At the Center of gender diversity

By: Asa Williams

Welcome to the Grand Opening of the Women's Center

English Professor Terri Hasseler called this event "a great moment in Bryant College history and herstory."

To paraphrase the author Virginia Woolf, women finally have "a room of their own," but in name only.

After years of discussion, research, proposals, and hard work, an important step toward gender equity has been taken as the idea of a Women's Center came to fruition.

The new Women's Center, on the third floor of the Bryant Center, had its grand opening on March 27, a highlight of the College's Women's History Month events.

Bryant College President Ronald Machlief cited the importance of gender diversity, and also described the new Women's Center as "a wonderful opportunity to show our commitment thereto."

Outgoing Student Senate President Andrew Goldberg was also on hand for the event. He acknowledged former student senator Colin Miney, who had been a major contributor to the launch of the Women's Center. "Mincey started the research," Goldberg said, "and helped drum up support from the student organizations."

Tomeka Robinson, one of the three interns for the Women's Center described the Center as "a great foundation to foster relationships and build bridges between the genders."

Robinson is also the president of the Alliance for Women's Awareness. She helped launch the Student Herstory Event (SHE), a conference that took place earlier in March.

The other interns are Rebecca Chart, president of Bryant Pride, a student gay-straight alliance, and Angela Gugliotta. The three will work variable hours, and another intern will work the Women's Center in the summer. The Center will have extended hours next semester.

Hasseler, who is also a member of the Center's steering committee, said that the idea of a Women's Center was around longer than it had been proposed. "Formally, the process began in 1997," she explained, "with the first proposal made in 1999. However, people have been discussing the formation of a Women's Center long before then."

She also stated what drove her to help create the Center and that it does not just apply here. "I think a women's center is important to any campus because an educational institution's purpose is to teach people about differences, and a women's center provides a forum for discussions of gender inequities and how we as a community might work to address those problems."

A lot has happened since the last issue of The Archway was sent to the presses. In my last article, I concluded with the fact I was going to ask Senate to form a special committee to look into exactly how accessible the campus is. They enthusiastically agreed and a committee called SHI (Students for Handicap Improvement) has been formed.

Currently, there are upwards of 30 people involved with this committee, including students-at-large, Senators, and faculty. I am very proud of the campus for recognizing this issue as a potential flaw in Bryant's structure. In addition, two students have also approached me and wanted to use this story for reports and presentations in their classes, which means a lot to me.

In my last article, I also ended with a challenge to all Senators and administrators, asking them to sit in my wheelchair and go through the schedule of the average student's day. Already many administrators have expressed a desire to try such a course. I am happy to see the reaction of the campus on this issue and, as many have expressed, it has been long overdue. Official invitations are going out this week to administrators to try to put themselves in a handicapped person's position. I believe this will lead to a good outcome. Unofficially, many administrators have already agreed and like the idea. Mrs. Machlief has expressed her concern and told me that she was interested in trying out the wheelchair course. Many senators and other members of SHI are also going to ride the course in hopes of better understanding the challenges for those that are handicapped.

Currently, the days to participate in the course are scheduled for Friday, April 19 and Sunday April 21. Both will start at 2:00 and the starting line is the handicapped entrance to the Unstructure behind the MAC. From the information gathered by participants in this event, the committee will then work to compose a list of recommendations and ask the college to focus on improving over the summer of 2002. Conclusions to the study and recommendations will be presented at the last Senate meeting of the year.

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All too often do you hear the word "fag," homo, queer and even dyke, which are often thrown around without any concrete knowledge of what it means to belong to that group. What exactly is a "fag?" More importantly, who is a fag?

Well, we should start by not calling someone a fag, if that is indeed their sexual preference. Instead, refer to that person by their appropriate name. The word itself is derogatory and it is too often misused in reference to gay or bisexual men.

If you knew anything about the history of the word at all, then you would know that the word, "fag" does not belong to you. It is not to be thrown around, and be abused by you at all. Only those ignorant and small-minded people who lack knowledge and appreciation of the subject behind the word use it. Fag, like many other words, is a word that has been reclaimed by the gay and lesbian community and from here on will be thrown back into your face if it is used intentionally to harm someone, or even in pure ignorance.

We cannot afford to allow a few voices to dictate the ignorance, which leads to homophobia. Thus, it is up to all of us to challenge the thoughtless actions of those around us. It may be easy to forget that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people are still beaten because of who they are, or that they have a pervasive feeling of fear for most of their lives. It is all too easy to forget that LGBT youths have the highest suicide rate. It has become much too easy to forget the stories of Matthew Shepard and Teena Brandon. These are things that happen everyday, whether we are aware of them or not. And they will continue to happen everyday and affect all of us until we decide to make them stop.

While some of us may not experience homophobia, we must realize that others do. Therefore, we must act against it. It is up to us to make a difference on this campus, even if it is only one person at a time. We must not allow such acts as calling someone a "fag" happen. For if we do, we are allowing labels to dehumanize and discriminate against people by emphasizing the differences between us.

When you speak out against homophobia and hate crimes alike, you are affirming your right to live in an environment free from violence. It is up to us to speak up for those rights. Though it may be an uncomfortable situation, it is up to the oppressed to teach our oppressors. So, whatever you do, do not stand in silence!

My advice to anyone who may be faced by a situation like this would be to approach that person... and say something along the line of, "I find that comment to not only be inappropriate but hurtful. Please don’t use it again." Or you could say, "I’m curious..."

What exactly do you mean by that statement?" Also, when something like this happens in the classroom, I would recommend that you bring it to the teacher’s attention before or after class.

(Germ expert to speak at Bryant on April 15)

Judith Miller, author of three books including Germ: Biological Weapons and America’s Secret War, and co-author of Saddam Hussein and the Crisis in the Gulf, which topped the New York Times bestseller list during the Gulf War, will speak at Bryant on Monday, April 15, at 8 p.m. in the MAC as part of the Trustee Speaker Series. Her lecture is titled, The Reality of Terrorism: Our World Since September 11.

This lecture is free and open to the public, but tickets are required. Tickets are available at the Bryant Center Information Desk or may be reserved by calling (401) 232-6245 until 6 p.m. on the night of the lecture. Remaining tickets will be available at the door.

Koffler has also seen improvements already. A new rubber ramp has been installed at the entryway that leads to the threshold. In the previous article I wrote of how students were unable to pass through that area driving forward.

I would like to thank Physical Plant for designing such a ramp and in such a short amount of time.

If anyone would like to be a part of this committee, or knows of a handicap problem, please feel free to contact me at kkh1@bryant.edu.

Also, if you are interested being involved in this committee, please feel free to contact me.

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BullDog Tidbits

By: Leigh Cohen

Baseball
Bryant extended its winning streak to 5 when the bulldogs swept Southern New Hampshire on March 30.

Junior Joe Cormier came in as relief for senior Dan England and he was also relieved by freshman Steve Sloan. All three contributed to the win in the nightcap for the bulldogs.

Ashton Stone obtained the win for the Bulldogs on April 5 when Bryant rallied past Stonehill, 4-3. After pitching eight and a third innings, reliever Paul Gately came in to pick up his third save of the year. Bryant improved to 15-11 overall and 6-2 in the Northeast-10 Conference.

Bryant continued their winning streak when they beat Merrick 8-6. Senior right fielder, Danny England drove in three runs while senior reliever, Paul Gately registered his third consecutive save to lead Bryant to the win on Sunday afternoon at the Bryant Baseball Complex.

Bryant took the lead for good in the bottom of the second when sophomore third baseman, B. J. Gagnon, led off with a triple to right-center, and England drove the first pitch he saw over the 400-foot mark in the center for a two-run home run.

Women’s Lacrosse
This past weekend, Bryant worked overtime to surge past the Chargers of New Haven 9-8 at Bulldog Stadium. Freshman attack Nicole St. Pierre scored with 11 seconds remaining in the second overtime period, lifting the Bulldogs to the non-conference win.

Track & Field
The Bryant men won the Fitchburg State Invitational. In fact, they won eight of 19 events to roll to a first-place finish at Robert Elliot Field.

Bryant’s women also featured two double winners as junior Melanie Butler dominated the hammer throw and discus, while freshman Michelle Morris owned the sprints.

Melanie Butler was named NE-10 athlete of the week for the week ending April 1. Butler earned the award for the first time this season following her dominating performance at the Husky Spring Open, hosted by Northeastern University.

Inside Women’s Lacrosse

Interview with Head Coach Concetta Ficchera

How do you feel the season is coming along?

We are off to a great start, with two wins in our first 5 games, including a win in the Conference. We have, without a doubt, improved our play EVERY game out, which was one of the primary goals for the season. Our team defense is really starting to take shape and once that is established, I think we will see our whole game concept come together.

Are there any problems that need to be overcome?

The weather...Mother Nature has not been kind to start our season. In fact, I think that there may have been nicer days in February than there were in March. But one of the most exciting challenges has been our youth. We have a team of 22 first-time college lacrosse players. Of the 22, the team members with the most significant lacrosse experience are primarily the freshmen. The student athletes with the most significant leadership and college athletic experience are the upperclassmen. So our challenge has been to get the playing experience and the leadership experience to mesh and have our team’s chemistry evolve and develop.

Are there any standout players who lead the team now and you feel will be a good asset for the team in the future?

I feel great about the contribution of every member of this team, and their work ethic. The great thing about this team is we established from the beginning that our work ethic would be what defines us; and everyone on this team believes in that and we all hold each other accountable. I have been most impressed with just how quickly our skills have developed and continue to develop. We have a number of first time lacrosse players on this team, but their athletic ability and the tempo at which we work has enabled each of them to become contributors to our success.

What happened in Bulldog athletics in the past two weeks?

Softball
Bryant ended their 33-game series losing streak to AIC on March 20. Freshman catcher Kristin Cambirotta hit a two-run double down the left field line in the top of the sixth inning, lifting Bryant to a 3-1 win against AIC in the second game of the double header allowing the Bulldogs to gain a split of the twinbill and end a 16-year losing streak to the Yellow Jackets. Bryant defeated AIC for just the third time in the 43-game series between the teams, which was the first win against the Yellow Jackets since 1985.

For the week ending April 1, pitcher Christine Billia was named NE-10 freshman of the week. Billia has amassed a 4-2 record with the Bulldogs this season, while her 0.91 earned-run average puts her among the conference leaders.

Sophomore pitcher, Nicole Keene threw a complete game shutout in the opener, while freshman left fielder, Sarah “PRincess” Melican, went 3 for 4 in the nightcap as Bryant swept a doubleheader against C.W. Post at the Bryant Softball Complex. The Bulldogs took the first game, 1-0, before holding on for a 6-5 win in the nightcap. The Bulldogs got the only run they would need in the bottom of the fourth.

The Bulldog’s unbeaten streak reaches 6 as the Bulldogs swept Saint Michael’s this past Sunday.

Upcoming Home Games for the next two weeks

For more details on Bulldog sports news go to www.bryant.edu.
THE REALITY OF TERRORISM:
Our World Since September 11

Presented by Judith Miller

September 11, 2001 saw the most devastating attack on the U.S. since Pearl Harbor. How could this happen? And why?

Judith Miller, best-selling author of "Germs: Biological Weapons and America's Secret War," and senior writer at The New York Times, will provide us with an informed perspective as we face a new reality in the United States.

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A reception and book signing will follow.

Panhellenic and IFC

By: Abby Morris

Panhellenic and IFC would like to thank all those in the Greek community for participating in the Stations of the Cross with Father Joe. The support for this occasion from the Greek community was greatly appreciated and would not have been possible without your help.

Panhellenic council would also like to thank Delta Zeta and Tri Sig for their help with "Take Back the Night." A special thank you is also extended to Kellee Gracci for making this event possible.

This past week Greek Life hosted a gambling speaker. The speaker works as part of Campus Speaks, which is an organization that covers topics including alcohol, gambling, and self-defense. This particular program offered ways to recognize people who have gambling problems. The program also explained ways to gamble while being responsible for your actions.

Delta Zeta would like to thank all those who attended Mr. Bryant, we hope everyone had as much fun watching all the contestants as we had escorting them. We would also like to say CONGRATULATIONS to Kevin Gardiner. The sisters of Delta Zeta would like to invite the Bryant College community to join us in our third annual turtle tug. On April 20 we are going to give you a chance to drag the opposing team through a pond of green Jell-O. So get set of five of your friends together and get your registration fees of $25 to one of the sisters. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Kaitlynn at 4056 or Liz at 8287.

Delta Zeta will also be hosting alumni weekend on April 20. For all the alumni joining us on that weekend we would like to say welcome back and be ready for a crazy weekend!

"This past weekend led to many interesting stories from all the sisters. We would like to thank Angel for her organizational skills for this shad weekend. Jaxsyn would like to formally apologize for her actions and would like to thank JB, Stuck, Woods, Mike, and Angel for NOT shaving half of my head or eyebrows. Skye would like to tell the people at B Macs that they need to put things on the glass so that every-one will know when they are closed. A lot of Delta Zeta sisters have head injuries from those doors. Kenna would like to let Zoey and Dylan know that the star tree is still shining. Phoebe still has injuries from the wrestling match with Stuck, and she wants him to know there will be a rematch. Graci would like to thank her date for a great weekend, where is 11b, what a healthy weekend!! Zoey-Thanks for driving home. I owe you one!! L&S-Graci, To my pledge class - I love you girls, we're almost done! I can't believe it!! JSM FOREVER!! Kitti-Thanks for all our shad times this weekend and the shower did not make it any better! L&S Graci. Most important lesson from this weekend is that Jaxsyn is NEVER allowed to go sailing away. A lot of people can be happy for knowing that fact!

That's it from Delta Zeta, we hope everyone enjoys Greek Week and is getting ready for Spring Weekend!!
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April 12, 2002
Hey everyone, hope that you are all doing well. Phi Sigma Sigma would like to thank all the sisters that participated in the Trampoline-a-thon, which was held last Wednesday the 3rd, and would especially like to thank those who made a contribution. We raised over one hundred dollars and it was a great fundraiser that went off without any problems...well except for Geves tumbling off...BERU!

Anyways, a few shout-outs from the past weekend...Kleo says, “Lyla – Glow stick!” and “Z, 5 minutes...come back in FIVE minutes.” To Koko – “Here is the ultimate pickupline: Hey do I smell like pineapple? Yea ya do... Well, do I taste like pineapple?” Love, Kosmo. Kafi and Lyla were showing “the beads”, some consequences were bigger than others. Yea whoo Mardi Gras 2002! Big thanks to the brothers of KT! Joe, Z and Kosmo apologize for using your pant leg as a napkin on Friday night, love you. We missed Miles this weekend, but hope you made CASH!

That’s all for now, thanks and good luck with this week! Hope everyone enjoys Greek Week too! As always, stop by to visit the sisters in Hall I 3rd floor!

Gallup New Mexico
Alternate Spring Break
(REACTIONS)
By: Marigny Quatia “Q”

It was quite an enlightening trip. I think it reminded me of how appreciative I should be and also how poverty purposely discriminates, but circumstances leading to it vary with each race. Also, the belief that people have that alcoholism is part of the Native American culture helps to maintain the belief, an obvious stereotype in the making and growing. I can’t recall how many times I’ve heard people remark that alcohol is part of “their” culture. How can an addiction be part of a culture? That is like saying that all cocaine users are Caucasian Mexican. It’s a lie. Alcoholism is a disease that does not discriminate. It can affect races from White to Indian, the rich to poor and the ugliest to most beautiful. So before the stereotype becomes networked throughout the world, like many others surrounding ethnic cultures, I want to clarify that statement to the fact that there was a disproportionately large amount of Native American’s drinking alcohol and suffering from alcoholic addiction in the area I was servicing.

Overall, the goal I had set in mind to learn more about a wonderful culture and race, the Native Americans, was accomplished. These people are extremely proud and have the right to be, considering the genocide and oppression they had to suffer. When speaking with some of the people, I developed a beautiful image in my mind of a culture so rich and vibrant I could feel the pride in their voice. A culture that has maintained their language, traditions, ceremonial performances, practices, and beliefs all through secrecy, admiration and respect for over hundreds of years. A culture that has not lost its identity like the African-American culture, which was extensively and widely oppressed and forced to live in slavery on unknown land. Native Americans were purposely relocated to land that was unfamiliar to them. Native Americans had their land taken from them with empty promises and given unequal plots of land or money for which was taken from them. This cultural insight and identification to Native Americans assisted me in the service-learning portion of my alternative spring break, which allowed me to take a self-assessment of my life and realize how I am very blessed to have interacted with extraordinary people.

(More New Mexico pg. 8)
The Legislative Body is made up of Senators who are designated to represent your class on the Senate. Each class holds six legislative seats. Senate Legislative Body elections are scheduled for Monday, April 15 and Tuesday, April 16.

The voting table will be set up outside of Salmonson (near the ATM machine) from 11 AM to 2 PM and 5 PM to 7 PM.

Any Bryant College student is eligible to vote. However, you may only vote for your class for up to six individuals. Pictured below are the current candidates for each class. Please remember to bring your Bryant College ID with you to vote next week. You can also stop by the Rotunda to view the candidate’s platforms.

Class of 2003

Jared Brazil
Class of 2003
FS Major

Dominic Fraone
Class of 2003
Marketing & CIS Major

Keith Hanks
Class of 2003
CIS & Marketing Major

Bryan Nicholas
Class of 2003
Marketing Major

Kathryn Swiatek
Class of 2003
Marketing & Management Major

Class of 2004

Julie Anne Collins
Class of 2004
Management Major

Rich Macari
Class of 2004
Marketing Major

Bridget Morse
Class of 2004
Marketing & Communication Major

Gina Riccardi
Class of 2004
Accounting & Finance Major

Laura Wiederhold
Class of 2004
Communication Major

Class of 2005

Please note: Megan Hubler (not pictured) is also running for the Class of 2005.

John Cullen
Class of 2005
Management Major

Michael Glancek
Class of 2005
Undeclared Major

Alexander Kraliev
Class of 2005
Business Management & Finance Major

Eric Lewandowski
Class of 2005
Finance Major

Jennifer Markacs
Class of 2005
Marketing, Management & Comm. Major

Matthew Muzzarrall
Class of 2005
Finance & CIS Major

Kara Paganini
Class of 2005
Bus. Marketing & Management Major

"Q" Phipps
Class of 2005
Undeclared Major

Alicia Robbins
Class of 2005
Accounting Major

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Class of 2005
Marketing Major

April 12, 2002
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Lecture:

Leslie Newman, author of *Heather Has Two Mommies*, will speak on Monday, April 22, at 4 p.m. in MRC 4, in the Unistructure. Her lecture, "Heather's Mommy Speaks Out: Homophobia, Censorship, and Family Values," explores the controversy that surrounds her book. This event, presented by Bryant Pride, is free and open to the public.

Gallup
New Mexico

By: Minerva Rodriguez

I have to admit as soon as I stepped into Casa St. Martin I felt awkward and uneasy, but I didn't know why. I hoped that the uneasy feeling would soon hopefully go away. As the week passed by, the feeling did go away—actually I forgot all about it until the end of the trip.

I had the opportunity to work at St. Francis School and help out and teach a kindergarten class. However, first I must mention that the amount of patience I have is slim to none and thereby the majority of the time will end up losing my temper as a result. Therefore, being surrounded by 18 kindergarteners, whose energy increased as each day goes by, would be an enormous test for me.

To prove it, when I called my mom and told her I would be helping out and teaching a kindergarten class she started laughing and making fun of me, simply by knowing how very little patience I have. However, I was completely surprised that I was able to survive the entire week with 5 and 6 year olds and somehow patience found me throughout the week. I adored every single one of them, not only because of who they are but because each of them taught me a very important lesson.

I was amazed at how knowledgeable 5 and 6 year olds are. I recall one day during recess Matthew, one of "my kids," was playing with large building blocks.

I went over to where he was and asked him what he was doing he responded by saying "I'm building a city." His city had 4 buildings, 2 that were side-by-side. Suddenly, he takes one of the buildings and makes it slightly smaller than the other and says, "These are the twin towers" and begins to break them down slowly. Following the destruction of the buildings he adds, "Osama Bin Laden did that." Matthew also decided to tell me that of the other 2 buildings one of them has "soldiers and tanks" and are going to "help the people in the other buildings."

At that point, I was in awe at what I had just heard from Matthew who is only 6 years old. I knew that everyone remembered but Matthew proved to me that even the little ones know and remember... they may not understand why but they know.

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