Poker faces on campus

By Shannon Noonan
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Controversy surrounding the issue of gambling on campus goes back several years when a student from Bryant was arrested and charged for running a nationwide gambling operation. To this day, it appears that Bryant has made extensive efforts to controlling gambling on campus. Recently, Texas Hold 'Em has been gaining in popularity around Bryant. Poker is a fun and intriguing mind game in which a person has to predict whether or not he or she has a decent score or not. It is the basemennts. Even Resident Director Chuck Stanley was quoted as saying, "There is nothing wrong with playing cards; it is the involvement of money which makes it illegal. Playing cards allows a person to learn the techniques of gambling, or an opponent's strategy." So what is the illegal part about playing cards? In simplest terms, an illegal poker game involves the purchase of chips to play with. The individual with all the chips at the end of the game wins all of the money. That being said, gambling is clearly stated in the Student Handbook as being an illegal activity on the Bryant campus. There are three elements a poker game must fall under for it to be considered gambling. These regulations fall under two specific standards know as "N" and "U." "N" regulates the taking or receiving of money in any the form of gambling debts and distribution of any form of gam­bling materials. "U" becomes violated when students, faculty, or administration place bets on any event on campus. Like Chuck stated above, it is not the game, it is the involvement of money which defines the action as illegal gambling. There are many reasons why students feel the gambling rule is not valid and not worth paying attention to. In most cases, students are only playing for a small amount, such as a few dollars. The risk of going into debt. People seem to feel that it does not matter if they choose to gamble away a small amounts of money because it has no actual impact on the school. Chuck Stanley disagrees by saying, "Small amounts of money can easily increase to excessive debt." Last year, the popularity of poker stirred up a small controversy in one of the freshman halls. Occasionally a small group of friends would gather in the study lounge to play as a bonding experience. As the popularity of those games progressed, more people joined in. The initial problem last year followed by a warning concerning the issue. By Kristina De Angelis
Staff Writer

As "Rock the Vote" stickers have been showing up everywhere, many young people are joining in on the latest fashion trend, many students are probably wondering what the fuss is about. Through a joint effort of Student Senate, Student Programming Board, Bryan­ University Democrats, and campus radio station WJMF, Rock the Vote has arrived. The Rock the Vote campaign has avoided Bryant's community in an effort to inform the campus about political issues in the upcoming election. As expressed through their website, www.rockthevote.com, "Rock the Vote is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that was formed in 1990 as a way to increase the amount of voting among young people. It was created after freedom of speech and artistic expressions were being attacked. Using entertainers, singers, actors, athletes, and more, Rock the Vote tries to show the youth that politics are not just for the older generation. 18, it is a right and a privilege to have a say in how things happen to the country that one is living in. This is the message that the campaign is trying to put out; through voter registrations drives, voter education, and voter events that message is being made. It is not a campaign that ends when the election ends. The campaign encourages youths to go out into their communities and be active in all aspects of what is going on. From signing petitions, to protesting, to helping out at a local political office, youths everywhere are showing the world that the right to vote and the right to change things is theirs as well.

At Bryant, many people participated in Rock the Vote events which were held September 17 through September 19. The voter events included the following: two days of voter registration drive in the rotunda, two showings of the movie "Everywhere but Florida," the story of the 2000 election and the history behind the electoral process; an electoral debate during the movie showings between Professors Ulrichsen and Dietch; and two days of distribution of informational handouts about the different parties and the electoral process on campus.

"The participation also showed that many people are already registered to vote," according to Student Senator Philippa, Student Senate President and Co-chair of Rock the Vote campaign on campus. The goal of the campaign was to stress the impor­tance of political education. Cont'd page 5

Power through voting

By Meghan Hanlon
Assistant Campus News Editor

Construction on Koffler has been a topic of many con­versations. Particularly about when the construction will be completed and the facilities inside Koffler can be utilized. The outside of Koffler has been painted and additions have been added, right now most of the construction is being done on the inside.

On August 20, Koffler was considered "substantially complete" by the town of Smithfield and the University was issued a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy. This cer­tificate allowed for the majority of faculty whose offices were in Koffler to move in.

As of right now, there are only two offices which have not been occupied. Once these two offices are filled, all occupants will officially be in Koffler.

A Full Certificate of Occupancy cannot be issued until the main entrance to Koffler is complete and can be used as the actual entrance rather than entering through the Department of Public Safety tunnel.

Peter Malkowski, Senior Project Manager, in charge of all construction done on campus. Most recently, Malkowski worked on the Bryant Center construction, which will be 99% complete by Thursday. Malkowski expects the construction on Koffler to be complete by mid-October.

Once the main entrance to Koffler is open, it will go through a small entrance way. This entrance way leads to the center of the main floor where a general meeting area has been set up. In this area, the "crown" or sky light is visible. A large, flat screen television is also positioned so that viewers may watch what is being recorded in the television studio or what has been previously recorded.

There is only one classroom on the main floor. This room will be used for the K2 lab. The rest of the space is split.
Phone numbers have you been through? With the rate of technological advancements today, your laptop, MP3 player, and cell phone are projected to be out of date within 18 months of purchases. So what happens to your high-tech toys once they are made obsolete?

For 13 year old Brittany Bergquist and her 12 year old brother, Robbie, it means that soldiers in the Middle East will be making a phone call home without paying the consequences.

When the Bergquist siblings heard about a local soldier whose phone bill to call home from Iraq had amounted to a steady $7,000 expense, they were determined to help. Combining their own money along with a donation from South Shore Savings Bank, Brittany and Robbie began what is now called Cell Phones for Soldiers. Cell Phone for Soldiers raises money to purchase phone cards for soldiers who are overseas so that they are able to call home for free. The kids raised the money by selling old and unused cell phone cards back to the phone companies; the profit is in turn used to purchase phone cards. All these cards have been distributed to soldiers in Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan, and several other places. But where do you drop off your cell phone?

There are currently 1,500 drop off locations ranging in places from firehouses, schools, to other various locations which are responsible for raising $15,000. At this time, they are projecting another 14,500 within all 50 states with the help of the American Legion. How can we help?

At the September 22 Senate meeting, both Brittany and her father were in attendance to discuss Bryant University’s role in working with Cell Phones for Soldiers. Senators Hope Solomos 07, Anthony Furnari 06 and SPB’s Paul Bi will be working with the siblings to form a community service project at Bryant. Hope Solomos had this to say about the project, “I am really looking forward to working with them. I have been talking to the Bergquist family since the end of May and I just have a really good feeling about this.”

The coordinators will work on collecting cell phones on campus while seeking to establish drop-off locations throughout the Rhode Island area.

Throughout the meeting, Bryant discussed specific goals of the organization. Such goals include the distribution of phone cards to certain areas where soldiers need to travel hours to reach a phone that can call home. Their long term goal is much more tedious and will take a lot more money and time.

In the future, Cell phones for Soldiers is looking to obtain cell phones for the soldiers. The phones they are looking into are satellite cellular phones which will work anywhere in the world. The organization plans to have one satellite cell phone per 10-20 soldiers. The price of these phones sets the fundraising mark at $9 million. Seems like a lot, but not when you consider the two children who began work on their project at the start of summer 2004 and have already raised over $250,000. The question remains, when do we start?

The team of senators, SPB, the Bergquist family, and Bryant’s University Relations are all working together to kick things off. Parent’s Weekend is being projected as the start time for Cell Phone for Soldiers. They are looking at placing flyers inside the parents’ packet which they will receive at the start of weekend’s events. The committee feels that by informing the parents, they are likely to see students come back from Thanksgiving break with a bit more phone.

At thirteen and twelve years of age, Brittany and Robbie have become not only the talk of their hometowns, but the talk of the nation with recognition on TV shows such as “The Early Show,” “The Tony Danza Show,” The White House has even contacted the siblings. Their selfless attitudes and determination should be a lesson to young and old that we are all capable of amazing things. Anthony Furnari was impressed by Brittany’s speech at the Senate meeting stating, “This is an unbelievable program and these kids are extremely impressive, Cell Phones for Soldiers is going to work out well for everyone involved.”

Tell your family and friends and get involved. Donate your old cell phones for the men who risk their lives for yours.

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FYI

Did you Know...

- Study Abroad Representatives will be in the Rotundas on October 4. Catalogs for different programs will be available. For more information visit the Study Abroad Office in the Union structure next to Academic Affairs.

- SPB will be showing Spider-Man 2 on October 3 in Janikies Auditorium. Admission is $1.00 and snacks can be purchased. There will also be a raffle at the showing.

- Bryant Builds, a new organization that works with Habitat for Humanity, will be holding an informational meeting on Thursday at 5 p.m. in Papitto.

- During peak hours, parking around Bryant is tough when there are approximately 2000 parking spots and approximately 3400 cars registered. From 8 a.m to 4 p.m. cars can be parked on the grass near the Athletic fields or on the entrance ramp leading in to campus. Spots are typically full from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and more become available after 1 p.m.

- If you are interested in becoming a DJ, visit WJFM’s website at www.wjmf88.7.com for information.

- Big Brothers of Bryant, a new organization, is hosting a walk-a-Thon on October 2 at 10 a.m. on the track to support Big Brothers of Rhode Island. Everyone is invited to participate. Anyone who is interested in signing up or obtaining more information on the organization or about the club should email Brandon Ruotolo at bar2@bryant.edu or call Big Brothers of Rhode Island at 401-432-9955.

- The American Cancer Society is sponsoring a “Making Strides Against Breast Cancer” on Sunday, October 17. If you are interested in signing up a team or donating, contact Kathy LeJeune at 401-243-2627 or Strides_providence@cancer.org.

Cell Phones for Soldiers: Young kids making a big impact

This is an unbelievable program and these kids are extremely impressive!

-Hope Solomos Senator of ‘08

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Senator Hope Solomos and Senator Anthony Furnari with Brittany and her father.

Senator Hope Solomos and Senator Anthony Furnari at esolomos@bryan.edu for more information.

Photo by Shannon Noonan

Visit the website at http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com/pages/11 or contact Senator Hope Solomos at esolomos@bryan.edu or Senator Anthony Furnari at afurnari@bryant.edu for more information.

Photo by Shannon Noonan

Hope, Brittany, and Anthony get their cell phones ready.

By Bethany Thornton

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Campus News
President Bush has a war with no foreseeable end, controlling news through the White House's spin, yet still insists that "freedom is on the march."

And John Kerry has spun a web of words so dense that he may need a slycreek to hack his way through, leaving listeners with, "I could not be more clear."

So, they prepare for their Thursday night joust on foreign policy the first of three meet- inges this week. Although this race is tempting to pun for another Boston moment, when some figure is accompanied by an imporant inequity that prompts a response that is "out of character."

It was CNN anchor Wolf Blitzer who asked Michael Dukakis whether he would favor executing someone who "coerces" (Dukakis, as said no). A Shaw moment this year would not be so personal. In part, each candidate is answering questions that might force Bush to a new, substantive response, and force Kerry to amplify his nuances in plain English.

Candidate Kerry in an interview, September 2003, one of your prominent advisors, said, "I do not think that a "year from now, I'll be very surprised if there is not some regime in the Middle East that is named after President Bush." Yet, Kerry, your military says that Baghdad still isn't secure. Perle's remark was typi- cal of remarks that last year by your administration about Saddam Hussein's mass destruction, about Saddam Hussein's conspiring with al-Qaeda, to "be..."

Sly, you speak frequently about encouraging personal accountability and "a culture of responsibility."

Why nobody in your administration had held accountable for the various mishaps, failures, and the absence of a workable occupa- tion plan?" (Kerry's words, when you quoted at the Republican convention, used to say the Republicans are do not plan, the Republicans, does the buck stop with you?"

2. Sen. Kerry, many Americans are concerned about a recent New York Times report. On Sept. 20, you sounded as if you would have never gone to war in Iraq had you been in a position to do so. This means, moreover, that the Bush administration never had a plan to "win" in Iraq. While you were arguing for the invasion, you said it is a "dumb idea."

3. Sen. Kerry, the political scientist Robert Jones notes: "I think that there are two rational explanations for why the Bush administration's plan to invade Iraq was a failure. First, the Bush administration did not have a strategy for victory. Second, the administration's plan was based on wishful thinking." Jones claims the administration was "misunderstanding the plan's rationale." Beyond the obvious, what did you mean when you said the Bush administration's plan to invade Iraq was a "dumb idea."

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8. Sen. Kerry, global

The unknown factor in the presidential campaign is whether there will be a major terrorist incident before Election Day.

Is the Bush administration correct in not just whether al-Qaeda will seek to influence U.S. voting, as it did in Spain and Indonesia, by threatening 10 bombs on crowded commiss, Madrid commuter trains and killing 44 Spaniards within days before national elections.

The Bush administration's "mistake": Do its leaders see their task as easier with President Bush or John Kerry? They have the advantage. Or, from its warped perspective, is there no difference between the two?

If al-Qaeda prefers one candidate over another, does it think the influence can result to its ends? If a candidate is seen to be doing something the terrorists think is interesting, may they influence their efforts within the United States before Election Day? Can it be an attack in the U.S. before Election Day?"
Legal access to Napster service provided by many Universities

By Eunice Sigler
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Faced with a swelling music industry that has already unleashed a wave of lawsuits to stifle online music downloads, some colleges are lining up to get their students a legal alternative.

So far, 10 schools across the country have set up Napster networks, a popular music downloading service, to give their students access to a huge database of music on the Web.

The University of Miami started its pilot program Aug. 23, meaning free online music access for all 40,000 undergraduate students, nearly 10,000 of them.

Using their school IDs, students can log on to the Napster Web site and download the software. Then they can access hundreds of thousands of songs without having to worry about police knocking at their doors.

They can put Napster on up to three computers and can access it on their hard drives, effectively turning their computers into their own personal radio stations.

If they want to put songs on a CD, it costs 99 cents each.

The students get the same service the public would get if they paid $9.95 a month for the service. And colleges are getting a discount price rather than the school's.

Not all the schools will disclose.

"We were able to do that in large part because of the recording industry. Each of us is willing to cut our profits to virtual nothing in order to change behavior," said Allen Atkins, a senior hedge of business affairs at Napster.

The program at UM is slowly starting to roll. During the first few weeks of the pilot, of the 600,000 Napster subscriptions, 250,000 Napster services, UNICOM chief executive and network officer.

It looks constantly trying to outsmart the pirates, he said.

"We block a good portion of it, if you really want kids get around it," he said. "This hopefully will give them a legal channel to still get the music and still play with it.

"For those Aloups, who successfully ran for student government, president last year by promising to bring Napster on campus, it's also a matter of pride.

It was tough selling his campaign pledge to university brass, he said.

"At first they said, 'We really don't see any academic benefits over Napster, I'm afraid," he said. But he did some research and found that there is.

Napster has close to a million songs available online. Students can get their favorite from Hobbits and Coldplay, but they can also access obscure obscure music without paying for it.

"It's when it's wireless that it interfaces," Hargrove said. "Students immediately took their online services and new a right to use the university's network for free," he said.

The issue was soon discussed on other popular sites including Napster, MTS IT Technology Review.

Hargrove also said the ban after discovering an FCC ruling prohibiting the restriction of wireless access points by landlords.

"We're going to the university's network and we're going to stop "rogue access points," Hargrove said. However, according to the FFC, the university does not appear to have that power because some rooms in the campus are rented by faculty members, meaning that the campus might not have traditional dormitories, he said.

"It's when it's wireless and it continues to be a problem for student," Whitely said.

"Students who can't afford to pay for their own Internet connection want a right to use the university's network for free," he said.

The issue was soon discussed on the university's network.

"I received communications on this from colleges as far as Oregon, and they've all been involved in the same issue," Whitely said. "So we're going to do the same thing," Hargrove said.

On Waterviewsux.com, several students offered their own views on the issue, including this one from a student body member.

"You make me proud to be a student here, one child visitor wrote.

Additional "Long live the orbs."

ABOUT WiFi and its potential for college computer networks, many believe WiFi will allow students and faculty with wireless computers to access Internet from places outside classrooms, such as dorm rooms, student lounges and even outdoors.

Schools have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars expanding their WiFi networks over the past year, and a UT-Dallas vice president at University of Texas at Dallas is one of the first area schools to provide wireless service to student residences.

The Communications Services Commission has said that college campuses can prohibit the use of personal wireless access points that could interfere with a college-provided wireless network. UT-Dallas officials said their student residences don't qualify, however, because some of the apartments are rented to faculty members.

So far, UT-Dallas has 24 adopters of public WiFi at about the rate of two a week. However, through exposure to the technology on campus, students and faculty are responding.

"We've had a great response from students," a school official said.

"It's OK to make college a better place," a student said. "We don't have to put up with all this."

One Pass One Price - Six Mountains

By Nancy A. Youssef
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Two Italian humanitarian workers who were kidnapped three weeks ago in Baghdad were released Tuesday night, along with two Iraqi journalists who'd been snatched with them, Italian and Iraqi officials said.

Four Egyptians who were kidnapped last week at a news agency in the southern Iraqi city of Basra were released.

Iraqi forces bombed a suspected insurgent stronghold in Fallujah and two British soldiers were killed near Basser, in southern Iraq.

The Italian women were "truly innocent" and "are in good health," said Talat Abd Alhakim, a security official from the Iraqi National Union Party and a participant in the negotiations that led to their release.

He said the group kidnapped the women because it "thought they were working for the women's release learned where they were being held and began asking for their release.

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi told the Italian Parliament that the two were on their way back to Italy. "Finally, a moment of joy," Berlusconi said.

The women, Simona Pari and Simona Torrette, both 30, worked on humanitarian projects for "Un Ponte Per..." an Italian aid group whose name means "a bridge for..." The two and the Iraqis were in the group's office when they were taken dressed in Iraqi national guard uniforms bashed in, grabbed them at gunpoint and drove off.

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Bersani refused entreaties that Italy withdraw its troops to win the women's free. Berlusconi said his cabinet had decided, one of the Iraqis captured. Rana Ali Aziz, was shot dead last week.

Through his family, he refused to comment on his experience. The group had kidnapped the two and the Iraqis were in the group's office when they were taken dressed in Iraqi national guard uniforms bashed in, grabbed them at gunpoint and drove off.

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DRUG (POSSESSION/DEAL) 21-28-4.01 Marijuana (Poss, Sale, Del), Mandated/SEP 20-2004-Monday at 01:26 Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: A DPS officer called dispatch to report he was in the process of investigating a possible drug violation. Upon investigation four Marijuana buds were found in a plastic bag. SPD arrived on campus and arrested two students.

ALCOHOL VIOLATION 00 Alcohol Violation SEP 25 2004-Monday at 01:26 Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: While on another call a DPS officer found a funnel in a residence hall.

FIREWORKS (POS.) 11-13-1 Possession of Fireworks SEP 20-2004-Monday at 01:35 Location: RESIDENCE HALL Summary: On a student's room.

THEFT (FROM AUTO) 11-4-1-Larceny from an Auto($) (Over $500.00) SEP 23 2004-Thursday at 11:00 Location: BRYANT CENTER LOT Summary: A staff member called to report that her PLC tag was stolen from her vehicle.

Poker surrounding Bryant

Cont'd from Page 1 of the use of poker chips. Eventually, their study, lounge was locked for reasons that varied. They were believed to be gambling and rumors started that a new poker room would be banned on campus. However, residence life then made it clear that they were not allowed on campus; but poker chips would still be allowed. Bryant University Junior Charles Blair commented in opposition to the regulations on gambling, "bribing, should not be able to regulate monetary gambling because it is too big around a person's freewill. By restricting gam­bling, you are taking away more apt to gamble on-line and lose an extreme amount of time."

Further students feel that the intent of becoming addicted to gambling is not as large of a concern as the school makes it out to be. Most people agree that the chances of them becoming addicted are very slim and they can self regulate by setting proper limits as to their behavior. Poker is looked at as just a hobby much like collecting stamps or coins. It is an activity that students take part in during their free time and with their friends.

Bryant's Hockey team took advantage of Texas Hold 'EM's popularity by holding a fundraising tournament. The tournament allowed 75 people to participate and raised $500. It was also an entrance fee. The event was so popular Hockey team members were forced to set up a 5/10 tourney. Due to the Bryant Hockey Team's World Series of Poker, questions have been raised as to why these poker activities are sanctioned by one department of the school, even though other departments restrict similar types of activities. One difference allowing the Hockey team's event to be sanctioned was the use of fixed prizes as opposed to cash prizes.

Operating through voting

Cont'd from Page 1 of the four hour period that everything will be off line. At this time, construction will tap into the power system to elevate Koffler to full power. Until this time, the equipment that is being installed can not be fired up and tested.

The new setup and expansion of Koffler allows for the creation of new classes.

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Looking up into the control room from the what will be the television studio

Completion of Koffler

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new station will be opened. Professors are also eager for the new studio to open. Brandon Bryant, President of the Computer Information System department, moved back to campus August. Records is looking forward to using the new studio to its fullest.

Koffler's addition on the outside, the paint job and brick cut in have done in order to make Koffler blend with the other buildings on campus. Another feature that has been completed is a new hallway. Currently, all walkways are known to be the Bell Tower. A new hallway from Koffler will be built that will connect to walk­ways on campus. The landscape will hopefully be completed before its snows.

In the Senate meeting on September 22, President Machlehy stated construction on Koffler will be completed by the end of October.

According to Shawn Bramham, Assistant Director of the Special Events Chair of Student Programming Board, "the campus was unaware of the people the issues and getting them to a decision on whom to vote for." Rock the Vote encourages all political IQ levels to participate in events. It is important to give those already interested in politics an outlet to further their interest; it is also about sparking an interest in those who do not know anything about pol­itics.

For more information about the Rock the Vote campaign visit www.rockthevote.com. From this website, one can research the different aspects of the campaign besides the case, join a street team, and more.

One of the key speakers was Drew Barrymore to the person sitting next to you in class, peo­ple need to be involved, in this way this country is run. We are all a part of it and should be included in all aspects of the way it is being run.
Women's Volleyball Team: There's no folly in there volley

By Chris Hamilton
Assistant Sports Editor

Bryant's Women's Volleyball team has a long history of success, and working under Coach Theresa Garlasy has been the highlight for 9 years and two more years as assistant coach. Over the last 9 years this team has made it to the state tournament each year, and has one of the highest ratings for a school sport such as volleyball. Last year the team lost their best player, so the team's performance was less than expected. Coach Garlasy continues to say one such example of this year's hard work and dedication is a plaque of the team's mission statement posted in their locker room "Respect and Support each other. As far as rewards go the team stars the season is a plaque of the missions of the team kept in their locker room. The goals differ from GPAs for respecting and supporting each other.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Bryant men's and women's cross country teams are off to a great start this season. The men's cross country team won the meet at the Fighting Irish Invitational and the women's cross country team won the meet at the Fighting Irish Invitational too. Both teams have two top ten runners that can score in both meets, and both teams have high expectations for the rest of the season.

FIELD HOCKEY

Bryant Picks Up Pair of Wins Over Weekend (5-6, 5-11-10) Bryant hosts Assumption

Thursday at Saint Michael's Saturday's doubleheader decision at Southern Connecticut on Wednesday, the Bulldogs rebounded with a pair of wins over the weekend to pull within one game of getting back to .500. On Saturday, the Bulldogs earned a hard-fought 2-1 win at Franklin Pierce and concluded the weekend with a thrilling 1-0 overtime win over Wheelock. On Sunday, freshman Courtney O'Brien broke a 1-1 tie with the game-winner with just 3:58 minutes left in the game over Franklin Pierce. Freshman goalie Morgan Angell allowed just six saves, but senior goalie Jennifer Black shut out Wheelock, allowing only 10 shots on goal. The Bulldogs have allowed only 6.2 goals per game, which is second in the Northeast-10 Conference. The team is currently in second place in the conference standings after the first two weekends of play.
Upcoming Games

Men and Women's Cross Country
Saturday, October 2, Bryant Invitational, TBA
Friday, October 8, @ New England Championship

Field Hockey
Saturday, October 2, Saturday, October 2, Saint Michael's, 4:00PM
Tuesday, October 5, Merrimack, 1:00 PM

Football
Saturday, October 2, C.W. Post
Saturday, October 8, @ Stonehill, 1:30 PM

Men's Golf
Sat-Sun, October 2-3, @ E.C.A.C. Championship
Friday, October 8, TBA
Power Aide Invitational, Coshocton, Ohio

Men's Soccer
Saturday, October 2, @ St. Anselm, 11:00AM
Tuesday, October 5, Bentley, 3:00 PM
Saturday October 9, UMASS Lowell, 1:00PM

Women's Soccer
Sunday, October 3, Southern Connecticut, 1:00PM
Wednesday, October 12, Franklin Pierce, 3:30 PM

Volleyball
Saturday, October 2, @ NYIT @ Brookville, NY, 10:00AM
Saturday, October 2, @ CW Post, 12:30 PM
Friday, October 8, Pace, 7:00 PM
Saturday, October 9, Southern Connecticut, 11:00 AM
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Jessica Henson is not just any (or rather) freshman. This outside hitter has made contributions to her team. Having played volleyball almost all her life, she views the sport as something that she has just always done. "I like it fun and intense," Henson explains.

Jessica has been a volleyball player for about eight years. Beginning in junior high school when she was about 11 years old, Between her junior high school and college years Henson has made the accomplishments in volleyball. She was an All

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Area athlete, as well as the Defensive Player of the Year. At Bryant she was awarded freshman of the week three times. After being recruited by Brant, she packed everything up from her hometown in Bedford, Texas and flew all the way up to Bryant. "I miss the attendance and security of my friends and family, Henson said, "I came here to get a different experience."

Even though she is a long way from home, she has found her niche with this team. "I love playing for Bryant. It's great, she said, "I put a lot of emphasis on the closeness of the team. Her teammates refer to her as "Tex," often chanting "Yee Haw" to pump her up during games. Henson's individual goals include staying positive and working as hard as she can as a player. In addition, some of the ways she does this is

By Justin Williams
Staff Columnist

The Hangover: Watching Sports With Men

This week's topic: A few things we women learn to know before watching sports with men.

You've probably noticed that with the Red Sox and Yankees' pennant, the discussion section is looking a lot like the sports section. I was going to write a column about the importance of NATO in the post-Cold War world, but I like fitting in with the theme and all, so I figured I would write about a very timely sports topic at Bryant University. Here's why.

A great thing has happened at Bryant in the past few years. Yeah, the school has added some new majors and got a new library. More importantly though, the ratio of males to females of the school has become nearly level.

Some of the seniors here can remember the old days when the male-female ratio was roughly 50 to 1. This isn't meant to offend the upperclasswomen, it's just that almost all the women usually date the same few guys, and had some boyfriend back home. You see this simpy by finding all the single ladies out there. You'd have a better chance of finding Bill Gates at a K-Mart than you would finding a single lady at a party in the village.

But even though the addition of more females is a great thing, there is a big sports problem, all of these women are going to want to hang out with the guys. And what do the guys usually do when sports is on? They go to the bar. This is a great sports time too.

So, we guys like watching sports and hang out with other guys. It's nothing personal, it's just that we do. When women are around, we can't do the same things. Make the same jokes, or eat the same snacks. Back in the day, when there were only like ten female students on Bryant's campus, the ten of them could sneak into a room of men watching sports, and no one would notice. Now with so many women, it can be a problem, so I suggest not watching sports with your man. But for a woman who still wants to watch sports either with your man, or because you want to hang out with some of the guys, follow these rules and everything should be okay.

Rule #1. The color of the team's uniform is not an acceptable reason to join a team. I remember back in my elementary school days, when most everyone I knew (guys and girls) had the Charlotte Hornets Starter jacket. The boys liked the Hornets because of Alonzo Mourning and Larry Johnson, the ladies liked the Hornets because of the feminine teal and purple color combination. We're all adults now, and you have to have a better reason for picking the baseball team from Boston than that you too have red socks.

Rule #2. When you get up to do something or solder out of anything. It makes us feel like you are... or were, or wish we were.

Rule #3. No PDAs. Public displays of affection are generally unnecessary in all parts of life, but if you're watching the game with your boyfriend and his won't. We can't believe you are barely holding his hand, or touching his leg. In front of his friends, PDA makes you appear less than comfortable thinking about the fact that there are some children who actually share his genetic material.

Rule #4. Don't ever ask, is the game almost over? This is just no acceptable reason to ask this ever.

Rule #5. Don't complain when we are on the phone. Often times during a game, men will call up other men to talk about the game, or to make fun of them because of the poor performance of their favorite team. This is an on going one, it isn't necessary to say, "I hate how you change your phone when you're on your phone with your friends." Just stop rating. It is the least you can do for two men will actually have on the phone anyways. Especially since we are trying to spend the entire weekend visiting their friend, drive back home, and talk to them for two more hours about things in their lives. It's a short phone call.

Rule #6. Don't complain about rumors control. We men have an instinctive sense of how long commercial breaks last. Men simply want to be efficient with their television time.

You've probably noticed by now that not only are channels are showing football games, you should also have noticed that men have to watch them both. Bryant has been great and offered men its ESPN news shows and everything. It's a little problem, all of these women are usually do? Watch sports This is not an acceptable reason to do this, ever.

Rule #7. Know your stuff. It's okay if you didn't learn the rules of every sport when you were a little kid. In fact, most men are happy to teach you the rules. The key is to get this learning done during the preseason, when the games are not as important. If you come to watch the Red Sox this year, you'll probably be the American League Championship Series, and ask, "How's Nomar doing tonight," you might as well just walk out. If you don't know much about what's going on, try sticking to simple observations like, "He's pitching the ball fast," or "that was a hard tackle." Rule #8. Laugh at the jokes we make. Not only will you laugh at the jokes we make, you'll know about our world of sports. If you're like me, you probably have fond memories of "The Magic Hour," you know, the show Magic Johnson hosted for about two weeks until they took it off the air. Now while I've stopped on funnier things than Magic, I felt he was actually funny because the band leader was laughing hysterically. I wish we could do that for us, it'd be great.

Rule #10. Under no circumstances is it acceptable to say "I think. Derek Jeter is cute." You're watching sports, not the Bachelor. And besides, I have a friend of the same name. Derek Jeter is gay. (My editors assure me I was wrong, but I really probably isn't gay since he's dated Mariah Carey, Jessica Alba, and another of a less notable event.)

But all your Yankee fans, don't be offended. I'm an Orioles fan, and saying that annoyed me for the last 8 years.

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Opinion

The Hangover: Watching Sports With Men

Simon says: Bonjour de Paris

By Toby Simon
Staff Columnist

My love affair with Paris began over thirty years ago when I spent my entire junior year there. It was a time when I had been lucky enough to visit often and several years ago we bought a second apartment in Paris.

Ermitt Hemingsway wrote a beautiful book about Paris: A Moveable Feast. I read it before going to Paris that first time because the book made me want to go. It brought Paris to me so vividly that I couldn't wait to live there. No matter what neighborhood you explore your senses are bombarded by the sights, smells and sounds of Paris. From the smell of fresh croissants and yummy chickens cooking on a spit to the sparkle of the Eiffel Tower, Paris is truly romantic. "Every country," has tons of cafes where the conversation among the locals is lively and animated. Doges are omnipresent and regulars of the chicest restaurants in town.

One of the coolest aspects of Paris is the abundance of little departments. From the delicious smell of their kitchens to the omnipresent and regulars of the chicest restaurants in town. You can figure out the latest fashion trends in Paris, take a ride on the metro and you'll smell it everywhere.

Another aspect of life on the streets of Paris that is truly appreciated by my husband is the absence of department stores. In the fancy neighborhoods there are at least five shops on every block leading one to wonder how many times a day French women change their underwear! But even in the poorer neighborhoods the shops are everywhere reinforcing the notion that undergarments are a big deal issue.

There's an old song, "How ya gonna keep 'em down on the farm after they've seen Paris". Well I'm the first to admit that when I was in Paris it is one of the most wonderful adventures of my life. I would love to see more of you, learn new things and learn new things. And we have agreed to appreciate what you may take for granted in your own country, it's also a great opportunity to learn about our values and culture in new ways. I highly recommend it and strongly encourage any of you who are ever in Paris to study abroad for go it. You won't regret it.

A bientot!

by Toby Simon
Director, Women's Center

socio-economic class, women in Paris have an assumption of "je ne sais quoi". They know how to throw on the right little scarf, add a touch of color to their hair, and wear some fabulous earrings and carry a great looking handbag. And they pull it off in ways that I'm convinced wouldn't work here. If you're looking for comfort clothes and easy peasy, Paris is not the place for you. You need to look like a Parisian, to be a Parisian, to live a Parisian. It is a challenge to learn the fashion, but the learning is never complete. It is an art form that you will never master, but you will always try to be the best at it.
Point-Counterpoint: Yankees vs. Red Sox

Why I don’t like the Red Sox

By Greg Herkorn
Staff Writer

I have found myself, since I have entered college, to be a Yankee fan lost in the heart of Red Sox nation. It is easy to tell by all of the T-shirts and hats that Bryant University is predominantly in favor of the Red Sox. My viewpoint in this article may not be a popular one but I still feel that it needs to be expressed. The Red Sox and the Yankees are the two most storied franchises and most popular teams in the sport of baseball, which naturally leads to a rivalry between the two teams.

From the standpoint of a Yankee fan I look at the rivalry as a type of sterile situation seeing that the Red Sox have not won a championship since 1918 and the Yankees have been by far the most successful franchise in the history of the game. The events have been well documented; the trading of Babe Ruth to the Yankees by the Red Sox, Bucky Dent’s home run, the ball going through Bill Buckner’s legs, and last but not least the home run hit by Aaron Boone to propel the Yankees into the 2002 world Series.

I can understand the viewpoint of a Red Sox fan being jealous towards the Yankees because they always seem to be so successful. The problem that I have with a large portion of Red Sox fans is that they have led them to become harsh and nasty towards the near mention of the word Yankees. A perfect example of this is from this past Sunday when I attended the game at Fenway Park. On my way to the stadium I saw blocks full of anti Yankee apparel. At first I laughed at finding some of the shirts so stupid that they were funny in a way. Then I thought to myself, why is all the merchandise here anti Yankee shirts instead of Red Sox jerseys or hats? Red Sox fans root against the Yankees just as much as they root for the Red Sox themselves. As a Yankee fan I can honestly say I would have no problem with both the Red Sox and Yankees having good years but I get the feeling from Sox fans that they are not quite satisfied unless the Yankees are fair poorly and the Red Sox succeed. This is just bitter hatred on the part of some fans that is really not necessary. Can’t everyone just root for their particular team to do well and not hope for the demise of the competing team?

Another pet peeve of mine has to due with Red Sox fans and complaints that the Yankees buy their wins. In baseball there is no salary cap and so teams are free to spend what they want in an effort to win. An argument can also be made that the Yankees are more河南 and have played better than the Red Sox this year, but the Yankees have never been by far the most successful franchise in the history of the game. Babe Ruth is a baseball legend and there is no telling where the game would be today without him. ‘Babe’ Ruth has hit a home run in a World Series game. Without Ruth the Yankees would be if it were not for the contributions of ‘The Babe’. Saying something like that in a way is selfish and mean? It has been a long, difficult 85 years.

With the postseason upon both teams, they will make their preparations. The Yankees are probably putting some champagne on ice while the Red Sox clear beds in the psychiatric ward of Massachusetts General Hospital. This year has a different feel to it, though. I think this is the season we all stop waiting for next year. No year is bare, and as a proud member of the Red Sox Nation I want to let the Yankee faithful know we are coming to take the crown.

The Sox, behind Manny, Pedro, Papi, and Shilling are going to finally defeat the evil empire, and when the Sox finally win that elusive championship the party will never stop. This one World Series win, whenever it may be, will be far greater than all 26 Yankee championships combined! After that maybe the Sox will be the most hated team in the league, and I am perfectly fine with that. Go Sox!

New York: The Evil Empire

By Bryan Sergeant
Staff Writer

In your sights you see the love of your life, the job of your dreams, or your one true fantasy. You rush after it with tears of joy filling your eyes. Then, as you take that last step into pure joy and absolute bliss, you find out that it was all wrong. It’s too late. You can’t turn back. You have to move on.

Does it get any worse than having your biggest rival take away all you ever wanted? Unfortunately, it does. To the Red Sox, a World Series victory would be like finding the Holy Grail. Since 1918, the Red Sox have been obsessed with it, and even more in present day. We search year after year, decade after decade, and still nothing. Meanwhile, the Yankees just rack up championship after championship and act as if it is just another game.

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Did someone say money? The payroll of the Yankees is larger than the GDP of some small countries! Thank you, George Steinbrenner for single handedly ruining baseball with your insane payroll. It is because of you, that small market teams such as Minnesota, Tampa Bay, and the Detroit Tigers cannot compete. No money means no wins, and no wins means no money. For that reason, historic parks like Candlestick Park in San Francisco have been torn down and turned into a larger Safeway. What in next? Welcome to Friendly Taco Bell/Wal-Mart Fenway Park? Maybe the Red Sox fans should be the only ones who hate the Yankees.

A Red Sox fan’s hatred might be justified, but shouldn’t we just enjoy cheering our own team? Heck no! We want revenge! True that sounds childish, but after dealing with Babe Ruth going to the Yanks, the 2003 ALCS disaster, and of course Mr. Bucky F. Dent, we need some retribution. Put it this way: Guys, if some other government came along and steals the girl you have always been in love with, do you really want them to live happily ever after while you get nothing? Or ladies, if you just bought a new dress for a dance and your worst enemy has the same one on and she looks much better than you, are you just going to be happy that she looks beautiful while you pale in comparison? Of course not! You want to see punch spilled all over that stupid dress. You want to see that guy get slapped in the face by your girl and then left alone forever. You want to see them fall while you strut around in your fine dress or with your gorgeous new girlfriend. So what if that is selfish and mean? It has been a long, difficult 85 years.

STUDENTS SPEAK OUT

Question of the Week: Who are you planning on voting for in the coming Presidential election and why?

Compiled by Steve Proulx and Chris Hamilton

"I am voting Kerry because I don't think Bush should have a second term, and Nader does not stand a chance." Pete Conners '08

"I am voting for Bush because I am Republican and I am voting for the party." Dan Salcito '08

"I am undecided at the present time." Joe Truncali '06

"I am voting for Kerry because I don't think Bush wouldn't accomplish anything with finishing the war in Iraq." Shelly Sobol '08

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"I've done research but I am not really happy with either candidate at the time, but I still plan on voting." Stefanie Mello '05

"I am voting for John Kerry because I dislike Bush greatly and disagree with his policies." Kristina Antal '06

"Which one of Derek Jeter's championship rings is most special to him? Probably the one he can sell on eBay for the most money."
Augusten Burroughs comes to Bryant

By Justin Setter
Business Manager

September 29 marked a busy day for author Augusten Burroughs during his stop at Bryant. Burroughs, the author of the acclaimed "Running with Scissors and Dry," started his day with a question and answer session in MRC 4 for a group of one hundred students, faculty, and staff. This session provided a great opportunity for Burroughs to answer questions that ranged from his creative process as a writer to his battle with alcohol and the transition from alcoholic to writer.

After the Q&A session, a small group of personally perused Burroughs for an informal dinner. The dinner was reported to be a good time with Burroughs sharing stories and answering small questions about past characters from his books.

The main event, a lecture form Burroughs took place at 8pm in Janikies auditorium. Tickets for this lecture had been sold out for a while as Janikies filled to capacity. Baring some technical difficulties with microphones (Burroughs took this in stride as he was able to joke about the various microphones he was being handed), the event went over extremely well.

Reading from the soon to be released Magical Thinking opened up talk as Burroughs proceeded to discuss his chaotic life, success as a writer, and life without alcohol.

One of his most compelling messages dealt appropriately with the absence of alcohol. Sobriety, while elusive at first, provided Burroughs with the time and outlet he needed to pursue his desire to be a writer. Burroughs made it clear that while a drinker, pursuing your dreams will reward you. Doing what you love passes time rather than dwelling on your time in a numb, drunken state.

This was a rather interesting thought for college students to consider as we spend our time at school partying and preparing ourselves for the future. Further bits of wisdom will be imparted by Burroughs through his soon to be released Magical Thinking will be released October 3 with two additional works soon to follow.

Jet Li is a Hero for historical China

By Samuel Tabatabai
Assistant Variety Editor

Do not dismiss this film as a Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon remake. It is actually quite a different feature. With a twenty million dollar budget, Zhang Yimou's Hero is the most expensive and highest grossing film in Chinese history.

Actually released in 2002, Hero was Oscar nominated for Best Foreign Film. However, Miramax acquisition of the film and merely sat on it for two years. There is extensive production design, numerous extras, enhanced CGI and some amazing choreographed swordplay. The interpretation of the unification of China is a must see film for 2004.

character is referred to as Nameless, an unknown government official called to the king's court for vanquishing the king's three most feared enemies. Long Sky (Donnie Yen in Shanghai Knights) Broken Sword (Tony Leung of Internal Affairs), and Flying Snow (Maggie Cheung from In The Mood for Love). When Nameless is arrives to be praised and rewarded, the king honours him by breaking security regulations and allowing him within 10 yards of the king. A 900 yard security precaution prevents individuals from being in the king's presence since the failed assassination attempt by Broken Sword and Flying Snow.

While in the king's audience Nameless illustrates for the king how each of his moves were brought to justice. However, The King believes Nameless is fabricating the events and questions his true motives. Between the two, four complete acts are depicted through the storytelling, two from Nameless' point of view and two from the king. The King and Nameless each give narratives with their own interpretation of what truly occurred as the two try to throw each other off guard.

Yimou presents each scene with its own color scheme, beginning with red, then blue, to green, next white and eventually black symbolizing various themes each fabrication is portraying. The profound focus of movement and color illustrates the scenes beautifully.

This recreation of historical dialogue is by far one of the most astonishing, extravagant and attractive martial arts movies ever made.

Paul

So if you wanna win this election, you gotta give people a piece of your own mind.

Thought I heard you was passing out bumper stickers and stuff.

Yeah but... Pssh, you didn't hire me at all, I'm a volunteer.

Hey, don't make me switch sides!! I'm not one of those Parmesan types. I'll work for either party.

Whatever, you're a cheese. Oh yeah, I went there. Now let's get down to business before I really get violent.
November 2: Please don’t forget that date!

By Christian Collard
Variety Editor

I don’t have the time to, I don’t know where to register. I’ve registered, but I don’t know where to go for the polls. My vote doesn’t count anyway. None of the previous statements are acceptable come this November. There is absolutely no excuse not to vote. As Americans, it is our duty to participate in the very democracy this nation was founded on. With the election less than a month away, if you do plan on registering to vote, you had better get going before it is too late. Rhode Island’s deadline is Saturday October 2. Massachusetts’ deadline is October 13, and others are fast approaching as well (note: absentee ballots are also an option).

A fire was lit under the seat of many after the “hanging chad” controversy of the Bush/Gore election of 2000. Many were happy with the results of such a close election, but many of those unfortunates individuals did not take it upon themselves to vote their choice in November. The problems with our nation’s lack of poll participation had reached an all-time high, and that was not about to sit well with the people. Many have chosen to become active rather than remain passive to ensure that what happened in 2000 does not happen again. The Bryant community has even gotten involved in several election-related activities, including Rock the Vote in the Unistructure and the “Presidential Debate Debate,” which took place in the Bello Center last night as part of this year’s Communication Department “Distinquished Speakers Series.” Dr. Sidney Kraus, the country’s foremost

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authority on presidential debates and author of the classic "Great Debates," discussed the debates, their history, and how to watch them. Immediately following the talk, the debate on foreign policy was shown on the Jumbotron screen.

Registering to vote for the election on November 2 was almost too easy. You’d have to have been going out of your way to avoid the efforts of dozens of both sanctioned and grassroots voter registration campaigns. It seems like everywhere you turn, someone is urging you to vote, whether it is in the form of a radio/television PSA, an internet banner, or even in person at a public place.

If you’re a fan of music and television (and what college student isn’t?), you are more than likely have encountered a voter registration campaign PSA or two in the past several months. MTV, VH1, and Clear Channel Entertainment have been very vocal in providing airtime and funding for such campaigns as Rock the Vote, Citizen Change, Choose or Lose, Vote for Change, and America Coming Together. Headcount, Music for America, and several other campaigns are focused around registering fans of live music by setting up tables and/or walking around with clipboards getting people to fill out voter registration forms and sending them in for free, eliminating the possibility of human error (a.k.a. being too lazy to put it in the mail yourself). You may have encountered these troops at such events as Dave Matthews, the Dead, Phish, 311, the Allman Brothers, Santana, Wilco, etc. The Dead’s Bob Weir spoke about HeadCount and voter registration during every concert on the first leg of the Dead’s national summer tour. It marked the first time in 25 years that the member of HeadCount’s board of directors, has regularly talked about any issue on stage.

I think I can speak for the entire band in saying that this is the most important election that has occurred in our lifetime,” said Weir recently. “If you ever want to participate in a real election again, I think you better vote in this one. If every Deadhead in Florida voted in the last presidential election, it would be a very different world today.

HeadCount is a group of nearly 1,500 volunteers, 25 bands and dozens of band managers, promoters and benefactors who have rallied around the cause of voter participation. They have no paid employees and operate entirely as a grassroots network, with no central office. To date, they’ve registered close to 50,000 voters. No group of their size or funding level has done what they’ve done. With less than 150,000 dollars of funding, they’ve registered nearly 5 times as many voters as Music for America, who has two million dollars in funds.

Now that you’re registered to vote, you need to decide exactly who you’re going to vote for. Don’t just pick a name because it’s listed on the ballot. Be an educated voter. If you’re undecided about who to vote for, there are plenty of non-partisan resources out there so you can check facts and formulate your decision. The most widely used and acclaimed resource, Project Vote Smart (http://www.vote­smart.org), provides a comprehensive database about thousands of candidates and elected officials.

Recognizing the void in American civic culture and the need to create a new organization, 40 national leaders, including former presidents Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter, formed Project Vote Smart back in 1992. While you’re at the website, make sure to download a copy of "How to Vote" (2004) (Lifespan Manual available in PDF format).

If that’s still not enough information for you to make your decision on, visit the online version of the Annenberg Political Fact Check (http://www.fact­check.org). They describe themselves as a “nonpartisan, nonprofit, consumer advocate for voters that aims to reduce the level of deception and confusion in U.S. politics.” They monitor the factual accuracy of what is said by major U.S. political players in the form of TV ads, debates, speeches, interviews, and news releases. If you have no way of getting home to register because you’re at school, you can still file an absentee ballot. Visit your state’s website and follow the links to information about absentee ballots, as rules and deadlines vary from state to state.

If you’ve read this entire article and you’re still not convinced you should register to vote, you’ve already done too many times over. It’s simple, quick, and the American way. Don’t let someone choose your leader for you. Be active and vote on November 2. And remember, registering is only half the battle. Make sure to double check poll locations and deadlines so you can actually cast your vote and let your choice shape the future of our nation.

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