryant University. They will then hold a table in the rotunda for a week and participants can come by and elect a name by placing money in the receptacle holding their favorite possible team name. The proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the funding of the Bryant University Dance Team for relay for life team. Please feel free to participate in this fund raiser as our school is actively participating in Relay for Life through many organizations and clubs.

Amanda Veitch, Area Director for Residence Life and coach of the Bryant Dance Team, was enamored with the performance of the dance team this past weekend. Veitch said she has been with the dance team since September and saw them perform in previous years and in this past year, I have seen them work very hard. A lot of things have been coming together for them. I really feel like they did their school justice this weekend. And if you are interested in the possibility of joining the dance team or have specific questions about the naming contest please feel free to contact Kate Thuber at KThuber@Bryant.edu.

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and many other events to attend and prizes to win...and it's all FREE!!!
Welcome back my fellow students, as you probably noticed I have changed my column's name. I'm sure you're thinking 'President's Column,' but I'm not. This kid isn't even close to a genius, but I am thinking of taking the "good enough" contract to play for a championship winning team. (see Pedro Martinez of '04 and Pudge Rodriguez of '03). As I recall watching the baseball playoffs in October, I began to notice that every time I watched a Houston Astros game, if Carlos Beltran hit a homer or made a game saving catch, the announcer would say, "and there's another Beltran Family Card." After the 30 or so times hearing it, I started thinking that this was what Beltran was really playing hard when their contract is in jeopardy. This definitely could be the case, because every time I notice an athlete playing their "contract year," they seem to hit a whole lot better in their last year than they would in their second or third year in a five year contract.

I do a lot of research on my hypothesis, and not to my surprise, I was correct. In 2000, a young, athletic baseball player named Tracy McGrady was playing for the Toronto Raptors side by side with couards and superstars, Vince Carter. Besides the fact that you'd have to live in Canada, this sounds like a dream life. Playing professional basketball, making more money then you know what to do with, and most importantly, playing next to a close friend, in this case a family member. In this deal you also have the potential of being the next Jordan and Pippen connection. This definitely could be the case, because every time I notice an athlete playing their "contract year," they seem to hit a whole lot better in their last year than they would in their second or third year in a five year contract.

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The Sports Genius presents: Money matters

By Jason Gilbert

Staff Writer

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Hamden, Connecticut
ST59's ARTiFACT: True auditory achievement

By Christian Collard
Variety Editor

This Tuesday saw the release of Sound Tribe Sector 9's third studio album, ARTiFACT. It has been highly anticipated and long-awaited, as it is the first album in five years. Since the release of Interpolis and Escape Vehicle (1999), they've offered Schematic Suggesting Peace (2000) and Live at Home (2001), which were both sold-out live shows

The band compiled Interpolis from live material taken from past tours, punctuated by sequences of soundscapes and some textures created in the studio and in the wilds of nature. Live At Home is a collection of 23 previously unreleased tracks created between 2000 and 2005 at home and on the road. The electic album ranges from lush ambient textures and hypnotic grooves to eclectic, playful instrumentals. It truly is a glimpse into the diversity of creativity that embodies ST9. One thing that set the Live At Home project apart from the other releases was that while some tracks are collaborations, most are just a part of the producer's mind. A major influence on the album was the band's live approach, where songs can take flight and remain airborne for over 20 minutes. The disc clocks in at just over 73 minutes, flowing freely through the 20 tracks much like the live sets that ST9's fans crave.

Sound Tribe Sector 9 consists of keyboardist David Phipps, percussionist Jeffree Lerner, guitarist Hunter Brown, drummer Zach Veliner, and bassist David Murphy. ST9's name signifies its strong roots in electronic music with a new take on traditional instrumentals. Their music is described as a mix of electronic, jamband, and acoustic elements, creating a unique sound that is both familiar and fresh.

off the mark
by Mark Parisi
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Bryant University Spring Art Exhibit

When: April 4-18, 2005
Where: Papitto Dining Room

Exhibit open to all Bryant students, faculty, and staff. Registration forms will be sent through e-mail and can be picked up at the Bryant Center Operations office. Registration forms must be returned to the Operations office by Friday, March 4, 2005.

Call Operations at x6117 for additional information.

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A renowned vocalist and composer, Kemp Harris has shared the stage with Taj Mahal, Gil Scott-Heron, and Koko Taylor. His music combines American roots, gospel, soul, and African folk influences. His latest album, "Sometimes in Bad Weather," received rave reviews from National Public Radio and the Boston Globe.

GENERAL ADMISSION IS $12. BRYANT ALUMNI CAN BUY TICKETS FOR $10. CALL (404) 231-6977 OR CHARGE TICKETS TO PHONE. REMAINING TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.

This event is sponsored by the Bryant Student Activities Board.

The Archway
Variety

Americans are not the coolest kids in the world

By Eric Gimlin
KRT Campus

Want a notebook computer that’s in your pocket? Go USB memory stick size like sushi? How about a 5-megapixel camera that’s smaller than your wallet? Maybe you fancy a laptop made of the same material that keeps jet aircraft safe.

Gadgets express what we are in ways other status symbols can. You can’t sart your car with you everywhere you go. And though your shoes are always with you, they don’t sell everyone how imaginative and tech-savvy you are. Whip out a notebook computer with an Apple logo on it, however, and people instantly know what you’re all about.

Finding that purse-paising notebook computer or sushi-shaped memory stick (gadgets that look and act like nobody else’s) takes a wee bit of effort though, unless you live in Asia, particularly in Japan.

There, electronics stores are stuffed with the latest and the greatest. Filled with the odd and the mod. That’s because the United States and Japan view electronic toys very differently: Japanese consumers are the world’s early adapters, and they will pay top dollar.

“When they buy, they go for the high end,” says Douglas Krone, president of Dynamis, a Web-based U.S. importer of gadgets. “Japanese consumers, especially for consumer electronics, have always loved innovation and are always the first to have the latest and greatest. It’s a very tech-obsessed society.”

We Yanks love our technology, too, but we tend to wait till products are down before we start buying in.

“If I’m making some consumer electronics goods,” Krone notes, “if I wanted to clean up in the U.S., I would start by setting the price point: ‘It needs to be $1,499, so, engineers, this is where we need to end up.’

“In Japan, I can be $500 more than the next computer, as long as I have the newest technology, so I go to my engineers and say, ‘Toshiba has this and Fujitsu has this. We want all the display technology using organic light-emitting diode, or O.L.E.D.’

Unlike the typical liquid crystal display on cell phone screens and computer screens, organic light-emitting diode displays can be extremely thin and are quite bright, even without backlighting. In the U.S., O.L.E.D. displays are showing up as the outer, time-displaying screen on flip phones.

Krone says among the more jaw-dropping advances that debut in Japan are carbon fiber laptops so light and strong that you can hold one between your thumb and forefinger. The computer needs no internal fan because the carbon fiber dissipates heat created by the computer’s components.

Late last year, Canadiain PC-maker Voodoo brought the technology across the Pacific in a carbon fiber notebook for video game players.

At $3,000 or more, a carbon fiber notebook is not for everybody. But then, neither is the same can opener.

It takes lots of disposable income (the Japanese have been saving less and spending more since the millennium, economists say), which also makes it easier to shrug it off when, say, that cool new video tape recorder you bought near Betamax tapes, not VHS. You’re already looking for a newer, cooler gadget anyway.

Americans tend to wait until technology is more proven and (more important) its price settles down from sky-high, introductory levels. We let the Japanese take a chance on the new stuff for us.

So the next time you’re envying the latest gear some well-connected friend has just bought, remember he’s probably not the coolest kid in the world.

That kid’s in Japan.

Horoscopes

Aries (March 21-April 19)
Your time for contemplation is coming to an end. The next few days you’ll be immersed in group activities. Enjoy.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
The key to your success is your willingness to do a lot of work in a very little time. Alleviate the overload, and you will make points.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
You won’t have to tow the line much longer. You’ll soon be able to party with friends. Set it up.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
Finishing up consumes the morning, but later in the day, ask permission to run some errands. You need to get out for some air.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Conditions are changing slowly, slowly, your favor again. This weekend has the potential to be very wonderful. Call and make a date.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Talk it over with your partner before you head out shopping. You may be able to afford more than you thought you could afford.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
If you need help, don’t hesitate to let the right person know. He or she can read your mind. Make a phone call, for heaven’s sake.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
The opportunity is coming, soon, to take on another assignment. Don’t hesitate; this will make up for your previous deficit.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Studying is helping you not only learn a new skill, but also make you more confident and even more attractive. Besides, it’s fun. Enjoy.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Proceed with caution when rearranging household items or fixing things. With replacements, get the very best you can afford.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You’re going to get a lot smarter soon. That’s good news. Now it’s up to you to watch out, so you don’t learn the hard way.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
Your patience will be well rewarded, if you can just hold on a while longer. Rely on faith and don’t worry about someone else’s tricks.

Stepanian sets the stage at South

Elizabeth Magline
Staff Writer

South Dining Hall was filled with the acoustic-pop tunes of the Boston-based band, Stepanian, this past Friday night. In a relaxed, intimate environment, the bassist, Adam Schertzer, on sax, flut and harmonica, Steve Brunetti on guitar and impressive bass lines, were able to enjoy a rare collection of Beatles, Wyman and innovative electric organ, and drums played by John Manelli. The band performed songs from both the band’s albums, "For Lack of Better Words" and "Wanna Come With?" including their well known song "Call Me When You’re Famous."

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The members of Stepanian rock out at the Webster Theatre in Hartford, CT.

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keyboard.

The band’s lead vocalist, Eric Stepanian, is the inspiration for the band’s name. The rest of the band consists of Michael Simon, Ben Simon, and Adam Schertzer, on sax, flut and harmonica, Steve Brunetti on guitar and impressive bass lines, and John Manelli plays drums. The background vocals from both the band’s albums, "For Lack of Better Words" and "Wanna Come With?" including their well known song "Call Me When You’re Famous."

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