Female students fight for townhouses

By Chris Hamilton
Sports Editor

Before this year, Bryant University has had little in common with the L.A. Lakers star Kobe Bryant except a last name. But recently, the similarities have grown. Now both Bryants excel at basketball and are facing serious allegations from women. After the lottery numbers for next year’s 6-person townhouses, also known as the “new townhouses,” were made, many people have brought forth grievances about the selection process.

The method used for deciding who receives these “prime real estates” comes down to two forms of dividing the applicants. The first requirement is based on SCN number and SCN is based on the number of class credits you have. The second requirement for the applicants is by gender. Yet in the housing sign-up sheet, it states near the top of the second page, “The townhouse lotteries are solely based on SCN total.” Whether dividing by gender is a good idea or not, the applicants had no idea when entering the selection process that their gender would be a factor in their townhouse selection.

This wasn’t the only revelation left waiting for the applicants. The school gave 10 6-person townhouse slots for the female pool and 19 for the male pool. John Denio, Director of Residence Life, explained in an interview that the division of townhouse slots for the lottery was based on the percent of male and female students in the senior class. According to the rising senior class, 60% are male and 40% are female. Whether

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Spring Weekend comedian, Mitch Hedberg dies at age 37

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FROM ‘XF’ TO ‘XANYTHING’

By Emilie Lavoie
Assistant Campus NewsEditor

Earlier in the school year, the concept of an “XF Policy” was introduced to Bryant’s campus. As with most proposed changes, there were mixed feelings regarding the raw version of the released policy. To enlighten those who may have forgotten, or somehow never heard of the policy, the XF policy was created to allow students to retake courses and replace an F grade with the grade from the second taking of the course.

Naturally, given only the basic format of this policy, students began to question a variety of potential situations that may eventually stem from such a policy. During the last several months, the Faculty Committee on University Organization has carefully considered every angle of the policy and discussed possible reformations. Finally, the committee, namely Lori Johnson, Director of Advising, has completed what will be called a “grade replacement” policy, endorsed by our Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Unni, that is to be put into immediate effect at Bryant University.

Why the changes? And what exactly are these changes and how will they morph the student body’s view of the policy? Dr. Lux, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, answered these and several other questions in an e-mail correspondence this week. First, Lux responded to the pertinent question “why the changes?” Lux says that the changes implemented developed from discussions with students and faculty over the past few months, as well as comments from the Student Senate during a meeting with Dr. Unni and Professor McNally. The committee tried to address concerns expressed across the board and changes were in acknowledgement of these general concerns.

Some basic points of the replacement policy are outlined in a recent campus-wide e-mail.

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Can a job interview actually send you back to your childhood in ‘The Rant’?

Sports
Check the latest scores for Bryant’s many teams in Bulldog Bites.

Variety
Did you miss Bill Belichick last week? Well now’s your chance to catch up.
Travel fraud on the rise

By Kimberly Morrison Knight Ridder Newspapers

If you say yes to the telemarketer or the Internet pop-up ad offering a free trip to two of the hottest destinations this year, what happens next?

Often, veteran travel-fraud investigators say, fees and taxes added to the "free" flight still leave you way behind. Many enter computer science or other fields at their parents' urging, but have no idea what the major has to offer.

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Five years later, still mourning the dot-com bubble

By Chris O'Brien
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Silicon Valley has had its ups and downs. It has experienced the dot-com bubble, which burst in 2001, followed by a period of uncertainty and then a recovery. The valley is still mourning the loss of the dot-com bubble, which marked a significant turning point in the technology industry.

The numbers alone don't capture the essence of what the dot-com bubble did to Silicon Valley. The region's economy, the lifestyle of its residents, and the culture of its companies were all transformed by the boom and bust of the dot-com era.

The valley's declining confidence is reflected in the quarterly earnings reports of technology companies. Since the bubble burst in 2001, the region has been in a steady decline, with many companies struggling to recover.

The valley's decline is not just economic; it's also cultural. The dot-com bubble was a time of excitement and opportunity, but the bust left a sense of disappointment and disillusionment.

The valley's identity is changing, as companies move away from the area or scale back their operations. The valley's reputation as a place of innovation and entrepreneurship is being tarnished, and the region is struggling to find its way forward.

The valley's future is uncertain, and the challenges it faces are significant. The valley's leaders need to find ways to reinvent the region and attract new companies and talent.

The valley's story is not just about the dot-com bubble; it's about the challenges and opportunities that face the technology industry today. The valley's future is still being written, and it's up to its leaders to shape it.
By Kristin Gayda
Asst. Variety Editor

The world of comedy will never be the same with the passing of brilliantly hysterical Mitch Hedberg. On March 20, 2005, Hedberg, only 37 years old, was found in a hotel room in New Jersey last Wednesday. Medical examiners have stated it appeared that the cause of death was heart failure. According to his mother, Mary Hedberg, Mitch was born with a heart defect and frequently felt uncomfortable about his condition.

Still, this wasn’t prevented by the public that his death was drug-related. “We don’t know what for a fact. It’s not a secret Mitch used drugs,” in a role in his death or not, we don’t know,” said his mother in an interview with the Associated Press. Born and raised in St. Paul, Minnesota, Hedberg had his eyes on comedy for most of his life. After graduating high school, Hedberg left home in search for fame. In 1996, he began appearing at southern Florida Open Mic nights, developing his comedy act and stage presence so that he could start touring. In 1996, Hedberg got his big break performing on The Late Show with David Letterman. He would go on to appear ten times on the show throughout the span of his career. In 1997, he won the grand prize at the Seattle Comedy Competition, and was on his way to headlining at comedy clubs, nightclubs, and college campuses nationwide.

With his razor-sharp wit and low-key delivery, Hedberg was a master at turning everyday, mundane observations into brilliant one-liners reminiscent of comedian Steven Wright. He was truly one of a kind, and in a 2000 issue of Time Magazine he was hailed. “The next Seinfeld.” In 2003, Comedy Central Records released his albums Mitch Hedberg: Impact and Mitch Hedberg: Strategic Grill Locations, and a tour with Hedberg, Black, and Dave Attell, giving him newfound recognition throughout the country.

Mitch Hedberg was on his way to becoming something great, something more than your typical college comedian. Stated to perform at Bryant’s Spring Weekend on April 30, 2005, students were pleased to learn that the festivities would be extended with the booking of a comedian in addition to Less Than Jake. It is unfortunate and heartbreaking that not only will fans never again have the opportunity to see their favorite comedian live, but this campus as a whole will never experience the comic genius that was Mitch Hedberg. In Mitch’s memory, the Hedberg family said it best on his website: “He dedicated his life to comedy and bringing joy to his fans. Mitch loved all of you. We ask that you remember Mitch through his comedy - let him make you laugh, joy your life and love one another.”

Department of Public Safety Log

EMT CALL
Mar. 28, 2005-Monday at 10:06 a.m.
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A DPS EMT responded to Health Services to evaluate shoulder of student who had fallen. EMS was activated.

LARCENY-THEFT 484.2 Pec from Buildings Mar. 28, 2005-Monday at 12:07 a.m.
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A student called and stated that there were objects missing from her room.

VANDALISM
Mar. 31, 2005-Thursday at 1:31 a.m.
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: A caller stated someone threw a rock at their window.

EMT CALL EMT Call / Medical Services Rendered
Apr. 1, 2005-Friday at 1:35 a.m.
Location: TOWNHOUSE
Summary: Smithfield Fire called DPS and reported they received a 911 call stating there was an individual in the Town House area that is unresponsive and bleeding. EMS was activated.

VANDALISM
Apr. 1, 2005-Friday at 2:30 p.m.
Location: BELLLO CENTER LOT
Summary: A student commented on item taken from his room.

DRUGS
Apr. 1, 2005-Friday at 8:00 a.m.
Location: RESIDENCE HALL
Summary: Student called reporting an item taken from his room.
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and changes from the original policy are notable. The policy allows for any current student to retake a course for credit and replace the original grade. However, it requires that a student petition for use of the policy and there are specific terms that are available through the Undergraduate Advising Office.

While the change is a benefit to the policy, students may want to keep in mind that they are only permitted to retake a class an overall total of four times and may only use the policy to retake a particular course once. In other words, students will not be permitted to retake one course, or replace the grade, more than one additional time.

This restriction is not the only important change and is emphasized, on the new grade replacement policy. One new adjustment to the policy that Lux brings up is the previous grade obtained in the class, that is, does a student have to fail a class in order to retake it or can it be a C or D, or even fail a class? The answer is No. A student does not have to fail a class in order to retake it, but remember that petitioning the policy is still required in that situation. It may be thinking that there can be no legitimate reason for retaking a class with a decent passing grade, but Lux raises one example of those situations. In some concentrations, Applied Actuarial Math for example, A or better is required for certification, thus, receiving a B or lower would appear devastating to some students. Would these students not have a legitimate reason to repeat the class and better their education?

A brief statement outlining the rationale and mission of this new policy is supplied for students in the e-mail message. Before the current policy, the student had a statement at the bottom that read: "If a student applies for the concept that undergraduate students should be able to "enhance their learning" by being given the opportunity to repeat classes that may have constituted a failing grade previously. It addresses the concerns that Bryant University fosters an environment encouraging continued, and supported, success among students in their academic efforts and to attend. The event will begin at 10 p.m. and run for four weeks. The open water dates will run from April 4, 2005 to April 11.

The Douglas & Judith Krupp Library still needs your help! Your donation to the Library will help in the purchase of much needed books and equipment for open dives. The students need to have a mask, fins, booties, snorkel, and weight belt. If students have any questions contact Amy Laughlin at Laughlin@bryant.edu or 252-6526.

Housing lottery under scrutiny
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that ratio is directly proportional to the number of townhouses student, Thus, for the small selection process some students are impacted. This occurs when while multiple students have an equal share of a housing lottery, with the student numbers that are impacted, male students compared to female students.

One main reason for the proportional distribution is for equal distribution of houses. By dividing the townhouses according to gender, Residents Life, first year male students and male students have an equal opportunity to receive a townhouse.

For students looking for a new exciting hobby the answer has arrived, PADJ Open Water Scuba Certification. Weekly classes begin April 4 from 6-9:30 p.m. and run for four weeks. The open water dates will be announced at a later date. The cost to participate in the class is $300. This includes all books and equipment for open dives. The students need to have a mask, fins, booties, snorkel, and weight belt. If students have any questions contact Amy Laughlin at Laughlin@bryant.edu or 252-6526.

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**Upcoming GAMES**

**Baseball**
- Saturday, April 9, @ Pace
  - DH 12:00 p.m.
  - Sunday, April 10, Pace, 1:00 p.m.
  - Tuesday, April 12, Saint Anselm, 3:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 14, @ Saint Anselm, TBA
- Saturday, April 16, Southern New Hampshire, 12:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 17, @ Southern New Hampshire, TBA
- Tuesday, April 19, @ Bentley, TBA

**Softball**
- Saturday, April 9, @ C.W. Post
  - DH, 12:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 10, St. Rose, 12:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 12, Merrimack, 3:00 p.m.
- Friday, April 15, @ Pace, 3:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 16, Bentley, 12:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 17, LeMoyne, 12:00 p.m.

**Men's Lacrosse**
- Saturday, April 9, C.W. Post
  - Post, 11:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, April 13, @ Southern New Hampshire, 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 16, Mercyhurst @ Rochester, NY, 2:00 p.m.

**Women's Lacrosse**
- Monday, April 11, @ Southern Connecticut, 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 12, American International, 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 14, @ Assumption, 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 16, C.W. Post, 12:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 17, @ Franklin Pierce, 1:00 p.m.

**Track & Field**
- Saturday, April 9, BRYAN INVITATIONAL, TBA
- Saturday, April 16, @ UMass Lowell, 10:00 a.m.

**Women's Tennis**
- Saturday, April 9, @ Stonehill, 11:00 a.m.
- Sunday, April 10, @ LeMoyne, 3:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 14, @ Franklin Pierce, 3:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 16, American International, 1:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 20, NE-10 CHAMPIONSHIPS, TBA
- Saturday, April 23 and 24, NE-10 CHAMPIONSHIPS, TBA

**Men's Tennis**
- Saturday, April 9, @ Stonehill, 1:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 14, @ Franklin Pierce, 3:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 16, @ Assumption, 1:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 17, Green Invitational

**Golf**
- Saturday, April 9, @ Yale Invitational

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**Winter Intramural Teams:**

**M- Basketball**
- #1 The Champs
- #2 Da Takeover
- #3 Da Pak
- #4 Young Gunz
- Lamest team name: Bulls

**M- Basketball**
- #1 The Pumps
- #2 Chubby Wood
- #3 Dutch Masters
- #4 Hall 14

**Floor Hockey**
- #1 Big DKE
- #2 The Pit Crew
- #3 Cool Runnings
- #4 Boosted
- At least they tried: Delta Chi (OW-SL)

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**The Sports Fan: Diary of March Madness**

By Jason Gilbert

Staff Writer

Incredible, shocking, depressing, exciting; all these words describe one thing, and no it was not the latest episode of The O.C., but college basketball's annual tournament. As an avid college basketball fan, especially North Carolina, this month was once again the best month of the year.

Every March, sports fans cannot keep their eyes off the drama and excitement of March Madness. It is no surprise why on average business is lose five million dollars, more girls dump their boyfriends, and gamblers become instantly rich or deathly broke during this month. Luckily for me, I am still in college, single, and I do not have enough money to gamble. Sure the grades did a little nosedive, but it's nothing an extra credit paper can't handle.

Anyway, this year had to be one of the best tournaments I ever witnessed. Kansas and Syracuse, both top ten teams, lost in the first round, a 12 seed made it to the sweet sixteen, and the top two seeds played in the championship.

I did a little journal of my reactions to each day during the tournament, so people who did not watch the tournament can laugh at me or get to it next year, and those who people who love the madness can relate to my various emotions that occurred over the past month.

Wed 3/9: I'm in beautiful Daytona Beach, FL, and have not found out who is playing due to the fact I've either been on the beach, at a hotel party, or in Rascal's (the famous club) trying to pick up ladies. That afternoon, I decided to fill out a bracket but then I realized I do not have one. Being the smart guy I am, I had to make due with what was around the house. I ended up with four pieces of paper taped together with little dogs on them reading: "from the paws of," I'm such an idiot.

First Round: Happy St. Patrick's Day to my fellow Irish brothers and sisters. As a stereotypical Irishman, I had to get started early, you know what I mean. I watched the first day of the games, which went astonishingly well. Going into the night undefeated with all smiles and acting like a big shot, I see that Syracuse is only winning by five over Vermont. Who cares, there's no way Syracuse can lose this early, I have them in the final four. With 30 seconds to go, Syracuse is down by three and McNamara shoots a three for a tie, NO GOOD. The night seemed all a blur after that, and I do not know what happened.

Second Round: I can't believe I have to go back to the snow and cold, leaving the warmth and lovely ladies. I get off the plane and I see on the airport Illinois cheers despite losing the NCAA game to UNC.

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TC's that UConn is about to lose. I HATE UConn!!! Yes, Williams missed the game winner, that take Marcus Williams is God Facebook group! So once again, I got a big smile on my face and my bracket is looking good, not to mention North Carolina is breezing to the Sweet 16.

Sweet 16 and Elite 8: My sleepy, Wisconsin-Milwaukee, made it to the round of 16, I am such a genius. I am a nervous wreck as Villanova is giving the Tar Heels a scare, and I witness the worst call in basketball, traveling on Villanova. Then the crowd erupts, as I get up and quietly leave the room to celebrate, and I get out without a scratch. The same day, Arizona's Saint Stoudniort makes the most clutch shot I've ever seen to put the Wildcats past Oklahoma State. It was almost as good as my potential game winning three-pointer in the semi-finals of the DII intramural playoffs.

Final Four and National Championship: After the 2nd best comeback I've ever seen, (number 1 Boston Red Sox) down 15 with 13 minutes to go, Illinois shocks Arizona.

North Carolina makes it to the final four, no surprise there, and Duke did not make it which made me even more happy. UConn...oh yeah did not make it, I love saying that. After steady victories, North Carolina met Illinois in the finals, my dream could actually come true. 11:57 oh my lord, it is going to happen; 11:58 p.m. North Carolina is your National Champion!!!

Once again, I predicted the champions, first the Red Sox, then the Eagles vs. Patriots, now the Tar Heels.
Bulldog Bites: Weekly Athletic Scoreboard

Conference games played today at the Bryant Softball Complex. One game saw Bryant explode for 13 runs in the fourth inning to take home the win.

Bryant washer and a late effort by Nichole Cagney later in the game to seal the victory.

On the women's side, senior and sophomore right-hander also ran well in the prints in the Jaguars finished the game 4-for-5 in the Jaguars finished the game 4-for-5.

The Owls, now 5-7 overall on the season and 3-2 in the NE-10, were led by senior Bob Penino and Jeremy Terri. Penino collected three hits in five at-bats with a run scored, and Miller went 3-for-6 batting in the cleanup position. Bryant will host Saint Rose on Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. at the Bryant baseball complex.

No. 1 singles while Alex Spence earned a similar 6-0, 6-0 win.

Bryant will return to action next Tuesday when the Bulldogs travel to Southern N.H.

Women's Tennis

Bryant women's tennis played at Northeast-10 Conference Home by 6-0.

**WOMEN'S TENNIS**

The Bryant women's tennis team won its 13th game of the season on Thursday, defeating American International, 9-0 at the Bryant tennis courts. The Bulldogs improve to 12-1 overall and 6-0 in the Northeast-10.

The Bulldogs out-rended three points in the day in sweeping both doubles and singles in straight sets.

Sacha Solomon earned a 6-0, 6-0 win at No. 1 and Grace Keene earned a 6-0, 6-0 win at No. 1 and Grace Keene earned a 6-0, 6-0 win.

**WOMEN'S LACROSSE**

The Bryant University women's lacrosse lost to New Jersey College Prep, 13-12.

**MEN'S LACROSSE**

Bryant University men's lacrosse will host Saint Joseph's University in the Northeast-10 Conference.

**SOFTBALL**

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**BASEBALL**

Southwestern Connecticut junior pitcher Joe Vingo got the win for the Bulldogs. Nichole Cagney followed that performance with a one-run two hits with four strikeouts. Maria Markiewicz lost the loss for AIC (3-0, 0-0-NE-10).

Bryant would get the win in the bottom of the eighth, when Bri Burburos off an RIB single from Amanda Gagné, scored. Gagné finished the game 4-for-5 and two runs.

Bryant will return to action on Wednesday, April 6, when the Bulldogs host Assumption at 3:00 p.m.

Bryant won its third straight set, 6-0, 6-0, 6-1. Cayman McClellan got the win for Bryant throwing a complete game allowing one run on two hits with four strikeouts. Markia Markiewicz lost the loss for AIC (3-0, 0-0-NE-10).

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**DESTINATION 2007**

**PLANNING YOUR ROAD TRIP**

Thursday, April 21, 2005

Destination 2007: Planning Your Road Trip is designed specifically for the members of the Class of 2007 to gain valuable information to get on the road toward graduation. Students are invited to stop in for a free buffet dinner and the opportunity to get into the fast lane to obtain an academic internship. Build bridges with alumni from a variety of fields.

- Map out your academic & career path with faculty
- Explore various academic concentrations and study abroad options
- Plan your way to future success by gathering information from a number of campus departments

Please RSVP by 4:30 PM on Monday, April 18 at 800.768.4978 or via email to ocs@bryant.edu.

Space is limited!
The Archway: What do women really mean when they refuse to sign for the morning pill on campus?

By Justin Williams

Staff Columnist

As reported last week, for serious still unclear, the health professional shockingly, will not sign prescriptions for emergency contraception pills (ECPs) known by the brand name of Plan B. I know an older person who joked, it seems like we were more socially liberated 20 years ago. Today, doctors and nurses professionals refuse to do something that seems to be in a woman's best interest?

It shouldn't be because they mistakenly believe it's an abortion pill.

Emergency contraception, also known as the morning pill after is not the same thing as the abortion pill (RU-486), as it does not terminate pregnancy. It works by delivering a higher dose of the contraceptive hormone in 36 hours. The hormones can prevent ovulation or fertilization. When taken within 24 hours after unprotected sex, the morning after pill decreases pregnancy probability by 95%.

It is not true that the morning after pill cuts down on abortions. ECPs provide peace of mind for women who have been sexually assaulted or had a birth control failure or failure (such as a broken condom). If a woman can prevent a potentially unwanted pregnancy the next morning, she won't need to get an abortion for that unwanted pregnancy anymore.

For some reason though, social conservatives are still against ECPs, even though they can eat down on the number of abortions. So the question remains, why doesn't Bryant offer prescriptions of emergency contraception?

It shouldn't be because of concerns about safety.

While I do consider myself to be an expert on a women and a variety of other topics, I'm no medical expert. There is however a panel of medical experts on the Food and Drug Administration. They found that emergency contraception was completely "safe and effective in its intended use." The Plan B brand of ECPs doesn't even cause the usual side effects like nausea. There could be the lingering side effect that women could complain, but they always complaining.

The FDA was about to approve ECPs for over counter use last year, but under political pressure from Republicans in Congress, the "independent" body came to the decision there wasn't enough information on ECPs effect on girls aged 12-16. Obviously there isn't reason on the effect on 12-16 year old girls because it's difficult to get a parent to approve of a pill that testing a drug on their sexually active 12 year old daughter. I think the company should have asked Michael Jackson to test the pill on his 11 year old part, but they're male...

So if ECPs are completely safe, was there political pressure to block them going UTC?

It is because social conservatives are against the potential of teen promiscuity.

It is feared that if the morning after pill were made available to teenagers, the abortion rate would increase. Because staff is made up of medical professionals, it's safe to assume that they are aware of the scientific evidence that ECPs do not cause abortion and are safe.

So the only reason is that the health office is the being worrying about the potential for an explosion of pregnancies (which isn't happening at all). Newsflash for everyone over 23: people are having sex on campus. Even my mom who reads the paper, everyone except me who already has been an explosion.

Just because you don't sign a prescription doesn't mean you will change people's behavior. If two people gather together, and the prevention fails, they should've taken more careful. No matter what happened, that doesn't mean you need to be guilty by not giving them a prescription.

With the time window for the effectiveness of ECPs being narrowed, it doesn't make sense on campus can make a big difference for some women. Being tested on a drug they could enter into contracts and even in the military, they shouldn't have been allowed to pre-care to get access to ECPs.

More and more and more are showing that older people imposing their, "just say no" to drug approach doing as well as the "just say no" to drugs approach done. A recent study showed a popular tool in curing pregnancy in teenagers, the abortion rate is deceased. For several years, the federal government has funded abstinence-only sexual education programs.

Part of the program has students sign a pledge to the following: "I am Worth the Wait: Abstinence is the only proven path to protect myself from unwanted pregnancy and STD's. I pledge to abstain from sexual activity until starting today."

It is stupid that the students signing the pledge were just as likely to have contracted an STD as non-pledgers, more. over, they were six times more likely to have oral sex than non-pledgers and four times more likely to have engaged in anal sex: definitely riskier behavior.

The results of the study raise two important points: one, where do these students make a mistake? And two: when older people are not convinced to do or not do something, it rarely works.

Getting into a sexual relationship with someone should be thought about more than it is now, a time when college students today might spend more time on campus today. Rather than deciding if sleeping with someone is the best idea, you need to have engaged in sign prescriptions for ECPs is not the type of thing you do." They should've been allowed to pre-care in the first place.

Accidents can and do happen. Clearly, they would have a greater impact, and now I finally have, a time when college students today might spend more time on campus today. Rather than deciding if sleeping with someone is the best idea, you need to have engaged in sign prescriptions for ECPs is not the type of thing you do. They should've been allowed to pre-care in the first place.

Because ECPs are safe and not the same as an abortion, there should be no moral or safety issues. They are a tool in curbing promiscuity in teenagers.生产

A society lacking integrity and respect

By Greg Hibshon

Staff Writer

I do not mean to sound like a pompous senior citizen writing essays in the world that surrounds people have lost all sense of integrity and respect. Everywhere you turn there is another person doing something with motives in mind and living their lives embodying qualities of greed, dishonesty and selfishness. You turn on the TV and all that is seen is another court case or another brutal scene where innocent people are left dead. Kids grow up today looking for role models and in this society, the people that these children look up to have gone down the wrong path in their own lives.

When I was growing up, my idol was former New York Yankee baseball player, Mickey Mantle. He was a player who came to the field ready to play everyday and embodied what a leader should be like in always putting the team before his ego. I tried to be like Mantle in my childhood, playing hard and working in school and trying not to be a cocky person. Young kids that grew up in the mid 1990's got to idolize people such as Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa and Barry "Balco" Bonds.

This new breed of players does not have the same admirable characteristics as the players of the past. McGwire came off looking like the quintessential all american, even though he cried in front of a congressional body, he did not change his character, nor admit to taking steroids. Instead all that McGwire did was lie. "See, I'm not here to talk about the past. You can't live in the past, man, you just can't. I don't want to talk about the past. The 1990's weren't that bad."

Everyone knows that McGwire took them, now it is just time for him to come out and admit it so that he can try to regain a shred of self respect.

Sammy say it ain't so, is the cock in a sexual scandal, but y'all know the truth. "You don't care about following rules or maintaining any form of fairness in the game," according to the League Baseball. I do not buy the line that "accidentally" ingested a hCG test which was cooked during a game. Sosa knew exactly what he was doing, and even easier that I would be willing to bet he feels no shame in what he did. Like McGwire and Bonds, he has gone beyoing, disgrace his own name and given the entire game of baseball a black eye.

"You finally got me... You wanted me to jump off the bridge, and now I finally have. That was Barry Bonds statement at a recent press conference on Wednesday. The feds are investigating on the possibility that he would be mixing at least half of the steroids he tested the 90's era. He tried to paint it as a job that some people work their entire lives to achieve. Instead of being grateful for his talent, he made the decision that what he was doing was good enough, so he turned to steroids to give him a further edge over the competition. Going beyond the fact that Barry is a steroid abusing jerk, the way he talks to the media is a sign of the ignorance of all professional athletes.

He is no matter what happens, somehow it is not Bonds' fault. Everything that he does, such as taking shortcuts, people totally decide to turn the table and blame him, when in reality, someone else is to blame. One of Barry's favorite targets is the media, he loves to paint it as a vicious people who, for some reason, decide to ask him a lot of questions. Others are frustrated. However, he is quick to forget that the media is just as likely to be similar to a deity during the season in which he hit an enormous. 70 home run. The stereotypical version of the athlete is exactly who Barry is, a Cont'd on next page
The Rant: My inner child needs candy!

By Bryan Sergeant
Staff Columnist

I found myself in a very familiar situation. I was short of breath and my heart was racing. My every word was calculated and planned. No one could know it was possible for this moment to make or break my future. No. I’m not on a first date. This is a job interview (dun-dun-dunnnn!).

My mother’s voice echoes in my head. “Don’t shout! Speak clearly! Don’t say ‘um,’ ‘like,’ or anything else stupid!” The potential employer begins his pitch. “We are industry leaders in doing something you have no clue how to do. Working here is well worth the crappy entry level salary that will barely pay your bills... Blah blah blah.”

My mind stays locked on not slouching, nodding interestedly when he looks at me, and definitely not looking at what seems to be a sign on the wall showing a toupee impression on his enormous dome. But then a question burnt my concentration.

So Bryan, Where do you see yourself in 10 years? 20 years? What? Why? You want me to tell you who? 10 years? OK, well let’s think for a minute. Leave here, drive home, get lunch, maybe a nap later...that gets me to dinner. Hold on, this may take me a while.

I can tell you where I don’t want to be. I really hope I’m not living at home, 32 and still trying to make curfew isn’t as cool as it sounds. I definitely don’t want to be back in New Jersey. I don’t want to be a burger flipper, busboy, janitor, or accountant.

The more I think about where I could be in ten years, the more I want to follow Tom Cruise’s lead in Cocktail. I could do it. I could open a bar in the tropics and be the coolest bartender south of the border. That is if the people at that bar order be all doing a straight shot because I don’t know I cowl a cosmopolitan from a daiquiri.

Now I’m freaking right in front of me. In 10 years? I’m freaking out because I’ve realized something; I’m so incredibly not ready to think about 10 years from now. You are talking to a man who sat on his bed reviewing job packets while laughing hysterically at Top Story. I still want to read Calvin and Hobbes, not industry reports. I’m not ready to be 10 years from now. Bryan. I want to be 10 years ago Bryan.

Remember 10 years ago? 1995ish. Our lives were easier. Our worries were negligible. It was a good time (except the Red Sox hadn’t won yet). The only problem of relocation we had was where to go if it rains during recess.

Yeah, remember recess. Scheduled, mandatory fun! I’m sorry Mrs. Puterwinkle. You need to stop yapping for 20 minutes so I can get to have fun and be young! Eat it!

We run until the bell rang, didn’t mind getting dirty, and simply had fun. Now we get time to relax during the day and we sleep. We run only for a purpose. And dirt is the enemy. No fun.

Ten years ago, there were no hugely important laws we cared about. There were only a few simple rules that mattered. Kill the man with the ball, no two tapping, and no talking in line. Oh the simplicity! Ignorance was bliss wasn’t it? I want that back.

I sit in front of this corporate big shot in a three piece suit thinking about four-square, little league, recess and gym class. The man says move on and get old. I say rekindle my youth, watch Disney, REGRESS.

Then it dawns on me... Crap! I have to pay bills, I can’t stay in school forever, and my mother might change the locks on the house if I start thinking of moving back in. I better tune back into what this guy is saying. I need him to survive. I need him to move on. I come back to reality to hear...

...but thank you for coming. We will call you.’ As I defectively leave the room and head to my car I think about how funny Woody from Top Story is, when he yells, “Someday poisoned the waterhole!”

Oh Yeah. I’m ready for the real world. Bring it.

A society lacking integrity and respect

Cont’d from prev. page

Who is person only concerned about himself and does not care about anything going on around them. There are great people in the game today, but due to people such as Barry Bonds, the prestige of the professional athlete will always be in place. It is a difficult job. There are young kids who idolize Bonds. If these kids look at Bonds as doing the wrong because they are not narrow, part deux

Simon Says: Straight but not narrow, part deux

By Toby Simon
Staff Columnist

Next week the Bryant Pride organization will be participating in the nation-wide Day of Silence. The protest is an involved in this event do NOT want to silence anyone. In fact, we believe that having a voice is essential to all people, especially students.

We deplore the silencing that homophobia and heterosexism creates in our society. On our own campus, since last September, there have been several incidents of homophobic graffiti found on doors in the residence halls. This is deplorable behavior on the part of some obviously twisted individuals who are either looking to marginalize members of our community or seeking ways to silence gays and lesbians on this campus.

We invite you to participate in Bryant’s Day of Silence by stopping by the table that will be set up in the Rotunda all day on Wednesday, April 13th. At the table you will find lots of information on being an ally (lesbian/bisexual/transgender (LGBT) issues as well as some freebies like pins and pens.

Simon says ‘Straight but not narrow’ and we encourage you to wear yours proudly. Bryant Pride believes that increased education on LGBT issues and increased visibility of LGBT people and their supporters are crucial steps in the journey of equality for people of all sexual orientations. The purpose of the Day of Silence is to hold a structured and visible silence as a catalyst for education on LGBT issues. It is also a way for supporters of these issues to be visible and involved. You might be given a card that reads:

“Please understand my reasons for not speaking today. I am participating in the Day of Silence, a national youth movement protesting the silence faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and their allies. My deliberate silence echoes that silence, which is caused by harassment, prejudice, and discrimination. I believe that ending the silence is the first step toward fighting these injustices. I think about the voices you are not hearing today. What are you going to do to end the silence?”

College is hard enough, but if you are gay or lesbian, it can be even more difficult. For most gay and lesbian students, when they arrive on campus, they often are relieved that their high school experiences are behind them. Compared to their peers, some people in the world today really need to ‘lift up’ and get their act together. Some for respect for themselves and others around you, which is the main thing that is missing in the lives of a world that we have today.

Always looking for a competitive edge can be a good thing but some athletes have taken this over the top and begun cheating, which needs to be stopped as soon as possible.

Students Speak Out

Question of the Week: What do you think of the choice for this year’s spring weekend band?

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M. Alexander Cuevas ’06

Compiled by Steven Proulx
Through the Looking Glass

By Mike Pingree

REMEMBER, DON'T DO TOO MUCH AT ONCE.

After a tireless effort to raise money to build a gymnasia in his small English village, a man saw his dream come true, and was named the first customer of the brand-new facility. He took a brisk walk on a treadmill and immediately dropped dead.

WHEN YOU STEAL A TRUCK, TAKE OFF.

A man went to the police station in La Quinta, Calif., to report that his truck had been stolen. While he was inside, he looked out the window and saw it go by. A police chase was immediately initiated resulting in arrests.

BUT NONE OF THE MEN COMPLAINED.

An uninhibited woman in West Kilbride, Scotland, has been forbidden from answering her phone because she doesn't understand social behavior or order after repeatedly reminding her in her undies.

HMM, WHAT DOES THIS BUTTON DO?

An Indiana woman inadvertently pressed the remote starter button on her keychain, causing her vehicle, which was out in the driveway, to start up. But she had left the car in reverse gear when she parked it, so it backed out and crashed into the home across the street. She has accidently started the car before, because she doesn't understand how the remote control works. She has removed it from her keychain.

PROMISE ME YOU'LL COME RIGHT BACK.

A man in Hong Kong has been wooing women over the Internet and then taking them to the city's finest restaurants where he feasts on lavish meals then excuses himself and leaves before the bill arrives. He left one woman with a $900 tab for abalone, lobster and shark fin soup.

BUT IT'S OUR CAR, HONEST.

Three men burglarized a home in Buies Creek, N.C., then went outside to find that they had locked themselves out of their getaway car. A neighbor spotted them breaking into the car and, thinking they were trying to steal it, called the cops.

ODD, YET SOMEHOW

BELIEVABLE.

Childs in the rising district of Uganda have a good, if unusual, excuse as to why they have been absent from school so much in recent weeks. Their parents have been keeping them home to help fend off bands of marauding baboons who want to feast on the food grown in their gardens.

SIR, YOU APPEAR TO BE CONFUSED.

A drunk driver asked a man for directions to the freeway in Roseville, Calif., and the man offered to lead him there. But as the drunk was following him, the man called the cops on his cell phone, and told them he was bringing the drunk to the police station. Even as the police approached the drunk to arrest him, he was clueless as to what was happening. He asked them for directions to the freeway.

THIS COULD REALLY TEST HIS PATIENCE.

A dying man went to court in Sicily to obtain an order that he be immediately paid the already agreed-upon insurance award of $600,000 from a motorcycle crash that paralyzed him. The judges said they would rule on his request in 14 months. He has about six months to live.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

You're hot, but it's not a good idea to talk back to authorities. Use your wisdom, not your ability, to make wisecracks, and get your point across.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

More research is required before you make your next big move. Don't hand out an unknown path to others before you find out what's at the other end.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

You'd rather run and play with your friends, and you may get to do some of that. There are bills to be paid, however. Don't overlook responsibilities.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Your reward for a job well done may be an argument, because you are ready to defend a decision you made carefully. Offer experience and history.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Work interferes with travel for the next few days. The orders you've been given may change. The job takes longer than expected. Reschedule liberally.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Give financial matters your attention especially concerning your home. After that, you'll find it easier to relax with the people you love, as always.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Some household projects are best left to professionals, but some you can do. Practice figuring out which are which, carefully.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You're into hands-on education, rather than intellectual games. You want to know whether or not actions are effective, and if they are, how to do them.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Make a connection with people you love; don't put it off any longer. Financial troubles will fade later in the month, don't worry about that now. But don't go shopping, either.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You're feeling feisty, but take care. The family may have already made plans that aren't the same as yours. Better check with them before you make reservations.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

A group of friends provide you with a brilliant new idea. This project requires work on your part, however, and concentration. You'll have to excuse yourself from the festivities.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

A recent disruption loses importance, as you and your friends discuss the next objective. Make sure to keep the costs down, there's more coming after this.

Ruminations on College Life

By Aaron Karo

KRT Campus

College campuses are full of the same of the wittiest, most hilarious, and most annoying people in the world. What’s amazing is that all these people went through the same application process that you did. They wrote essays and went on interviews just like you did. They were carefully selected from a pool of thousands of people, just like you were. You start thinking to yourself, am I one of them? Do you have that friend that won’t do anything around you? I lived with this guy once, Dan, who absolutely had to be accompanied by someone whenever he went. "Karo, you dude, you going to class? Wait up." "Hey Karo, I'm gonna get a haircut, come with?" "Karo, I'm going to the dry cleaners, take a walk with me?" I'm like, "Dude, the dry cleaners is two doors down from our house, what do you need me to hold your hand?"

Even in this digital day and age, everyone knows that one kid who still doesn’t have a computer in his dorm room. You know, he was that guy who would roll into your room and pretend to be just stopping by, then ask if he could check his e-mail. He didn’t even have a computer, you see. For some reason this is usually the same kid who always says you have a virus no matter what disk he uses, like it’s in his blood or something.

When it comes down to it, though, how much fun you have in college is really determined by who’s along on the journey with you. Your friends, your classmates, the kids you see on campus, they’re all a part of it. If college was a movie, this would be the cast of characters. And don’t worry, you’re here too.

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'Sin City' proves that beauty comes in black and white

By Tim Knight

Legend has it that pulpit novelist Mickey Spillane would have been right at home on the mean streets of Sin City, Robert Rodriguez's ("Once Upon a Time in Mexico") and Frank Miller's turbo-charged adaptation of Miller's noir-decked graphic novel. Using state-of-the-art digital filmmaking technology, Rodriguez recreates the shadowy, black and white look of Miller's graphic novel with stunning fidelity to the artist's vision. The resulting narrative is an ultra-violent and moody film with hard-boiled interiors, scantily clad female fascists, and corrupt cops colliding in bursts of absurdly over-the-top violence. Viewers with delicate sensibilities will probably Blanch at some of the film's grimmer scenes, but it's all rendered with such cheeky gallows humor that it's more amusing than disturbing. Shot largely on minimal sets against a green screen in Rodriguez's home movie studio, "Sin City" combines three of Miller's graphic novels into a seamless whole. The saga of veteran cop John Hartigan (Bruce Willis) and Nancy (Jessica Alba) backdrops the film. Probably the last honest man on the force, Hartigan rescues Nancy at age 11 from the clutches of sexual deviant Roarke Jr. (Nick Stahl), the amoral son of the all-powerful Roarke family. For his heroic efforts, Hartigan is shot repeatedly by his corrupt partner (Michael Madsen) and sent to the slammer, thanks to the Roarke family's undue influence. The narrative then shifts to Mary (Mickey Rourke), a hooking, facially deformed ex-con who briefly finds love with the handsome hoodlum Goldie (Jaime King). When she's murdered in his bed by a bewitch psychopath (Ellioot Wood), Mary embarks on a dangerous quest to avenge her death. With the reluctant help of his sexy parole officer, Lucille (CCLUDE Bagusa), Mary uncovers a nightmarish secret involving both the Roarke family and the church. During Mary's search for Goldie's killer, he initially meets violent resistance from Sin City's lovely and lethal prostitutes, led by Gail (Rosario Dawson), a machine-gun-wielding vixen in leather. Under a long-standing agreement with the police, Gail and her girls control the streets of Sin City's Old Town district. That agreement is thrown in jeopardy after the prostitutes mistakenly kill a cop. Fortunately, Gail's ex-flame Dwight (Clive Owen) joins the prostitute's fight to maintain control of Old Town. Finally, 'Sin City' returns to the saga of Hartigan, who's never forgotten the little girl he saved from Roarke. Eight years later, he's reunited with Nancy (Alba), now a gorgeous, sweet-natured stranger. Although he's old and got a "bum ticker," Hartigan is determined to protect Nancy from Roarke Jr., who's mutated into the foul-minded Yellow Bastard. It's safe to say that no other film has ever duplicated the visual texture and sensibility of a comic book (okay, graphic novel, for the purists) more successfully than 'Sin City.' About the only film that comes close is Warren Beatty's "Dick Tracy" (1990), but that was strictly in terms of color and production design. In fact, Rodriguez was so adamant about honoring Miller's work that he quit the DGA so Miller could join him as Sin City's co-director (Rodriguez's buddy Quentin Tarantino also directed one scene featuring Greer and Benicio Del Toro). Now that's dedication. As it turns out, Rodriguez's hyper-kinetic filmmaking meshes well with Miller's darker, brooding sensibility. For most of its running time, the movie has a breathless narrative momentum, but it never feels overly rushed, like it was made for viewers with attention deficit disorder. Although Rodriguez and Miller generally do a slam-bang job of interweaving the three narratives, the film is so crammed with narrative detail and cinematic sleight of hand that it's occasionally wearying. By the time Willis returns as Hartigan for the film's concluding story, you may feel that the filmmakers have overstayed their welcome a bit in 'Sin City.' Even so, Rodriguez and Miller deserve praise for breaking new ground, both technically and artistically, in adapting graphic novels to the big screen.

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By Christian Collard and Kristin Gayda

Variety Editors

Christian's selection: the Big Wu - Tracking Buffalo Through the Battlhelm

Culling their name from the mythical mountaintop in the Tom Hanks classic "Joe vs. the Volcano," the Big Wu started playing together in 1992 as a cover band at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. The Wu has grown to be a full-time touring band with a huge repertoire of original music.

Two years later, almost to the day, I was exposed to very CD when it was re-released on the now-defunct Phoenix Rising label.

As the end of the summer of 1994 rolled by, I received my first Grateful Dead tie-dye shirts by mail. Packaged with the shirt, I discovered a sampler CD including tracks by artists such as The Grateful Dead, Mauro Parker, the Samples, and several other independent bands. With three classes on the first, I stopped dead in my tracks and couldn't believe what I was hearing.

"Kangaroo" by the Minnesota-based jam quartet the Big Wu had blown my mind and since then I have exposed as many people as possible to the music of the Wu.

The members of the Big Wu: Terry VanDeWalker (percussion), keyboardist Chris Cefariello (lead guitar/vocals), and Andy Miller (bass guitar/vocals).

Kangaroo was recorded when the band was still in high school.

The early days saw the Wu comprised of tunes by the Grateful Dead, Bob Dylan, the Allman Brothers, and Pink Floyd. It wasn't until 1996 when they started debuting original songs such as "Red Sky," "Purple Rice," and "Kangaroo." By 1997, they had enough material to put out a full-length debut album.

The band made plans to host a CD release party for Tracking Buffalo Through the Battlhelm on September 12, 1997. The party was designed to "mesh the worlds of the Wu and the university mood" and wouldn't arrive until a few days after the show.

The theme of the lecture was "Decision Making, Attitude, and Your Future." After a brief video montage and an introduction from President MacIntyre, Belichick took the stage to a standing ovation.

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Kristin's Selection:

Released in the summer of 2003, Damien Rice's self-written and produced album, "O," has had a permanent place in my CD player ever since. I realize that I haven't gotten off this songwriting/writer kick for some time. This is definitely a disc worth picking up. Personally, this album will always be held in high regard for the deep emotion it evokes within; I've never once cried after hearing a song before, but now I am thankful for those moments when life isn't going the way it should, it's reassuring to hear a piece of music that can reflect your mood. O does that, no matter what the mood is. It's absolutely gorgeous. Its restrained, ethereal sound roots itself deeply instrumentally, making excellent use of string arrangements, acoustic guitar, and cellos. With the addition of a distinctive, haunting voice, Rice is masterful.

Photo courtesy of damienrice.com

Trustee Speaker Series: Bill Belichick

By Christian Collard

Variety Editor

Last Wednesday evening the most anticipated installment of this year's Trustee Speaker Series took place in the MAC: the legendary New England Patriots Head Coach Bill Belichick. The subject matter of Coach Belichick's speech, however, was not directly focused on football.

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