Bryant University guarantees its students a good time as Spring Weekend 2005 hosts Less Than Jake on Friday, April 29 and renowned comedian Mitch Hedberg on Saturday, April 30 as this year’s TWO main events. The contract came in only a few days ago and the news is out; Less Than Jake and Mitch Hedberg will be the big names on campus during Spring Weekend. The concert will take place in the MAC at 8:00 p.m. and opening acts include Hidden in Plain View and Allister. Hedberg will take to the stage in the MAC on Saturday, April 30 at 9:00 p.m., but the atmosphere will resemble that of a comedy club. There are two differences for this year’s Spring Weekend as opposed to previous ones. First, the timing. Because Less Than Jake has two opening acts, the concert will start at 8:00 p.m. as opposed to the traditional 9:00 p.m. time. The biggest difference is the addition of a second major act, which has never been done before. The SPB concert’s chair senior Chris Compurik is excited about this year’s performances: “We have never had two big acts for Spring Weekend. It’s really exciting, and I think everyone will enjoy both of them.” He stated that adding a comedian to the mix was talked about over the years and this year he decided to go with the idea. The well-known comedian Mitch Hedberg is certain to have the whole campus laughing on the Saturday night of Spring Weekend. Hedberg walked into the MTV offices one day and came out the same day with his big break. He simply pitched himself to a talent coordinator and was immediately booked for a television appearance. Some of the shows he has appeared on include “Letterman,” “Cranke Yankers,” and “That 70’s Show.” His movie appearances include Almost Famous, Los Enchiladas, and International Partiers. Hedberg also starred in his own half hour special for Comedy Central. You can tell a lot about Hedberg’s personality by visiting his website www.mitchhedberg.com. He has everything from hotels he loves to “Recommendations he would give, if he gave recommendations.” As for Less Than Jake, the “ ska-inspired punk band” got their start in Gainesville, Florida with just three members, vocalist and guitarist Chris, bassist Shaun, and drummer Vinnie. Cont’d on page 4
Marines flow into, out of Iraq in massive operation

By James Janega

Chicago Tribune (KRT)

Each night for a month, helicopters from one of the military's newest and most sophisticated attack planes have brought them to Iraq. Marines, jarred and jellaged from the wear and tear of travel that took them from the United States through Germany and Korea.

The trip always ends the same way in Iraq's western desert, on hard plywood benches under a piercing fluorescent light in a warehouse next to a patch of lawn. It is the last time of Jay Lynn Caskey of Omaha

"...Welcome to Iraq."

The content for Anbar, one of Iraq's most restive provinces, is handed to a new crew from the crew that just got North Korea back to talks on giving up its nuclear weapons program.

Secretary of State

Condoleezza Rice on Sunday asked Hu Jintao to intensify diplomatic efforts to get North Korea back to a plan to lift its nuclear weapons program.

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Renee Schoof

Knight Ridder News bureau (KRT)

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**National News**

Animal rights groups have paws over clone patents

By Howard Witt

Chicago Tribune

(KRT)

It was something of a curiosity back in December when a California company announced the delivery of the world's first kitten cloned for a customer bereft enough over the loss of a pet cat to pay $50,000 to have it duplicated.

But now that the production line is ramping up a second cloned feline was delivered to a customer last month, and three more are on the way the response in some quarters is less that warm and fuzzy. With other designer pets, such as glow-in-the-dark felines and bioluminescent cats, also coming off the drawing boards, some ethicists, animal-rights group and legislators are raising themselves to oppose what they regard as a new moral and biological threat: the manufacture of customized pets engineered to buyers' precise specifications.

"We don't need to be rushing Franklin to the market-place," said Lloyd Levine, a California state legislator who recently introduced a bill that would ban the sale of cloned pets. "Many of these animals are born with faults missing and deformities. What happens if they get out and start breeding?"

Maybe we ought to wait and see. But just when I can really appreciate it, "they're not going to let me have it," she said.

"It defies logic to think that somebody can feel right about paying $50,000 for a cat when 17 million dogs and cats are killed in shelters and pounds every year," said Mary Beth Swetnam, director of research and investigations at People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

"The temptation to try to find a technological way to deal with our emotional problems is enormous," she said. "It's the latest, most sophisticated way to pull the wool over a customer's eyes.""}

BRYANT UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT AWARDS 2005 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

George M. Parks Award is presented to one who has enhanced the university through leadership qualities.

Roger W. Babson Award is presented to one who has become distinguished on campus due to character, orderly mind, sound judgment, and systematic business habits.

Jeremiah Clark Barber Award is presented to one who has shown a consistent record of academic improvement.

Bryant University Good Citizenship Award is presented to one who has demonstrated qualities of sincerity and vigorous industry in the interest of good citizenship and who by example furthered better government both on and off campus.

NOMINATION FORM

BRYANT UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT AWARDS 2005

**DEADLINE:**

Become a writer or... Join the Archway staff!

Our weekly meetings are Monday at 4 p.m. in room 2A of the Bryant Center.

Nominations for 2005 Commencement Awards are being accepted for students who graduated in December 2004 or will be graduating in May 2005.

Nominations may come from any member of the Bryant Community: students, faculty, staff, or administration. Please read the descriptions for each award very carefully before selecting an individual to nominate. Once your selection is made, in a cover letter state specifically why your nomination meets the criteria for selection for each award in a recommendation letter.

Attach a resume of the nominated student and refer to experience and accomplishments stated in the resume that specifically qualifies the nominated individual. (All information must be accurate; any misrepresentation will invalidate a nomination.)

Nominations should be returned to Sue Wandyes, Commencement Awards Committee, VP AA Office, NO LATER THAN March 30, 2005.
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Intercultural Center on the second floor of the

Campus News

Women's HERstory Month a success

By Emilie Laviole
Assistant Campus News Editor

In order to better recognize

information about women and

their historic achievements, the

National Women's History

Project decided to make March

HERstory month, which will be

celebrated again next year.

One of the most publicized and

successful HERstory events to

happen this March was The

Vagina Monologues, a celebra­
tion of female sexuality through

the lens of women's fantasies,

coming to Bryant University.

The event was held in the

Papitto Lounge at 7 p.m. The

events formal is sitting down

and talking to students about

common issues affecting women

on campus, and ways to address

issues, such as suicide, body image, relationships, eating
disorders, and others, to make

women more comfortable and

more informed about con­

fronting and strengthening

themselves in the face of such

jewels.

So next week, instead of won­
dering about these events, or

reading about the results a week

or two later, be sure to check

out all of them.

You are guaranteed to learn some­

thing about Women's HERstory

that may even have a little fun

while doing so.

Student Senate Executive Board Elections

VOTE!

Friday, March 25

Let your voice be heard!

Bryant Emissary

Get paid $10.00 per hour with the potential for bonuses and promotions, i.e., gift certificates, t-shirts, etc., having even to leave campus! You will be trained and supervised by a professional program manager who will be glad to guide your training. This is an experience that will last a lifetime.

Bryant's Office of Development, the fundraising component of the University, is looking for students to call alumni and parents of students and alumni to encourage them to make a financial contribution. These contributions benefit student scholarships, student activities and programs, faculty athletics, and facilities development.

But it's all about asking for money —externals will also be calling alumni and friends to thank them for the support.

Bryant alumni have told us that they are willing to listen to students who call them. Alumni and friends may en­
gage you in conversation about what's happening at the University, and we encourage you to keep up the dialogue!

Qualifications to be a Bryant Emissary Include:

1. Must be a current degree-seeking, full-time student or graduate student of Bryant University.
2. Emissary's must be positive, friendly and be a good communicator, personable, polite, professional, and classy.
3. One of the most important qualifications is the ability to work independently.
4. Individuals should be good listeners with the ability to overcome rejection.
5. Individuals must be familiar with the history of Bryant University and be able to explain program offerings and activities.
6. Students Ambassadors, SAA members, and Student Senate members are strongly urged to apply. Students with previous volunteer experience in a customer service role are also encouraged to apply.
7. Individuals must be willing to work a minimum of three shifts per week, the number of shifts to be agreed upon with the Program Manager. Shifts are scheduled every day from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Fridays through

Reminder: Students at Bryant University are generally permitted to hold no more than one job on campus.

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-Do you have what it takes to be crowned the sec­

second annual World Series of Bryant Champion? You

may have played in one of the three
tournaments held earlier this year but this is the

finale…you can not miss it! Bigger field, Bigger

Prize Pool, More Fun, Be crowned this year's

champ! Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 17

at 6 p.m. The location will be in Papitto of

the Bryant Center. The entry fee is $15. Top ten

will be receiving prizes. These prizes include ipod

Shuffle, 27 inch TV, digital camera, gift certificate to

parent's, and much much more.

-With the Mr. Bryant Competition only 2 weeks

away, and spring in the near future, everyone on

campus knows it's the best time of year! That's

why it is my pleasure to present the first annual

Ms. Bryant Competition. The Ms. Bryant

Competition will be held on Fri, April 15 at 8 p.m. in

Janikies auditorium. Like the Mr. Bryant

Competition, the ladies will be judged in four fields,

Formal wear, Casual wear, talent, and how you

represent Bryant University. If you would like to

nominate someone, there will be a table set up in

the Rotunda on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
during the day this week, or you can email me

(a)2@bryant.edu) with the female you are

nominating including their name, email, and a short

reason on why you are nominating them. All nomina­
tions must be received by Sunday, March 27.

-If you are interested in buying this year's "12! Our

World of Wonders" DVD or VHS, please go to the

Intercultural Center on the second floor of the

Bryant Center and place an order. Please pay

upfront. Your videos will be available a week after

the order has been placed. DVDs will be sold for

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-Come to the Rotunda between 10 and 2 and get

your ticket for ISO's second annual GALA held at

the Westin on April 16, 2005. Tickets will be sold

throughout this week and the following weeks.

There will be great food, great entertainment, and
great performances. Do not miss out on this

opportunity!

-On Monday, March 28 in Papitto at 6:00 p.m.

Ernst and Young Partner Harrison Hollbrook III will

be speaking. Ernst and Young have been named

by Forbes as one of the top 100 companies to

work for in the past several years. He will speak on

how he became partner of this firm and how you

can use your education to further your career. The

event is being put on by the pledge class of Delta

Sigma Pi. The event will last around an hour and

professional dress is required. Please RSVP by

emailing Dgniadek@bryant.edu with the subject

"Reserve" by Friday the 25. If you have any ques­tions

feel free to email me.

-Kenneth Cole is coming to Bryant on April 8 as

the keynote speaker for the Entrepreneurial

Extravaganza. The event is being put on by

Bryant and Brown University's Global

Entrepreneurship Programs. The event will be

held over two days April 8-9 on both Bryant and

Brown campuses.
Opinion

The Hangover: Observations from "The Real Cancun"

By Justin Williams
Staff Columnist

I just got back from Cancun with my friends Kiel, Ronnie, and John. We had a great time and I have several observations to share. If you’ve never been to Cancun, you’re missing out; in a while, these points could help you plan a trip. I will give you a reason to keep your future daughter from going.

If you go to Cancun:
Don’t break up with your Latin girlfriend.

Being in Mexico, having knowledge of the language is handy. When I was taking Intro to Spanish last semester, my girlfriend and I split, and for some reason she didn’t want to keep doing my homework. Needless to say, I had to drop the class, and I ended up in Mexico with the Spanish conversationals skills of a drunken Forrest Gump.

Don’t stand in the front row of a concert.

The first night we got to Cancun, we decided to go out to Dally 9s, as you do. When we got there, Lloyd Banks would be performing right in front of us. I got drunk and ran off in the wrong direction in front when Banks came out on stage.

I had random girls yelling at me as if they could sit on my shoulders. If I had wanted to have girls yell at me, I could’ve stayed in the US and gotten a girlfriend.

Banks performed well enough, so it made the7 night worthwhile. Then surprise guest 50 Cent came onstage. To get the crowd hyped, of course he did two things: took off his shirt, (yes) then he poured his water bottle on the crowd. I wasn’t happy. I got too close to the water.

It’s just say 50 Cent was lucky he had two bodyguards three times my size, otherwise I might have punched him in the face and made him take it.

Don’t urinate outside.

Mexico is weird in that everything is fairly basic. Well everyone except for the soldiers posted around town carrying automatic weapons. You could be sunbathing on the beach, then look up and see a 16 or 17 year old carrying an M16 dressed in grey fatigues. I got just caught up by the federalies when one night stumbling home from a club, I went behind a bush to relieve myself. I hadn’t even gone yet when a federalie came running out from nowhere yelling in Spanish. Although I knew a little, I said, “No Habeis Ingles.” So then he radiiced for backup. Now I’m surrounded by four armed men, I had recently watched the Karate Kid II, so I considered taking them down with some karate.

I decided against fighting, and just repeated to the soldier who knew the most English that I didn’t go one, and that if he looked, he would find zero evidence. After 10 minutes of him yelling “Yes you need) and me replying “No” I was eventually let go.

Wearing a Red Sox hat allowed Ryan to pass for Bronson Arroyo.

Don’t stand in the front row of a concert. If you walk anywhere in Cancun, you’ll run into waiters included. (Even though upon further inspection, he was literally in his conversion from pesos to dollars.) GP drivers want a tip. The captain like the cruise we took wanted a tip. Even the DJ at a bar had a tip jar. I went into a bathroom where there was no bathroom attendant, just a tip jar, I was surprised I didn’t see a tip jar for the tip.

Don’t volunteer to take part in games without knowing what they entail.

At Fat Tuesday, they were giving away free beer in the afterglow of the previous year’s being a great incentive for me. I volunteered to be the human beer pong table everyday, the beer gave a lot of people the inspiration to make fools of themselves. To be wary of this in case you can’t volunteer for a game without knowing what it is. I’m sure the server was being a little funny.

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thing is scary, exactly. Sometimes when this guy at the four guys who volunteered for the “bio-chug” game. These four guys had to lie with their backs on the ground, while the M.C. would only give them the largest and ugliest girls wearing a two-piece they could find. Four girls had to chug across the group while someone else had to faint to the floor so it could roll down the butt- chic of the girls and into the guys.

Be aware that some women will do anything for beads.

It might have something to do with it being the day after an interate amount of impor­
ance, but whatever the reason, women have been drinking free beer in the last 24 hours. Some of them could do $60 a day to save money. The real question is why? I’m still confused.

Baywatch? Sorry, SFP 4 won’t help you here. Those who returned with a tan, you had a either very intelligent or extremely lucky. Some of you who looked like you just got out of a 4 alarm fire, what were you thinking? Now you look like a snake shedding its skin in a hor­rible mended fashion. To put it in a more professional way, you’re only beautiful because you’re Irish and get a suntan just thinking about summer, but it’s not that tough to protect yourself. One week in Cancun will tan you fine, you needn’t try and get it all in one day.

We return from break. We drank too much, ate too much, slept too much, and I bet none of us hit the gym in our time off. The decision is clear. After break I’m going to get back into shape.

Explain this to my Bryant Brainiacs. Who thought it was a wise idea to go down to the tropi­

les without sun block and assume your white self is going to go from Northie. Exposure to
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The Archway

The Rant: The Wrong Way

By Bryan Sargent
Staff Columnist

There are clear cut lines dividing the right way and wrong way to do things in life. Brush your teeth when you wake up, open doors for your date, and offer your seat to an elderly couple. All of these are good things to do. Talking on your phone while watching a movie, eating with your hands, relieving yourself with the door open? Not so good.

So we have cut clear guidelines. We should be all set, right? Wrong-O! When left to our own devices, the line of cale. The professor has to protect yours If. One week in happens? Well, with break being

Buy stock in Corona or limes

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Members of the Bryant community are welcome to type one copy of each submission to be read and shared in the community. All sub­missions are to be typed in the following order:

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Opinion

The SexPer: Love and Basketball

By Samee McDonnell
Staff Columnist

I love basketball so much that I would be hard pressed to decide between watching a great basketball game and saying something else for which many of you would guess that I have an affinity.

One of my favorite movies is "Love and Basketball" simply because denying my favorite two things put together (romance and basketball) would be foolish. In the movie, Monica Wright, one of the main characters states "All is fair in love and basketball." I love this quote. Throughout my many years of playing basketball I have considered this quote a number of times and every time I come up with a different conclusion. Is all fair in love and basketball? Let us see.

Like basketball programs, some relationships look too good to be true in the beginning and actually go off the rails in the end (much like Stanford as far back as I can remember). Some are those great guys who everyone knows, some people even secretly love them, but do not want to admit out loud that they are one of the real canons.

The Recan Cann

This might be some form of insider trading, but it's worth mentioning that when Doris Conron met her quarterly sales goals of the four of us all I'm doing is remembering the days when the 10 miles went up for the week of Spring Break as well.

Don't volunteer to help random strangers. Well, I love that.

When it comes to drinking in the streets, I am the kind of guy that if there's a marathon and not a sprint. One girl I came across recently, I remember bumping into me near a cone at the finish line. And at first I got the idea that she was feeling me, but I thought about it. I could tell she was on her 10 miles in a span of 30 seconds.

So I was about to move along when she passed us in our arms. I put her in a chair and she started vomiting. I didn't want to let her be by herself but she was clearly understoned. So I sat there while she was vomiting, and people were walking by giving me weird glances like I druggered her, or like I should be taking her to the hospital. Some guys were walking by taking pictures of her, and I just sat there. The lesson is, always don't help anyone.

Hopefully you were able to learn something about Cancon. Shhh... I'm sure the Cancons are supposed to stay in Canada. Now let us go watch out for the Federales.

Columnist's Note: You can follow Justin Williams's quest to become an intern for "The Sports Guy" on ESPN.com. Go to www.bostonsportsguy.com and click on the intern contest.

The Portfolio: Music and Nutritional Supplements?

by Louis Abate & Pete Ziegler
Staff Columnists

Music never changes. It is an ever moving force that expands and shrinks and mutates over time. In the age of iTunes, Napster, and Amazon, music has never been more accessible. It is now easier than ever to listen to any type of music you want.

Some people believe that music is merely for entertainment. Others believe it is a form of self expression. In my opinion, music is both of these things. Music can be used to express feelings, thoughts, and ideas. It can also be used to connect people who share a common interest or experience.

Music is a powerful tool that can be used to connect people from all over the world. It is a universal language that can be spoken by anyone, regardless of their background or culture. Music can also be used to promote social change and bring together people who may have never met before.

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So I was about to move along when she passed us in our arms. I put her in a chair and she started vomiting. I didn't want to let her be by herself but she was clearly understoned. So I sat there while she was vomiting, and people were walking by giving me weird glances like I druggered her, or like I should be taking her to the hospital. Some guys were walking by taking pictures of her, and I just sat there. The lesson is, always don't help anyone.

Hopefully you were able to learn something about Cancon. Shhh... I'm sure the Cancons are supposed to stay in Canada. Now let us go watch out for the Federales.

Columnist's Note: You can follow Justin Williams's quest to become an intern for "The Sports Guy" on ESPN.com. Go to www.bostonsportsguy.com and click on the intern contest.
May the best team win an insight into March Madness

By Stamee McDonnell
Staff Columnist

The chaos, the insanity, the madness, March Madness. Welcome to the best month of the year. It may be snowing, spring break may be over, but you have the best competition of the year to come home to. With brackets in hand, your favorite team’s jersey on and fingers crossed turn on the TV and watch in awe.

The first and second rounds of play finished over the past weekend and as always there were some incredible buzzer beating wins and a few devastating defeats for which no one could have predicted. One of the suggested Cinderella stories of the year, Boston College who went 12-3 in the Big East Conference, lost to the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee. UW-Milwaukee’s overall record of 14-10 seems impressive but coming from a much less competitive conference this was a big win for the Wisconsin team. Boston College’s previous losses were to University of West Virginia, Pittsburgh, Villanova and Notre Dame who handed Boston College their first upset on February 8.

Emerging as a possible Cinderella story is the University of West Virginia. This team flew under the radar the entire year, always remaining ranked and upsetting a number of prominent teams. The team went on an incredible five game winning streak during the hardest part of their schedule, beating Marshall, Boston College at home, Syracuse, Notre Dame and UConn. West Virginia, 7th in the Best East Conference, went 8-4 in the conference and 23-10 overall. The team went on to knock off Wake Forest 111-105 in the second round of the NCAA tournament allowing them to open the door to a final-four possibility. There have been a lot of surprising losses this tournament, as is true every year. With teams with such fan bases as George Tech, Wake Forest, Boston College, Syracuse, UConn and UCLA losing, one must conclude that this year will go to the team that has the most passion and wants the championship the most. The dynasty of schools such as UConn no longer matter, it has come down to skills, poise and persistence.

The team of the year is Illinois. This should come as no surprise to even the infrequent college basketball spectator. The team has been ranked #1 throughout the entire season. Finishing #1 in a very competitive Big Ten Conference and having their only loss handed to them very late in the season at Ohio State on March 6. Their coach, Bruce Weber, has commented that their quality of play should not be surprising to the public, but rather, the fact that people have just noticed how incredible their quality of play is what should be surprising.

The Elite Eight starts Friday, March 25

Friday match ups:
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North Carolina vs. Villanova

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Division I Sports at its Finest

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Track and Field

Bryant sophomore Haiz Greig continued to raise the bar for the Bulldog indoor track and field teams. Ranked 19th nationally in the men’s 400, Greig set a school record with a time of 21.85 seconds to finish fourth in a qualifying round Friday at the New England Championships at Boston University. In Saturday’s Finals, Greig placed fourth in the finals of the 200 meters in 21.89 seconds. Greig ran in the men’s 15,000 meters, reaching the finals by placing fifth in the finals with a time of 6:56 seconds on Saturday, and finishing eighth in the finals in a time of 6:58 seconds.

Trackman Daniel Kwiatkowski also ran well in the sprints in the two-day event. Kwiatkowski qualified for the semifinals for a second time with a time of 6.06 seconds Saturday morning, just missing the cutoff for the finals at 6.56.

Also on Saturday, Jenica Cegarra placed 15th with a time of 4:56.38. Michigan native Nick Balistreri competed Friday in the men’s heptathlon with Carter finishing 14th with 2,102 points. Balistreri, a junior, took 10th with 1,947 points. On the women’s side, senior Holly Reschies placed 16th overall in the women’s 5,000 meters Friday night. Reschies finished in a season-best time of 18:39.45.

Also competing on Friday was freshman Aaron Torrey in the women’s weight throw. Torrey placed fifth with a throw of 46 feet, 8.5 inches.

Baseball

The Bryant baseball team split a pair of games Saturday afternoon at Florida Tech University, dropping a 9-4 decision in game one but coming back to win the second 21-6. The Bulldogs fell to Shippensburg for a doubleheader sweep. In the second game, Bryant had 19 hits with Mickey Ryan, Rob Mokwa and Nick Tocaccola each coming up with three hits while Chris Brown added a pair of home runs and drove in six runs in the game. Ryan picked up the win for Bryant.

Softball

The Bryant softball team started the season with a win of the 2005 season as the Bulldogs pulled out a 6-4 win over Minnesota-Mankato Monday in Orlando. Deidre Kirlidger went 2-for-3 while Nikki Libala picked up the win on the mound, striking out six batters. The Bulldogs will be idle on Tuesday and travel to Wisconsin-Parkside and Tallinn University on Wednesday.

Men’s Tennis

The Bryant Men’s Tennis team went to 4-0 in the Northeast 10 on Friday in an 8-1 victory over Le Moyne. The Bulldogs swept the Orange in singles with Senior Tim Zipf remaining undefeated in the conference at #1 Singles. Freshman Mike Pickowicz picked up an exciting victory at #6 Singles with a 5-7, 6-2 (10-5).

Women’s Tennis

The Bryant University women’s tennis match with Saint Anselm scheduled for tomorrow has been postponed until next Wednesday, March 30, at Bryant University. The match was postponed due to bad weather.

The Bulldogs will continue to compete this week in Florida.

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Senegal’s legendary Orchestra Baobab takes Somerville by storm

By Christian Collard

Senegal is a country with a rich musical heritage and one of the most vibrant music scenes on the African continent. Its music scene was at its peak in the 1970s when the legendary Orchestra Baobab was founded. The fusion of Afro-Cuban elements with more local styles and sounds of Senegal was what made Baobab’s sound so diverse and unique.

Baobab exploded onto the scene, coming together to animate a new elegant night club that had just opened in central Dakar. It was meant to be a meeting place for politicians, intellectuals, and wealthy businesspeople so the band needed to have a certain appeal. The club counts six musicians from existing popular bands, including two singers, Balla Sidibe and Rudy Gomis, the brilliant self-taught guitarist, Barthélémy Attié, Wolo fiddler, singer Lamine Thierno, rhythm guitarist Latif Mountaga, bassist Charlie N’Diaye, drummer Mountag Koite, and saxophonist Issa Cissoko.

Baobab immediately became the top local group famous for their lively and sophisticated arrangements, by turns swinging and dashing guitar solos. Their up-tempo beautiful songs such as “Cirque Héritage,” “On Verre Ca,” “Autour,” “L’Enfant Cobba” became all-time great hits in West Africa.

In 1982, the two qualities that set them apart from most other groups, their approach to the Cuban sound, which went far beyond imitating it, and created their own style, influenced by their own Baobab band. Their music has been a steady trove of talent, from 1970s to the 2000s.

To capture the band’s unique sounds, the band recorded their album Pirates Choice with some tracks in 1982. With the release of the album, Orchestra Baobab’s unique sounds were launched around the world. Among connoisseurs of West African music, it achieved almost cult-like status. But it was not used for carving or for firewood. If you cut it down it will always grow back, unless you disturb the roots. The ancient tree, which includes some stunning firewood, will be transplanted itself in Somerville, MA last Friday night for a full house of fans wishing to experience what only could be witnessed in the clubs of Dakar for years.

One of Baobab’s vocalists, Ndileku Diong, came out and asked what they wanted to do: dance or sit there. The audience comprised of mostly all-female fans, overflowed with almost cult-like status. But when the music started, they sat in their little stalls, I for, I did not sit still while their up-tempo let their wonderful sounds filled the small theatre, so removed the situation by getting up, walking down the aisle, and joining the smiling audience members having the same idea. We were greeted by everyone from all members of the band, especially their very animated saxophonist Rudy Gomis who danced all over the stage, spreading an ever-changing set — the duration of the set.

With Di and Rudy Gomis sharing vocal with Aminata, French and various African idiosyncrasies, Baobab staged an impressive showing bright and rolling electric guitar lines and the rock-leaning beat of the drum section, the group powered through sizzling stage time, bringing all the got that even most of the audience members up and dancing for the rest of the set. My only complaint was that the set left me wanting more, but to no avail. They treated us to a double encore and yet more material from Pirates Choice. I can not remember exactly which songs were played or in what order, but I do know that 95% of the set probably comes from either Pirates Choice or Specialist in All-styles. When it came time to close the stage, sax man Cissoko kept on playing and I could only hope the crowd could play loose from the pockets of the audience, which happily lapped it up. And I would keep the band on stage longer seemed like a grand idea, for the music was in a way done from the magic that is Orchestra Baobab live.

Orchestra Baobab certainly has standing power and Friday’s show has proved they only get better with age. Other performances may come and go, but the Baobab will always survive and grow back in full force.

 Tết's不用看任何东西 so unrelated within the spectrum of what's called "popular music," and the atmosphere Knuckle Down so effortlessly creates comes as a refreshingly new and creative walker singer/songwriter material heard so often on the radio. Give it a listen; you'll discover that the John Mayer of the industry lyrically. Crafted with the style and grace of a true poet, Ani uses her lyrical prowess and adroit lyric brush-strokes of imagery to compose musical vignettes of reflection and recovery. The title track begins the story, initiating raw emotion with a tune that resonates with the introspective slug-sap sound, as she declares her new self-awareness: “I think I’m done pretending to be closer to some imagined bliss / I must knock down some of the fear / I feel so good that I just can’t be quantity.” The story continues to climax and fall, but DiFranco’s music offers some compromises. A personal confession, she sings of recovery from divorce, family tragedy, and severe bouts with depression. A now signature Ani DiFranco 2000s, including also is a spoken piece, the charming “Parameters,” which reveals its title she wouldn’t do that, or could not.

Overall, Knuckle Down is logically structured and a successful career of one of the most capable female musicians of her generation. It’s like saying you’ll be thankful that you did.
By Mike Pingree

A man in Focsani, Romania, bought identical gold necklaces for both his wife of 20 years and his mistress, and had their initials and a personalized message engraved on each of them. Then he mixed them up.

He left the mistress' necklace at his home for his wife to find when she woke up, and then went to work. He gave the other one to the mistress later. Both women have left him.

NOW THIS IS WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT

A group of people climbed up to the Aspen Highlands Ski Area in Colorado for an avalanche awareness class.

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A man drove at high speed through two unmanned speed traps in Bern, Switzerland, at 19 times in one night to taunt the police.

He had taken the license plates off of his car to avoid not being identified, but, unfortunately for the lazy lad, a traffic policeman who had arrested him the day before recognized his car from the photos.

THE IRONICALLY COMPLEMENTS

An anti-poverty agency in Fostoria, Ohio, wanted to get rid of a huge office safe it had no use for, but it was too big to move. So they just emptied it out, locked the door and let it sit. The problem was solved by unwriting the thieves, who broke in one night and took it away. The agency's director said, "They did us a favor."

LOOK, OFFICER, I WAS KIDDING, HONEST

A knife-wielding bandit burst into a dormitory in Harachichi, Japan, and announced a robbery. He realized that he was in a police dormitory only after he found himself surrounded by cops.

YOU CAN'T Means, I'M JUST BIG-BONED

Due to a construction error, the security entrance to National Police headquarters in Stockholm, Sweden, was made too narrow and allows only one person at a time to pass through. Also, the entrance seems to feel that the "one person" must weigh less than 230 pounds.

Those who weigh more are greeted with a recorded voice saying, "Stop! One at a time!"

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Texas teen has Dynamite skills

By Dave Ferman

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Their father, Marilyn Demke, says her son is "having the time of his life."

"His confidence has gone beyond what I could have imagined. He met Napoleon's imitation in the hotel lobby for a college volleyball team.

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Demke and his brothers have gone to local malls three weekends in a row.

"I think my brothers take me to the mall so they can get girls' phone numbers," he says.

"That's one of the reasons. We go to have a good time."
Upcoming GAMES

By Samee McDannel
Staff Columnist

With hard work and perseverance, Hafiz Greigre has brought the best back to Track and Field. With a more than impressive season of Indoor Track he is making the smooth and steady transition into the spring Track and Field season. Greigre's impressive diversity in his Track and Field abilities.

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Hardwork pays off for Hafiz

Runners to your marks! Greigre's dedication and work ethic pays off on the track.

Mens basketball team is headed to Final Four following historic win

By Samee McDannel

Bryant's Mike Williams, left, blocks a shot by Mount Olive's Sharome Holloway in an NCAA Division II basketball championship quarterfinal game in Grand Forks, N.D. (AP Photo/Nati Harnik)

Bryant finished the game scoring 50 percent from the floor — including a sizzling 66.7 percent in the second half. Mike Williams had eight points and eight rebounds and continued to dominate the inside in the play-offs. After recording 19 blocks in the regional championship, the 6-foot-11 senior had more blocks against Mount Olive Wednesday. The 24 wins this season by the Bulldogs sets a new school record for wins in a season. The Bulldogs will face Tarleton State of Texas in the national semifinals.

"These guys played much smarter in the second half," said Bryant Coach Max Good. "I think Mount Olive has a terrific basketball team and we were a bit tentative on offense in the first half but played much better in the second half."

Bryant describes one person who has greatly motivated him this year. "On this campus what motivates me the most is Joe Brennan [The Greatest Man Alive], because he works so hard and has so much heart. I love that he wants it so much that makes me want it too." Greigre bears a strong resemblance to his role model, Carl Lewis, who dignified himself as a world renowned sprinter and jumper in numerous Olympic Games. Like Lewis, Greigre has his mind on the prize and is willing to work for it. He wanted to leave the school with a word of encouragement. "I want more people to come to the meets and to see what it is like. Come see the Bryant Invitational Saturday, April 9 and check it out. Because we are just that good, come see and you will be surprised."