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Bryant lights up holiday season

The Psychology of Toy Design

Hillel lights the Menorah in celebration of Hanukkah. Rabbi Sol Goodman joined (back) the lighting.

The Bryant Community packs into the Rotunda to celebrate the 27 annual Festival of Lights.

At the end of the ceremony, a giant Menorah and Christmas tree were lit.

What does holiday stress? Take some football coach Jim Mecelj’s advice from Rules of Engagement in Opinion this week.

In sports this week read about Football coach Jim Mecelj’s resignation, and how he walked off the field to his car immediately following the last game.

Start the holiday season off right with some warm gingerbread cookies which is this week’s recipe featured.

The Archway
Conflicting accounts emerge of firefight in Iraq

By Sudarsan Raghavan
Knight Ridder Newspapers

The U.S. military and Iraqi officials gave sharply con-
fllicting reports on who started the firefight on Sunday in the Iraqi town of Samarra, where the U.S. military had killed 54 Iraqis, not the 45 reported earlier.

The ambush, the confilcting accounts and the evi-
dence that guerrillas were role in an operation is a popular area with no one alerting the Americas all understated the problem U.S. troops faced with guerrillas without alienating more Iraqis.

U.S. of-
cials said Sunday's firefight was Iraqis. U.S. troops were bigger and better co-
dominated than other rebels. U.S. officials have been isolated in the region's military, rockets-propelled grenades and riffles.

"Several of the captured are being questioned to determine who they belong to," said Hadi al-Abadi, deputy prime minister. U.S. military officials are the Iraqi government." The capture, how-

Africa has seen the British government's efforts to contain the AIDS epidemic. The country has one of the highest prevalence rates in the world, with an estimated 1.2 million people infected. The government has launched various programs to combat the epidemic, including the AIDS Action Plan, which is aimed at reducing new infections and increasing access to treatment. The plan focuses on four main areas: condom use, voluntary counseling and testing, antiretroviral therapy, and community involvement. The government has also established the National AIDS Control Program, which is responsible for the implementation of the plan. The program has received significant funding from international organizations, including the United Nations, and has been working to improve the quality and availability of services. Despite these efforts, the epidemic continues to spread, and the government is under pressure to do more to combat the crisis. Furthermore, the country's economy has been hit hard by the epidemic, with HIV/AIDS-related illnesses and deaths leading to a decline in productivity and an increase in the burden on the health care system. The government is working to improve the economic situation of people affected by HIV/AIDS, through various programs and initiatives. However, the epidemic remains a significant challenge for the country, and there is a need for continued international support to address the crisis.
**Campus News**

**Bryant students work to light up suite village**

By Meghan Hanlen  
Staff Writer

When decorating the suites, many students forget to take consideration in the need for lighting. The freshman halls are equipped with overhead lighting and students only need to buy some sort of desk lamp. However, the villages only provide students with one desk lamp for each bedroom and two lamps for the common room. These options can light up the rooms well enough for students to study.

Some students may choose to study in the library or find an empty classroom, but when the library closes the student must pack up and return to their poorly lit rooms. Even after students purchase floor lamps and desk lamps, there is still not satisfied with the lighting and many students must find alternative means to improve the lighting condition. Students desire the overhead lighting available to them during their freshman year in the suite village as well.

Every year, a committee meets to discuss various topics brought up in the current condition of the campus. The committee makes their decision either approve or deny the various topics that are brought up during their meeting based on necessity, helpfulness to students, and the importance of the topic to the well-being of the students. One of the projects LeBlanc approved for this year was to upgrade the bathrooms in six suite persons. The topic of overhead lighting has been brought around at previous meetings but others topics have been voted on instead. It has been passed over due, in part, to costs and because of the importance of other issues.

The Student Senate has decided to take on the issue of overhead lighting and make it a priority because they believe that lighting is insufficient. John Cullen, who is the Housing Co-Chair, is working closely on the proposal of overhead lighting.

The Senate believes that the addition of overhead lighting will improve the lives of the students living in the village in various ways. First, the students have another location to study, it will improve student leisure time, and the suite will be safer if a light switch is easily accessible rather than having to search for a lamp.

Julie LeBlanc, Director of Residence Life, is also a supporter of overhead lighting. LeBlanc currently meets with the Senate’s Housing Committee on a weekly basis and is working with Senate on this proposal. LeBlanc believes it is “a very important topic and something to look into.” The Senate also brought the proposal to Physical Plant in order to figure out the details involved when installing overhead lights in the village.

The Senate performed a survey in the understructure a few weeks ago to confirm that the majority of the students living in the village would like better lighting.

**An Introduction to Beta Gamma Sigma**

By Rebecca Tan  
Class of 2012

Beta Gamma Sigma is the international honor society recognizing and rewarding academic achievements of students enrolled in collegiate business and management programs accredited by AACSB International.

The mission of Beta Gamma Sigma is to encourage and honor academic achievement in the study of business and personal and professional excellence in the practice of business.

Beta Gamma Sigma was founded on February 19, 1919 and is based on the principles and values of honor and integrity, pursuit of wisdom, and carnality. There are over 350,000 members in Beta Gamma Sigma with 19,817 members inducted in 2002-2003, 392 collegiate chapters, and 16 alumni chapters.

It is truly an honor to be invited to join Beta Gamma Sigma since membership does not come easily. Of business majors in schools accredited by the AACSB, the following are eligible for membership.

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Beta Gamma Sigma provides benefits not only to its individual members but also to society, to the corporate community, and to the University or Collegiate Chapter.

Individual members benefit from international recognition, access to the BetaLink On-Line Community, the Student Leadership Forum, scholarships, access to discounts on products and services, and lifelong learning opportunities.

The Alumni Network provides business contacts with "the best in business," professional development opportunities, a tangible meaning to lifelong membership, a way to keep up-to-date on business issues, and an opportunity to give back to current business scholars.

**Spotlight on service:**

**Bryant Psychology Association**

By Ebenezer Mih-Robertson  
Editor-in-Chief

The Bryant Psychology Association (BPA) is a month’s spotlight on service. Seven members of the club visited Hebert’s Nursing Home in Smithfield on Nov 24.

They played "Jackpot," a game similar to bingo, with the residents and helped the residents who couldn’t make it on their own. Members of the organization spent a couple of hours interacting with the residents of the nursing home.

According to the Jessica Domovic, President of the Psychology Assoc., “Many of the residents do not get a chance to leave the nursing home often, so they were very excited to socialize and be active with us.”

**Vanessa Vennik,** Secretary of BPA, believed it was the perfect place she had if quite some time. The residents of the Nursing Home thought she was married to another student in the group. “They were an adorable and funny group of residents and I would do this again if I had the chance,” said Vennik. The oldest resident in her nursing home was 103 years according to students who visited the home.

According to Donovan, “Doing these events grants the residents a great opportunity for the life is all about. The Psychology of Toy Design,” by Prof. Merritt to a talk by Toby Simon, Director of the Women’s Center, entitled, “Connecting the Dots: Women in Sexuality.”

In an effort to recognize community services efforts of student organizations on and off-campus, the Office of Student Activities will continue to highlight and awarding service projects each month.

In order to be recognized, student organizations need to turn in their Community Service reports to the Office of Student Activities. Watch for future spotlights in upcoming issues of The Archway.

**FIRE ALARM**

Location: Townhouses, caused by cocking on the stove

**HARASS/THREAT CALL**

Location: Suite Village, Complainant came into control and stated that this morning between 7:30hrs and 9:30hrs they received numerous harassing calls

**DENIED ENTRY**

Location: Entry control station CT 737 RSC, Back VW turned away from the ECS, minors

**VANDALISM**

Location: H-16 lot, light pole down wires exposed

**EMT CALL**

Location: Suite Village. RA reported a female is intoxicated lying on the floor in her room. Officers arrive on scene and request a rescue respond

**DISORDERLY CONDUCT**

Location: Suite Village. Received a call for a possible disturbance outside of Hall 6. Group of Students walking away from the Hall toward Hall 15 loud but no fighting at this time.
Rules of Engagement: Which way to the mistletoe?

By Terr Whalley

Editor

The holidays are here and it's the best time of the year, right? Oh, well at least that's what they say, however I have yet to feel all the cheer of the season. The most stressful time of the year with finals just around the corner and the Holiday Season. New Year's Eve plans, traveling arrangements to see friends or family on break or deciding what gifts you need to buy; it all adds up in your head. Finals and closing out the semester is enough to worry about and the worst part is here to seem to be no solution as to when this may be over. The only advice I can give is the safe: you have heard: everywhere, everything and lower your drinking binge during the week. To get through finals just think that in a few weeks you'll be back home chilling with your best friends, with whom you have been toching to be with for months.

To help solve some of the stress from finals the next issue is getting a nice Christmas present for your significant other. Upon request, have decide on the holidays. An article that I know as college students to have all on a tight budget. If you are really easy to afford and you just want to thank someone that is at the job at

Open Forum: Reality vs Illusion

By Rebecca Smoak

Class of 2004

As a senior at Bryant I can definitely say that I have encountered many different race and ethnic people. Throughout my four years here I have come across different races, cultures, and ethnicities. Although the multi-racial and multi-ethnic student population consists of New Englanders, no two people are alike.

Each individual represents not only his or her present but also their past. I for one am not only a Bryant student but I represent my culture. Comparing the culture in Haiti and my future as a businesswoman in New England, there is a great difference in the way they grow in their beautiful faculties on campus the student population grows as well.

Over the past four years I have socialized many times with South Americans who have lived with a few Europeans; and I conducted myself to the cultures of those different countries.

I know what it's like to see children suffer due to lack of jobs and women hate their world due to being treated as men, I have been the victim of angry men who seek justice through violence. I know what it's like to see the world that is so beautiful. Because of this I believe that I have been fortunate to see both sides of this world; one is the best out of my life and the other is the worst. Out of one I live in and all the different people who make up this world. Not every person is able to visit the world and those who suffer. We are able to see so much for everyone to understand, accept, and respect that those who have seen the world better than us.

As business majors we share skills and knowledge with different cultures. We share the teachings of Bryant that will become our advantage in the future. I have a summer job with Sony Music Entertainment. Quite often I have influenced to think outside the box. Getting used to thinking and creating, getting more creative and thinking about the future then I have ever thought of.

Aeropostale is a clothing store that I work for. We have sales, and it's a good place to hang out. When I was thinking about returning to school such as, "Oh, lets get real back to college. Good example is the US. This is the worse show over." I was speechless. Was this really my country?

The American people are here in the US that is the reason for their reaction when they see the harshness of life outside our surroundings. They truly think that this is a show's not for real, let's go to Spades and have a lot of fun it is so much more the street. Spades does not even watch a show. America TV shows such as The Bachelor. I understand that not all people have a bad experiences that I have experienced. The world is a very big place. I do not understand and practically refuse to accept are comments such as the American people are no good. You do not have to come from a country that is undergoing civil war to either a sympathize for the innocent who suffer or b) respect those who do.

In Marie Claire's November issue 2003, Angelina Jolie stated in quick, frank and intimate words, "My father, who is a little Baptist, kind of wanted one, in spite of his love for the New England, he shop exclusively on Overstock.Com or occasionally L Bean and has never put too much concern about his appearance.

Metrossexual is the term for a new generation of hip, urban men who can do slants in a bar and understand the difference between Levi's and Diesel. They may even frequent women's clothing stores but are not afraid of getting facials and pedicures. They pay a female a compliment on her clothing because they actually like the clothes, not because they're trying to hit on them. They may even utter phrases like "No carb after 8 PM." Metrossexuals know the latest fashion for women and they can usually find out what's in style for men.

They're not gay, they're not straight. They're not flag waving gay, and they don't need the Fab Five to do a makeover. This may be just a trend, but it's getting lots of attention. Metrossexuals refer to straight men living in urban, metropolitan settings, who are engaging their feminine ninesides.

Some say that the heterosexuality American male (one because is female college student told me. "Aren't all European guys metrossexual?" Not a monogamous marriage, heterosexual marriage has been usually reserved for women and strong men. Even Conde Nast, has jumped into the fray with a soon-to-be-launched magazine targeted at men, similar to the women's magazines. And not surprisingly, to preserve the straight male image, companies make sure their products are free of gay products with a heavy dose of mascisims. There are skin care lines for men, black Jack Black and Heavy Duty. Jack Black dats back to the Civil War when the soldiers were provided shaving and grooming kits. (We don't want our men buying their weapons with a 5 o'clock shadow, do we?)

The metrossexual trend may be Madison Avenue's dream come true as they laugh all the way to the bank. However, I do think it has also do some good. It looks like women's expectations as we lead into the 21st century. As one writer put it "What modern day woman doesn't appreciate a full shave or a well suited man, works out, makes a mean cocktail and is overly concerned with patience while shopping, can take in a play, exhibit fashion sense and understand a poem."

This advance of men into female terrain is encouraging and perhaps a sign of the future. The success of the men's fashion magazine "The Straight Guy" is also encouraging. Although the show has a huge financial backing, many men are watching since the making of the show, I like to know how to impress women, but also about becoming a more comprehensive person. A lot of the men I have run that many claim to be not interested in attractive, sensitive, and attentive. From the show's success with straight men's magazine and fashion shows are showing a greater willingness to accept homosexualities and a traditional gender roles can change. But perhaps the way traditional gender roles can change. But perhaps the way traditional gender roles can change. But perhaps the way traditional gender roles can change. But perhaps the way traditional gender roles can change. But perhaps the way traditional gender roles can change. But perhaps the way traditional gender roles can change. But perhaps the way traditional gender roles can change. But perhaps the way traditional gender roles change.
Postal service to be Santa for UPS, other carriers - so mail early

By Alaina Sze Potriks
Knight Riddpper Newspapers

There are two new reasons to mail gifts early this holiday season:

One is that the U.S. Postal Service expects to move 20 billion pieces of mail before Christmas, its most greuling season.

The second is the under new arrangement with UPS, the Postal Service will be making more deliveries for catalog companies, but those deliveries will take more time and won't be guaranteed by the same date guarantees.

The Postal Service's "Parcel Select" system picks up the last leg of the delivery, he offers free pick-up service at post offices and his or her mailbox, from UPS and other private carriers. Those arrangements save money for people who buy things from catalogs by lowering shipping fees.

Postal Service officials insist that Christmas is the only time power to handle the added volume on its own. They won't delay other deliveries. But to avoid testing that proposition, mail early.

Exercise some caucy at the dinner table this holiday season

By Cassandra Spratling
Knight Riddpper Newspapers

The period between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day could easily be dubbed the eating season.

Stayng slim or trimming down is a challenge facing weights this year. and this year, but this year, the diet season of the year, the year, but this year, the year 2000. Patients all over the world. There are several big holidays in the coming six weeks. That means big meals, fools and binges. But dieting and planning can cut into your enjoyment of the season, and that's to put it mildly, demanding the holidays - kids demanding to get out and see the town, demand for more slopes and trails, for more slopes and trails, and the door. Don't pile up like snow. But unlike snow, don't focus on it, either.

How much of a prob lem is it? Is it? It's a little over 15 pounds during this time in this season. But for the next few weeks will bring Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day and seven days of panic. "The problem is it's not just five days of overeating. It's five days of overeating," says Jeanno Stevenson, health educator and dietitian at Fred Health Psych's Center for Cardiovascular Rehabilitation Program. "It's a period of season of eating things you don't normally eat. Rich desserts, Christmas cookies, nuts - things that don't naturally make you feel good during the season, during the drink, in the champagne during the new year.

Fitness and nutrition experts say people can experience holidays free of worry if they do some planning. The key to surviving without gaining is being aware of what is in your food and how you eat, suggest nutritionists, nutritionist and food writers.

The Postal Service will be Santa for UPS, other carriers - so mail early

Postal Service is taking on its role as Santa during the festive season.

"We're in the business of getting gifts to people," McKiernan said. "More packages mean more business." Forwarders, companies and their customers, the draw- backs for UPS Basic and similar "last-mile" deals with the Postal Service are three:

First, the Postal Service will attempt delivery only once, whereas normal UPS service would give it three tries.

Second, the Postal Service charges catalog shippers for returned packages. Third, there's no insurance.

For the best shot at on-time Postal Service deliveries of any kind, experts say:

1. Make sure the address is correct and legible, scanning equipment that can process handwriting handles 70 percent of letters and packages fast. But scanners handle only the legible addresses.

2. Don't guess at the zip code. The Postal Service delivers on the basis of the correct address only, you've provided the wrong one only if your mail ends up in the wrong place. Post offices have zip code directories, or use on-line search tools, or click on "find a zip code."

3. Use study boxes and tape, not rubber bands.

4. Black out old barcodes and addresses.

5. When mailing toys, take out the batteries before shipping. If left in, the toys could explode accidently.

6. Package sizes by priority mail before Dec. 22 will reach their destinations by Christmas. After that, mailing before Christmas Eve via express mail will reach most destinations in time for Christmas.

7. To avoid post office lines, use your own return address label and say for postage Supreme Court to hear arguments on funding religious education

By Jan Crawford Greenburg
Chicago Tribune

Joshua Davey had been a freshman at a Christian college in Washington state for all of two months when he got the unwelcome news: State officials were yanking away his scholarship. He was being denied the chance to attend college because he was a Christian.

But the state said there are things you can do to burn calories, and to appeal to the end of the period at the mall so you will have to walk to the store or car you or taking the stairs instead of the elevator or escalator at the mall. Force yourself to walk even more by parking on the road on the sidewalk the farthest from the stores you plan to visit.

Colomba advised people to be realistic about what they can accomplish during the holidays. Unless you're extremely disciplined, you should not start a diet during this season, he says. "It takes a huge amount of discipline to diet during the holidays. The last thing you want to do is watch everyone else eating and having a good time while you're on some restrictive diet. You're setting yourself up for failure."

He advises many of his clients not to lose weight during the holidays, but to simply try to maintain their current weight.

Skymow and VanZant also say enjoy the holidays, but plan your eating, control the amounts, drink lots of water and exercise.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE ARCHWAY STAFF

I love Christmas because I get to be with my family and a warm feeling comes over my heart. Everyone is just happy to be together.

- Meghan Regimbald

So string up the lights and light up the tree. We're going to make some great memories. The snow is falling and all is well. It's Christmas time in New York.

- Laura Wiederhold

My favorite part of Christmas is spending time with my family and friends. My calendar is filled with events where I go to see people I don't see all year. I bake cookies and make things for the house of each party we go to. I love the smell of cookies and cookies and cookies.

- Jill Zaharias

I like Christmas because Santa is cool! Ho! Ho! Ho! What a jolly old elf!

- Edward Brady

When I think of Christmas, it makes me want to stand everything and watch “A Christmas Story” and “National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation”. I watch them at least 5 times each from Thanksgiving till Christmas. Sometimes, I’ll even watch it in the middle of the summer when I get in the mood. You can never get enough Christmas.

- Christian Collard

My favorite holiday have to be Thanksgiving and Christmas. The best part about Thanksgiving is getting all the food like roast turkey, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie. Christmas is more about giving and getting with family and friends. The best part about Christmas is seeing all my family, getting gifts from them, and family time.

- Charles Hubbard

The holiday season is the most wonderful time of year. Thanksgiving to New Year's is enjoyed with family and friends. I love to snuggle up with a warm mug of hot chocolate and watch the snow fall. One of my traditions is to trim the Christmas tree while listening to Bing Crosby’s “Christmas in the Carolinas.” Since the tree is my favorite decoration, it must stay up until my birthday, which happens to be New Year's Day. Happy Holiday's and all!

- Laura Wiederhold

Holidays in my opinion, are time for self-reflection and being with family. It is a time to figure out who you are or who you have become and where you want to be in life. Enjoy the holidays and Happy New Years in advance!

- Ebenezer “Scrooge” Mills-Robertson

Christmas is a time of giving, love, and charity. Let's do our part to spread joy and peace this holiday season.

- Central Editor

A friend of mine told me this story about Christmas one year as he drove to a house and he said his story about life is what Christmas is all about. My mom and sister are always in Home Depot buying something for the house. My little brother typically accompanies me. One day my brother noticed this carpet. This carpet is noticeable because it is a in carpet, which children can drive their cars around the carpet, so it is a make-believe car race. Jane saw this carpet-car out and immediately he starts playing with the car in the middle of Home Depot and we're with no one. The next time we are leaving to go to Home Depot, my brother asked if we are going to Home Depot again, and I said yes. Of course, we say yes, and the brother immediately runs to his room and takes everything he has in his pocket. When at Home Depot, he goes to a section where the mate is and pulls out one of his pocket about 5 cars, and he is ready for his time at Home Depot, with his mom and sister. So, come Christmas time, my brother and I know exactly what one of Jane's gifts will be, the famous car-rected carpet. The harrowing part about the decision was how we wrap it, so he wouldn't see it. On Christmas Day when the family is spending up the gifts Jane goes to his last gift under the tree, and it is empty and what does he see, his favorite carpet, right in his home, no longer in Home Depot. We are all excited because we know this is what he wanted so badly. Jane looks down once the gift is fully opened and laid out across the floor, and says, “Mom, I didn't have Santa Claus shopped in Home Depot last!” Hahaha, now that is a Christmas story, at heart...
Shana Geert 06
Assistant Ad Manager

Niki Ziels 04
Advertising Manager

Families all have traditions they follow during the holidays. You may not think your family has any but even something as simple as making a certain dish for Thanksgiving qualifies.

My family starts our Christmas season the day after Thanksgiving. You might think this is excessive until you find out that it's just going and cutting down our Christmas tree. We start the morning with breakfast at a restaurant that changes year to year. Last year, it was Kings in Newington, CT. We enjoy our relaxed breakfast full of laughter, food, and plenty of coffee to numb the upcoming onslaught of cold weather. Afterwards, my parents, sister, my brother-in-law (a more recent addition to the crew) and myself pile into the cars and head to Jones Tree Farm in central Connecticut.

The phrase "tree farm" conjures up a mental picture of a flat piece of land with row after row of trees. Fortunately, this is far from the reality otherwise I would be too easy. Jones is situated in what constitutes a mountain in central CT. These are planted all over the place and finding the perfect one becomes similar to a quest for the holy grail. Hard to do but the fun is in the journey.

As soon as the car is parked and we head up the path to the parking lot, it feels like Christmas is in the air. Before the car can be parked farms and other buildings all decked out in holiday cheer are passed. These are the perfect trees.

On the mountain there are paths that lead between the different areas where the trees are growing. On the way to the North 40 (the farthest section) is Santa's Workshop. I've been too old for years now to sit on Santa's lap, but still to get smile all the children as they bound to their parents after their visit with Santa remembering how I did the same thing sixteen years ago when we started going to cut our tree at Jones to Farm.

Even though my sister married and moved out three years ago, we as a family make sure to set aside the time to go get our tree even if its not the day after Thanksgiving like it used to be. Traditions may change but what is important is keeping a part of it as something special and unique within our family. As a senior this year, I will be back in college and moving somewhere. Even though I may be unable to return home to continue this tradition at some point in the future, nothing will be stopping my parents, my sister, and her husband, and me from going to a farm somewhere and getting our tree for the years we all spent together while we could on that mountainside looking for our holy grail. The perfect tree.

-Erin Thompson 04 - Photography Editor

"grew up in a home where both Jewish and Catholicism were practiced. Around the holiday season we celebrate Hanukkah and Christmas and partake in the customs involved in each. This means lighting the candles of the menorah and waking up to presents from Santa on Christmas morning. I have always felt myself lucky to be able to absorb the culture and gifts involved in each religion."

- Brian Levine 05 - Staff Writer

"My favorite holiday memory is when my dad would cut down a Christmas tree from our own yard, and our whole family would gather around and decorate it. When my brother, sister, and I were younger my mom would dress us all in matching PJs, and we would leave cookies and milk for Santa."

- Alena Wroblewski 04 - Assistant News Editor

"The holidays are a time to unwind between semesters and spend time with family and friends!"

- Shawn Prash 08 - Staff Writer

"Happy Hannukah! Enjoy your potato latkes!"

-Toby Simon Opuson Writer

Holiday Mills 04 - Staff Writer

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"Felicia Dia de los Reyes or the Day of Kings which is on January 6. As recited in a poem: He stretched his lance to the dancers in the troupe And waved goodbye to the Joncros group And Wariu exclaimed as he danced rueda and there "Felicia Dia de los Reyes. See you next year!"

Because the sound of music doesn't just please the ears it defines a culture!"

-Erin Lavery 04 - Staff Writer

One of my favorite things to do during Christmastime is to watch Christmas movies. It's really amazing that movies we loved growing up are still a part of our lives and traditions. Every year I force my mom to sit down and watch Home Alone and make sure that my brother and I watch A Christmas Story at least three or four times. No. only can we enjoy these movies that celebrate Christmas, we can take time out of our busy lives to celebrate the idea of family, which is what Christmas is truly about.
Record-breaking Season
Ends for Women's Volleyball Team

By Meghan Lovett
Sports Editor

Leaving it to Queens to
end their season, the
NUCA Elite Eight,
Bulldogs ended their
record-breaking campaign with a final score of 3-7. This year
ends the careers for four seniors who led their team during this
taxing season.

Senior Laura Hadad, Brittany Beckman, Elisa Kim, and Lorraine Egers led the past few seasons. Their leadership was the driving force behind their team. They lead their team to their first ever appearance in the NCAA playoffs. Their four have had a tremendous impact in their short collegiate careers.

The team was victorious against UMSS Lowell in the first round of NCAA regional playoffs. The final score was 3-0 in favor of the Bulldogs. Elisa Kim had 11 kills and eight digs, while freshman Jessica Choi had eight kills and four blocks for the Bulldogs.

The win advanced the Bulldogs to the second round of the NCAA. The women's volleyball team defeated visiting Duquesne University 3-0. Duquesne swept New Haven 3-0. Michelle Nunzi had 14 kills and 10 digs for Bryant. While Elisa Kim added 11 kills Jessica Choi had 10 kills on 22 swings while also senior setter Brittany Beckman added 46 assists.

They advanced to the regional finals for the second consecutive year where they fell to Queens in the final matchup. The Bulldogs lost to Queens 3-1. Standing strong, the offense for the Bulldogs was the key to the upset. Senior Megan Cegarra. Muniz finished the night with 21 kills and 11 digs. Cegarra and Ellis dominated the entire game. Each had nine kills in a total. From the backcourt, Bryant's senior setter had 30 assists and 4 blocks. Also, playing well for the Bulldogs was freshmen bikes, Bhan Sankatkar with 8 kills and Elisa Kim with 10 digs on the defensive side of the ball.

This season was a record-breaking season for Bryant's women's volleyball program. The team swept the Northeast-10 conference championships for the first time since Bryant joined the conference. The team's season is anything as exciting as this past week's performance. Another change for the Bulldogs is in for next season.

Speaking of Oakland powerhouse newcomer Keith Foulke may also be swapping green and yellow for red and blue. Last season Foulke racked up 43 saves along with a .940 record and a 2.08 ERA.

A closer in a Red Sox uniform? Well, at least it’s not Tom "Flats" Gordon in 1998. This would help for a "badly needed" bullpen committee to come from the Red Sox. Perhaps gearing up for an offer from the Tampa Bay Rays. The Rays have already been named.

It was kind of nice, saying that maybe it’s a little bit too exciting, a little too early. What’s going on looking forward to a regular season, if you don’t know where every little step of the off season? What other team has their fans still sport their jerseys and hats in the beginning of December? Cowboy up Boston, don’t stop believing.
**Variety**

**Stuck On Holiday Gifts? Here's a DVD Guide**

The Dallas Morning News

Once upon a time, Santa would reward naughty souls with lumps of coal in their stockings. But these days, a VHS tape might serve the same purpose.

The DVD has become the industry standard for movie geeks and casual viewers alike. Players are cheaper than ever. Spielberg's latest titles hit the shelves every week. This is great. It can also be intimidating. And that's where we can help.

**ACTION FLICKS**

The ADVENTURES OF INDIANA DUNES

This four-disc set presents all three Indiana Jones movies. Raiders of the Lost Ark, Temple of Doom and Last Crusade, along with a disc of bonus materials. The movies are

The stars of this set, two of them are, at least Temple of Doom is still the creepy mess you remember it being.

But the bonus disc offers three hours of extras, including a two-hour documentary shot just for this collection. One highlight is Steven Spielberg talking about staging special effects in the days before computer imagery. T.M. Starring Harrison Ford. $69.98 - $546 min.

**STAR TREK: THE MOTION PICTURES COLLECTION**

Have you yourself a nifty little Christmas with this boat-anchor of a boxed set featuring all four of the Star Trek films. Now you can set the debate once and for all; Kirk or Picard? Original or Next Generation? You decide, and may the force be with you. IMAX, live long and prosper. T.M. Starring William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy and Patrick Stewart. $189.99 - 1,878 min.

**THE JAMES BOND 007 COLLECTION, VOLS 1-3**

Extravagant, packaging of this collection suits its subject. All 20 "official" Bond (James Bond) films are spread among three boxed sets, seven in each of the first two, six in the last. Though each set mixes periods (the first jumps from Dr. No to The Spy Who Loved Me to Tomorrow Never Dies) the collection reflects Bond tradition. The first set is the best and includes a little more with each set that follows. The assemblies of original makers forms a compact history of late 20th-century pop culture. T.M. Starring Sean Connery, Roger Moore, Timothy Dalton and Pierce Brosnan. $124.96 each. Approx. 3,000 min.

**FOR THE FAMILY**

**FINDING NEMO**

If you've managed to hold off buying this one until now, it's hard to think of a better film that will delight the kids more. (Which is not to say they won't like Disney's dazzling The Lion King or Sleeping Beauty. DVDs, also out this year.) Nemo, which swallowed this year's live-action competition and became the highest-grossing animated film of all time, may seem a simple bonding tale between father and son.

But Pixar pulled it off with complex and irresistible style. Cool extras include a look at how they did it and a Fisharades (charades with fish). N.C. Starring the voices of Albert Brooks, Ellen DeGeneres and Alexander Gould. Directed by Andrew Stanton, co-directed by Lee Unkrich. $29.99. $100 min.

**LOONEY TUNES GOLDEN COLLECTION**

Still funny after all these years, this collection of 56 classic Warner Bros. shorts might just erase the generational humor divide. It starts with Bugs Bunny as a hounding baseball fan who takes over for the whole team. The bat, running, and guessing. Guess who wins? Or is that the point? To the right, the viewers.

**Weekly Horoscope**

_**Aries (March 21 - April 19)**_

You're very efficient, and yet you can't seem to get everything done. This just means you've taken on a job that's bigger than you are. Luckily, your friends want to help.

_**Taurus (April 20 - May 20)**_

Don't worry about an idea that didn't go over very well. You'll soon come up with a better one, and perhaps a better job. Don't endure an uncomfortable situation. Get motivated to change.

_**Gemini (May 21 - June 21)**_

You're getting stronger and more confident, and travel conditions are improving. If you launch a new project or study program tomorrow, the odds of success are good. Meanwhile, skie the work who.

_**Cancer (June 22 - July 22)**_

It's best to keep most of your serious discussions private for the next few days. Talk over your plans with a person who has the experience to check them out and offer helpful feedback.

_**Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)**_

Friends and loved ones close to you will have other things on your mind. Set work aside as soon as possible and accept your family's support.

_**Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)**_

With your natural charm and wit, you can handle even the most anxious types unless you get nervous yourself, of course. Looks like you'll have a chance to try.

**Crossword**

**ACROSS**

1. Baroness
2. Pretense
3. Don't grok!
4. Strong
5. Humility
15. John who played Gornax Addams
16. The control group
17. Venetian blind, for example
19. Volleyball filler
20. Takes care of
21. Components
23. Creamy color
25. Type of setter or sewn
26. Seattle player
30. Ray
31. In the midst of
32. Assumed name
35. Pope's puppet
38. Recite a speech
39. Group of trees
40. Headliner
41. Unit of work
42. Napped
43. Shorthand, for short
44. A show of Donald Duck
46. Past month of Islam
49. Literary category
50. Rock full color
52. Diamond crystals
53. Play cards
54. Weather phenomenon
59. VCBI button
60. Heliotrope
62. Cartoonist in Pogo
63. Avoid capture
65. Trade mark of a RCA
65. Former draft org.
66. Goes out with
67. That's how you spell from New York

**DOWN**

1. A leg behind
2. Falco of "The Sopranos"
4. Brewski
5. That's how you spell from New York
6. Fren or neon
7. Bridesmaid's partner
8. Country south of the Alps
9. Type of bet
10. Feels
11. Not lively
12. Southern side dish
13. Gew
14. Interred threads
15. Character in As You Like It
16. Shillelagh stick
27. God of love
28. Oil rig crew
29. Travel stop
30. Harmful
33. Track circuit
34. Opening bars
35. Actress Turner
37. Pressing device
39. Shifty
40. BBO stop
42. Plant starting plot
43. Blast furnace
44. Coffee server
47. Fruity drinks
48. Al and Tipper
49. Some rappers
50. Become extinguished
51. Wear away
53. Southernmost
54. Stew pot
55. Snack
56. Grooving on
57. Necromancer
58. Mountain in Tennessee
61. Plains, IL

**Geometry**

The timing coincides with the release of the Looney Tunes Back in Action film. But this one's better because it's not weighed down by those silly humans. N.C. Starring the voices of Mel Blanc. Directed by Chuck Jones, Fritz Freeling and others. $64.92. 411 min.

**Solutions**

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Great Bands You (Probably) Haven't Heard Of (Until Now) Part 9: The Miniboses

By Christian Collard

Editors:

Formerly from Boston, they've moved out to Tempe, AZ where they now reside. They sporadically play shows close to home (usually in Nevada, Arizona, and Utah). However, they will one day make their way to New England (hopefully sooner than later). When asked what their favorite areas were, here's what they responded with:

"They're current song reperto- rie is ever-changing. The current line-up includes: Castlevania, Incantation, Megaman II, Conta, Ghosts 'n Goblins, Wizards and Warriors, Kid Icarus, Ninja Gaiden, Punchout, DD Stronghold, Rygar's Castle, Jesus Christ, and Medieval Fake." The current song reperto- rie is ever-changing. The current line-up includes: Castlevania, Incantation, Megaman II, Conta, Ghosts 'n Goblins, Wizards and Warriors, Kid Icarus, Ninja Gaiden, Punchout, DD Stronghold, Rygar's Castle, Jesus Christ, and Medieval Fake.

They receive dozens of new requests from fans to play their favorite songs from old video games and to post the guitar tablature for the songs they have performed. In response to these questions are:

- They have absolutely NO plans of printing any tab book at this time.
- They're on a computer. Putin's a dork.
- They have already scheduled a gig in Winamp that slows down their sound but they added one before changing the pitch and figure it out by ear, or use an emu- lator or The Miniboses figured out their own arrangement of the songs. It is a good musical exercise to do this, and then you can make your own tabs and sell them off to your friends and to your friends. And when we played everybody's requests, then there would never be free time for us, and you then definitely need a time-off to make. Unfortunately, it will be quite some time before the Miniboses seed back up to New England for shows. In the meanwhile, there are plenty of freebie MP3s of the video games, and you can download them from Don't Even Try to figure out how to do that. The Met Cafe, also in the Peerless building, around the corner on Union Street will close as a result of the deal. Lupo said, "The Met is a victim of urban development." Owner Rich Lupo, his landlord, Arnold A. Chase, and Michael Kent have agreed to a deal under which Chase would buy the remaining years of Lupo's lease in the Peerless building, and Lupo will move his bar and restaurant to the Strand, at 70 Washington St., sharing the space with the Strand. After repair work is done to the bar, the Strand will have a capacity of 2,000 (roughly twice the old Lupo's). This will enable him to book bigger acts, and keep up with the changes in the live-music business. "As much as I feel there's a special atmosphere to being in our club, we've lost some bands who simply want to play in smaller, intimate venues. There are certain things in life that we can't change. In recent years, Chase and Lupo have been negotiating a sale and a new lease for the club. Roughly six months ago, Chase raised his offer and Lupo finally rejected the proposal. Lupo would not disclose the fig- ure offered to him. "I think we've come to an agreement," Lupo said. "But it was always crucial to me to find a new location with a new lease to just call the shots. . . . Also, I really didn't want to keep moving, but you keep adding it up. Maybe it's the last thing. As time goes by, the years go by, the lease goes by, the shorter, and his offer's gotten higher, higher, higher. So we've found a location that makes sense.

The uncertainty over the club's future was finally resolved.

"Everything got kind of messed up because of the lease negotiations," Chase says. "It cost us shows. The word got out to the agencies. He says that there are very few shows scheduled for December and January, and that Lupo's won't resume a full schedule until late January or early February.

Now, what will happen to the current Lupo's and Met Cafe locations? Chase and his partners, under the names of Cornish Associates and other entities, had been looking to build apartments in the Peerless building for years. But Chase was even so far as to attempt to evict Lupo from the lower levels of his building, claiming that the sound of loud music from the nightclub made it impossible for him to develop a new level of cohabiting into living spaces. However, in April of 2001, the courts ruled in the favor of the club and the club remained open. Chase decided the current set-up was the Peerless Building would now be developed into a mixed-use residential area. From what we can tell, the final performance at the current West Street Lupo's location was a sell-out. Plaza has been a location of many local talents including Rashid, The Detergents, Without Andy, Shik Willy, Another Dead Jacket, and many other favorites. A new show from this show will forever be known as "Lupo's Last Strand.""

Recipe of the Week - Ginger Cookies

INGREDIENTS:

2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup margarine
1/2 cup sugar
1 cup packed brown sugar
1 egg
1/2 cup buttermilk
1/2 cup water
1 cup white sugar
1/4 cup molasses

PREPARATION:

1) Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Stir together the flour, ginger baking soda, cream of tarter, and salt. Stir in the brown sugar, then blend in the flour and sugar. Place the 2 cups into an ungreased cookie sheet, and flatten. Use any shape cookie cutter, or leave them as rounds. If they're big, bowl cream together the margarine and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the egg, then stir in the water and molasses. Gradually stir in flour, mixing until the dough is smooth, then roll them in the remaining 2 tablespoons of sugar. Place the cookies 2 inches apart on an ungreased cookie sheet, and flatten. Use any shape cookie cutter, or leave them as rounds.

2) Bake 8 for 10 minutes in the preheated oven. Allow cookies to cool on baking sheet for 5 minutes before removing to a wire rack to cool completely. Apply whatever decorations (icing, frosting, candy) etc. Store in an airtight container.

By Bryant Players Present Alibus
By Christian Collard and Megan McDonald Staff Writers

The Bryant Players will present the musical production of the semester his weekend. Alibus, a play written by Peter Kennedy, will be performed December 5 and 6 at 8 p.m. and December 7 at 2 p.m. All performances will be held in the Janikas Auditorium. These performances mark the end of a successful fall season for the Bryant Players. Alibus is a two-act murder mystery spoofed supposedly set in the Middle East. There defi- nitely are shades of Sherlock Holmes, Agatha Christie and Tim Burton in the play. When famous actress Primavera Donna throws a party and wins up dead, it's up to the women to figure out who and how, and why the hired help is so annoying. It is a classic "who-dunnit" that will have you rolling in the aisles. Both the action and dialogue are fast-paced and the surprising conclusion leaves only one question: Who gets the movie rights?

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Once more, TV hauls out its Yule jewels

By Doug Nye Knight-Ridder Newspapers

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, especially on television. Since November 4, a multitude of holiday specials have been running on network and cable.

Get ready for even more mistletoe and holly as TV offers a few more holiday celebrations with loads of new Christmas movies and seasonal episodes of many regular series.

Here are some new holiday offerings, all of which are worth a look:

Rudolph arrives at 8 p.m. Dec. 5 on NBC. The beloved "Charlie Brown Christmas" airs on ABC twice this season, at 8 p.m. Dec. 2 and again Dec. 13.

The animated "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" will air on the Cartoon Network several times, its first showing at 8 p.m. Dec. 1.

Once again, the offshore comedy "A Christmas Story" will be the most frequently shown movie of the holiday season. A 24-hour marathon showing of the flick begins at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve on TNT.

Based on the writings of Jean Shepherd, the warm and witty movie perfectly captures the awe and excitement of seeing the Grinch at the movies.

As I've seen through the eyes of a kid.

It's a Wonderful Life will air twice on NBC at 8 p.m. Dec. 13 and again on Christmas Eve. Few films capture the spirit of "peace on earth." Good will to men" like this 1946 Frank Capra classic starring James Stewart.

New to the holiday TV schedule this season is "I Want a Dog for Christmas, Charlie Brown" which airs at 8 p.m. Dec. 9 on ABC.

The number of Christmas specials and movies has snowballled in recent years, and it's almost impossible to list everything. Many of your favorite network series will have special holiday episodes. Disney, the Cartoon Network and Family Channel will have dozens of holiday shows throughout the next month.

Christmas with the Kids will have its 21st Days of Christmas beginning Dec. 1. During that time, you'll see "The Year Without a Santa Claus," "The Little Drummer Boy" and "Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer." Coming to Town and Froozy's Winter Wonderland will have many showings.

SPB says "Let It Snow!"

Friday Dec. 5

Ultimate Holiday Celebration. Music! Food! Prize! Fun! Ornamental glass-trees, photo snowglobe keychains, cookie decorating, and Santa photos with help from the 71st MUSL, ISC, and the Bryant Plaza crew in South.

Saturday Dec. 6

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you accidentally knock your roommate's toothbrush into the toilet. he's not home. what do you do? answer the question. compare your opinions with others. explore what matters at pwc.com/lockhere.