Sherman Alexie to Speak at Bryant College

SMITHFIELD, RI - Author, poet, and screenwriter Sherman Alexie will speak on Tuesday, November 28, as part of the Trustee Speaker Series. The lecture, titled "Indians: Myths, Lies & Exaggerations," will begin at 8 p.m. in Jankies Auditorium.

Alexie is a Spokane/Coeur D’Alene Indian from Weippe, Washington, a town on the Spokane Indian reservation.

After the publication of his first book, *The Business of Fancydancing* — a collection of poetry and stories, Alexie was described as "One of the major lyric voices of our time" in the *New York Times* Book Review, which selected the book as a "1992 Notable Book of the Year." His first collection of short stories, *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistsfight in Heaven*, was a citation winner for the PEN/Hemingway Award for Best First Fiction. His first novel, *Reservation Blues*, was selected as a Booklist Editors Choice Award for Fiction and was awarded an American Book Award from the Before Columbus Foundation. His most recent novel, *Indian Killer*, published in 1998, was a *New York Times* Notable Book and was selected as one of 10 "Best of Pages" titles by *People* magazine. For his fiction writing, Alexie was named one of *Granta* magazine's "Twenty Best American Novelists Under the Age of Forty." In June 1999, *The New Yorker* called Alexie one of the top writers for the 21st century.

His screenplay, *Smoke Signals*, became the first feature film produced, written, and directed by American Indians. It premiered at the 1998 Sundance Film Festival, where it won the Audience Award and Filmmakers Trophy. Alexie’s new collection of short stories, *The Toughest Indian In The World*, was published in May 2000 by Atlantic Monthly Press. He is currently working on the screenplay adaptation of his novel, *Reservation Blues*, which he will also direct and co-produce.

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

Greek Life Sponsors Annual Halloween Party

On October 29th, Inter Fraternity Council and Panhellenic Council sponsored a Halloween Party for faculty members, their children, and guests of the Bryant Community. This event is done annually and this year was considered one of the best. This event brought about 40-50 children that came all over Smithfield and it was a great turn out this year. During this wonderful afternoon the children were entertained with games, face painting, songs, candy, prizes, pinning the nose on the pumpkin and much, much more. All the children were dressed up in costumes and they all looked great. Every child’s face was smiling from ear to ear with all the exciting events that were provided. Without the help of all the volunteers that attended this event, it wouldn’t have been such a huge success. Hope to see everyone next year so we can continue bringing smiles to the children.

Thanks Again,

IFC & Panhellenic Council

See Sherman Alexie’s Movie *Smoke Signals*

Sunday November 19th, 7pm in Janikies

Tuesday November 21st, 7pm in The Intercultural Center

Monday November 25th, 2pm in MRC Lecture Hall
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WJMF News and Notes

By Lauren O'Donnel and Brendan Shannon

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Day in and day out, members of the Bryant college community dedicate tremendous time and effort to preserve the rich academic reputation of the college, and to improve quality of life for students. These individuals go above and beyond their job descriptions; and they do this out of the goodness of their hearts, and their genuine care and devotion to the students at Bryant. Most importantly, these great stewards never seek recognition in return, and find quiet pride in a job well done. This year the Bryant College Student Senate deems it necessary and just to recognize these outstanding contributors.

This week Senate salutes the following two individuals for their selfless and tireless efforts.

**Dr. Doris Helmich** - is the Assistant to the Vice-President for Student Affairs. She is very respected among administrators, staff, faculty and students alike. As a member of the Bryant College Health Services team, Doris has devoted countless hours towards ensuring optimum well-being for all students on this campus. In addition, Doris Helmich has been an integral part of the Peer Education program on campus, as well as the phenomenal “Drawing the Shades” program which enlightens us all about the importance of respecting and understanding one another’s differences. As one of the architects of the Freshmen Success Program, Doris has been instrumental in helping freshmen students adjust to college life. We all marvel at Doris’ unique ability to address each problem that affects students on campus objectively and compassionately. As an approachable administrator, Doris shows her devotion to the welfare of Bryant’s students every day by having an open mind and an open ear whenever you need her.

**Bill Petti** - has been the Director of Dining Services for ARAMARK and Bryant College. For twenty-eight years he has worked for ARAMARK and he has been at Bryant for eight years. The Student Senate has worked very closely with Bill to ensure quality food and service in the Bryant Center and the Unistructure. Bill Petti has been a champion in working with the College and student leaders to make the dining experiences the best it can be for Bryant’s community. Under Bill’s tenure, we have seen larger glasses at Saloman, menu selections posted on the web and telephone, as well as surveys filled out by students to increase food quality and service. Specifically at South and Saloman, Bill Petti has allowed for a more diverse menu selection to fit the many different tastes of Bryant’s students. We as a Senate are sorry to hear that Bill Petti will no longer be leading the ARAMARK team, but we certainly are very appreciative and grateful for the dedication and service he provided to the Bryant College Community. We wish him and his wife, Sharon the very best in the years to come.

Doris, Bill - thank-you for enriching the Bryant experience for everyone!
Greek Life Educates their New Members
Sarah Maloney
Panhellenic Secretary

The Office of Greek Life sponsors new Member Education in both the fall and spring semesters. This year it’s on Wednesday nights and is from 7-8 p.m. and has touched on several topics. Greek Leadership decided these topics at the Greek retreat that took place in September and were chosen, as a list of hot topics that they thought should be discussed with their new members. The Office of Greek Life sponsored some of the sessions with help from outside sources, The Office of Residence, Bryant Karate, The Academic Center for Excellence and several chapters. New Member Education began on September 18th and will conclude with Mike Green on November 15th. New Member Education began on September 18th with Laurie Hazard from A.C.E. presenting time management and how to battle procrastination. The following week Tri Sigma and Beta Theta Pi presented hazing; showing clips of films and then discussing them. The new members then broke into smaller groups and discussed hazing. The following week The Office of Greek Life and Lauren from RI Project AIDS sponsored a seminar on AIDS/ safe sex. The next week was one that wouldn’t have been accomplished without the help of many groups on campus. This time the men and women split up and the men focused on anger management and the women learned some tips about domestic violence and self-defense. The men met with Van Pham, The Office of Residence Life, in the lobby of Hall 15. The women met in the MAC with the Bryant Karate coach for some techniques in self-defense and then with Sojourner House for a talk about domestic violence. This was co-sponsored by Delta Zeta and Phi Sigma Sigma.

The last new member education series is Wednesday November 15th and the culmination of the event. Mike Green from Collegiate Consultants will be coming to Bryant and will be sponsored by The Office of Greek Life. Mike travels all over the country giving speeches about alcohol and its effects; they include surveys and statistics about the dangerous nature of alcohol, Bryant College Greek Life is very excited to have him for New Member Education. That about wraps up new member education, The Office of Greek Life is proud to have completed another series and is already in the planning stages for the fall. If anyone is interested in co-sponsoring or coming to an event call The Office of Greek Life at x6199.

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21+ Cornerstone
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Free Wine Tasting and Appetizers
Raise your glass & toast the Senior Class

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SENATE VOICE

Senate congratulates the following groups for OUTSTANDING WORK!
*(in no particular order)

SPB - who attended the NACA (National Association for College Activities) conference in Marlboro, Massachusetts.
ISO, MSU, SPB - for another successful “Cultural Coffeehouse” featuring Jah Spirit - good coffee, good music, good time. We had a blast at the “Soul Shakedown Party”
BIG SISTERS - Craft Fair at South Dining Hall for younger girls in the Rhode Island community. Senate appreciates your good will Big Sisters!
HOCKEY - U-N-D-E-F-E-A-T-E-D!!! Hockey fans and novices - get a schedule and get to the game!
CARIBBEAN AMPHIBIANS - The basketball court is in its final stages - and It’s looking as good as “A Cheeseburger Paradise” - Thanks folks!
SIFE - for teaching mentally challenged children at Bradley Hospital valuable skills such as teamwork and about the internet-Did you remember to tell them that Al Gore invented it?
WJMF - “Dark Side of Oz.” Pink Floyd meets Dorothy and friends - it was out of this world - well Kansas anyway! - Pretty trippy man!
KEEP TUNING IN TO 88.7 FM - WJMF!
SIGMA SIGMA SIGMA - Last week the Tri Sig crew visited a soup kitchen to help feed the underprivileged. The girls have done it again - Philanthropy with a capital “PIF”!!

Bryant Students Advance to National Tax Competition

Courtesy of Janet Proulx

Smithfield, R.I. --- Bryant College has been selected as one of 10 undergraduate colleges and universities nationwide to compete in the Arthur Andersen Tax Challenge National Competition, to be held November 17-19 at the Andersen Worldwide Center for Professional Education in St. Charles, Illinois. The event is the leading national intercollegiate competition for accounting students in graduate and undergraduate programs.

The Bryant team of four senior accounting students includes: John Bly, of Schenectady, New York; Mark Gauthier of Peabody, Massachusetts; Timothy Schwartz, of Somers, Connecticut; and Lisa Waynelovich, of Turners Falls, Massachusetts. Professor Timothy Krumwiede serves as faculty advisor.

This year, 110 teams from 86 colleges and universities competed in the 2000 Tax Challenge Regional Competition, which was held in October at nine campus sites throughout the country. To qualify for the national competition, teams had to complete a 57-page case study within seven hours, using only a calculator and reference manuals of the internal revenue codes and income tax regulations.

“The team’s advancement to the finals is largely attributable to their ability to work together as a group on technically challenging material and then organize and write up their case solution in a clean and accurate manner,” says Professor Krumwiede. “These are the types of skills developed throughout the students’ coursework at Bryant. Of course, the team’s hard work in preparing for the competition was also instrumental to their success.”

At the finals, the Bryant team, will compete against Boston College, Brigham Young University, College of William and Mary, John Carroll University, St. John Fisher College, The Ohio State University, University of Missouri-Kansas City, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and University of Wisconsin-Madison. Bryant also advanced to the national competition in 1996 and 1997.

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A reception and book signing will follow in the Unistructure Rotunda.

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Student Senate Inquires
About Cable

Kyle T Kadish
Senate IT Chair

Within coming weeks, students will receive an e-mail (on your Bryant account) inviting you to take part in the Cable TV Survey. This survey is a collaborative effort by the Student Senate, Telecommunications, and the Office of Planning and Institutional Research.

This survey will give all resident students the ability to voice their opinion about an aspect of student life that many have been concerned with. You are given the opportunity to declare which television channels you would like to retain, delete, or add to the Bryant Cable system. Channels not being questioned on the survey are local network affiliates (WPRI Channel 12, WJAR Channel 10, WLNE Channel 6, etc.) and channels which the school receives for free with the agreement (Cartoon Network, Headline News, Bloomberg Network, TV Land, VH-1, MTV2, and ZDTV).

Upon completion of tallying the results, the Student Senate will work with Penny Pietraszka, Telecommunications Manager, to determine which channels, if any, will be changed on the Campus Cable system.

The decision to change channels will be determined by demand (your input on the survey) and price per channel. To add a channel, we will need to yield a channel (or multiple channels) at equal price.

Changes made, if any, will be effective in January. The school is already at capacity with 43 channels.

For more information, attend a weekly Student Senate meeting held every Wednesday at 4:00pm in Papitto Dining Room. You may visit the Student Senate Office, which is located on the third floor of the Bryant Center and staffed 10am-4pm Monday through Friday. Contact any of the 28 members on Student Senate by visiting http://web.bryant.edu/~senate.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2000 9 P.M.
CHAPEL, BRYANT CENTER

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**Men's Rugby**  
*By Brian Osborne*

Our season has finally come to an end. It was a learning experience for all the new players. We look forward to building upon the growth of this fall in the spring. The team will miss the leadership of our president Bones and flanker GT both of whom will be graduating in December. Congratulations. Since Bones is leaving we had to hold elections for a new president and board. The results were Josh becoming president, Chip (vice president), Spec's (secretary), and Colin (treasurer). Some other persons elected to offices were Kahraman, Ox, Ozzy, and Juggy. The team looks forward to the new administration in the spring. The team also would like to thank Rev. Devens for becoming our academic advisor.

Since our last and only article we have had several social gatherings. We would like to thank DZ and the ladies for coming. Also we'd like to thank the ladies for inviting us up to the penthouse. Everyone thanks Snoop, Scoobie, Scrappy, Spider, Forrest, Tuna, and all the other alumni who have stopped by the last few weeks. Bones, Twinkle, Josh, Genny, Flash, and Plumb had a seniors night out at the Capital Grill. They were kings for a night with the stretch limo. Everyone had a good time ordering aged whiskey and filet mignon, even Flash enjoyed himself ordering melon balls and a hamburger. Sorry to say the Grill didn't have fries. This past weekend we spent the day in the country at Scrappy's house. Tim and Scoobie were nice enough to stop by and say hi. They got to meet all the rookies and it was a reunion for some of the older guys. Plumb made a new friend in Scoobie and made Spec's ride home interesting. Ozzy was a big fan of the scoobie shake. Nate had a good night, who was that mystery woman? How was the trip home Sunday morning? We were sad to hear that Snoop and Mrs. Donlan are no longer seeing each other. So I guess we won't be seeing Snoop for a while. We all are wishing Ice, Mac, and Carl good luck with their television aspirations. Next time leave Pockets and the shopping cart out of it. Ozzy and Twinkle did a nice construction job in Cars place. We'd like to thank everyone who came out and made donations at our Renties night. The night was complete with Pockets addition to the kareoke signing. "I touch myself" and "Oops I did it again." We would also like to induct Josh and Genny to the black list with previous member Chip. We'd all like to congratulate Ozzy, Ox, Pockets, Duece, Shaft, Poonzy, Nate, Hammer, and Brand on completing their rookie semesters. This coming Friday we are having our annual formal. I hope everyone has a date and has fun. Allison can GT come out and play? Plumb, Step wanted us to ask you if you would take her. Genny, Joanna is still available. We'd like to wish the ladies good luck with their situation.

Note to all there is a spring season and we hope to have another good rookie class. That semester we host our annual tournament and also play in the Beast of the East. Be on the look out for posters announcing the beginning of our spring season. We invite all to come out and play. We also want to wish everyone a safe and happy Thanks-giving.

**Bryant Communication Society**  
*By Adam Pimentel*

The Bryant Communication Society was turned on its head at its last meeting. BCS vice-president Greg McCormack and public relations board member Keith Forkan decided to liven things up a bit from the Society's usual information-filled agenda. In its place, they wanted to put together a meeting that was fun-filled and would inspire a greater amount of audience participation. So they came up with a presentation called "How to pick up women/men."  

These two "Ladies Man" wanna-be's carried the male side of this topic. After gathering information from magazines, movies, and women here at Bryant and out at clubs, they put together a presentation that was fun-filled and not looking for someone to take home. And guys are not the only ones using the wingman technique, the ladies use too. And throughout the entire time there was not one pick-up line that the ladies felt would have worked.

Overall, mission accomplished for McCormack and Forkan. The interaction was a lot more lively than a typical meeting. And towards the end of there were stories of pick-ups gone bad and pick-ups gone well.

So look for BCS signs showing our next special topic. There are not many meetings left in the semester so get in on fun before it's too late.

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Student
Programming Board
By James Corcoran

The semester is winding down for SPB and we are in the midst of planning next semester’s events. Here are the events for the rest of the semester for SPB.

The fall formal will be taking place at the Viking Hotel in Newport on Friday, December 1 from 7-12. The December 2, Helping Hands formal are still on sale. They will be on sale today, Monday, November 20, Monday, November 27, and Tuesday, November 28. These will be the last days to buy tickets for the formal. They are being sold 11-2 in the rotunda and 5-7 in the Bryant center. They are $30 per person and $60 per couple. For any information about the formal, call our office, email us, or stop by our table when tickets are being sold.

SPB will have a trip to Blue Man Group on Saturday, November 18. Tickets will still be on sale today if they are still available. The last Bingo will be on Tuesday, November 28 in South at 9:00. The theme will be Holiday Bingo. The prizes will be wrapped so you have to come and play to see what you can win. SPB’s next weekend will be taking place from December 1 to December 3. The formal is taking place on the December 1. On the December 2, Helping Hands will be taking place from 12-5 in the MAC. Clubs and Organizations are encouraged to participate. For information, contact Hank Parkinson or any member of the Helping Hands committee. There will be evening entertainment for December 2. Look for more information in coming weeks. Finally, the final installment of the fall films series will be Sunday, December 3. The replacements will be shown at 2:00pm, 7:30pm, and 9:00pm in Janikies Auditorium. Admission is $1 and candy, drinks, and popcorn is $5.50. The Coal Boilers will return to perform on Wednesday, December 6 for the last installment of the bands series. They will be performing in the Bryant Center after the Festival of Lights. They will be playing a mixture of cover songs and holiday tunes. The last trip of the semester will be on Saturday, December 9. Look for more details regarding this trip.

SPB meet every Monday at 4:30pm in Rooms 2A/B in the Bryant Center. All new members are welcome. Any questions or suggestions call the SPB Office at x6118, email us at spb@bryant.edu, or IM us at SPB Bryant. Check our website for up-to-date information about SPB and all other events at web.bryant.edu/spb.

Women’s Rugby
By Deanna Raphael & Joanna Rockwood

Well girls, bet you did not think you’d be hearing from us this quick, we made the first issue! We just wanted to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back, we hope everyone had a good summer! We started out the season by joining the men’s team on Sunday night to catch up on the summer events. On Wednesday we will be having a girls night, for the team just to catch up and figure out the season.

We would also like to tell anyone interested that our informational meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 8th at 4:30 in the Hall 15, 2nd floor social lounge. WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW PLAYERS. We will have signs posted for further information about the meeting. Most people do not have Rugby in their high school’s so even if you are just wondering what it is we do, we hope you will stop by! Mary McGregor and Jill Parsons are our team presidents and they would be happy to answer any questions you may have. They can be reached via e-mail at mdm3@bryant.edu or jmp8@bryant.edu. We hope to see lots of new faces at our meeting!

Has everyone been running…practice starts sooner then normal this year! You will all have to attend our informational meeting to find out more. Feel free to bring some new friends along. We have our schedule all set up and are looking forward to another great semester! season! Can not wait to see you all do not forget to stop by the penthouse in Hall B to visit!

Meet The Interns!

Wednesday, Nov. 29th 4:30-6:30 Bryant Center

Several Bryant students who have participated in an internship will be available to provide key information to sophomores and juniors who are interested in pursuing an internship.

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  the Government Internship Binder
Welcome back to another edition of Bryant Sports and the return of the much coveted athlete of the bi-week award. The return has much to do with the ease in picking this week's athlete named further down in the issue. Both Bryant Basketball teams make their debuts this weekend and volleyball looks to go deep in the NCAA tourney. Let's get rolling with another week of updates, predictions, and the return of athlete of the bi-week.

Football: (4-6 overall; 3-5 EFC) The Bryant Football team wrapped up their season with a 17-14 win against Merrimack. Freshman tailback Andre McLeod rushed for 113 yards on 22 carries, including the go-ahead touchdown with 2:05 left in the game, leading Bryant to a 17-14 come-from-behind win against Merrimack Sunday afternoon at Bulldog Stadium. In further football news Bryant’s Football team had three members chosen for the 2000 Verizon Academic District I Football Team. Sophomore placekicker Peter DiMartino and sophomore punter Scott Kennedy joined repeat selection linebacker Greg Wolyniec.

Volleyball: (28-11 overall; 12-2 NE-10) The Bryant volleyball team will make its fourth NCAA championship appearance and its second straight when the Bulldogs face Queens in the first round of the 48-team tournament. Bryant will begin tournament play at 5 p.m. Thursday on the campus of the University of New Haven. If the Bulldogs win, they would face Mercy Friday evening at 5 p.m. in the Northeast Region semifinal. The regional final is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 18.

Men’s Basketball: The Men’s basketball team starts their season with the Bryant Classic at home against Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras at 1:30 P.M. They then play Binghamton at 3:30. Get down to support your Men’s Basketball team as they look to become the number one team in the NE-10.

Women’s Basketball: The Women’s basketball team starts their season this Sunday November 19 at 6:00 P.M. against Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras. The Women’s team is looking to build on a great year last year, looking for a top ranking in the NE-10. Go and support both your Basketball teams.

Athlete of the Bi-Week: Senior Eric Narcisi became the first Bryant runner in history to qualify for the NCAA Division II championship finals when he took fourth place at the New England regional qualifier. Narcisi goes for the national title this Saturday in Ponaona, Calif.

Predictions:

NFL
Miami 17 Jets 14
St. Louis 38 Washington 31
Giants 28 Detroit 20
Patriots 24 Bengals 10
K.C. 17 Bills 14
College Football
FSU 35 Florida 28 OT
Michigan 24 Ohio State 17
Oregon State 27 Oregon 21

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New parking lot behind the MAC & the Admissions spaces in lot 16 behind the Bryant Center:
Reserved 7 days a week from 8am to 8pm
1st Violation $50 ticket
2nd Violation a second $50 ticket and a boot will be placed on your car
3rd Violation a third $50 ticket and your car will be towed
Circle in front of Unistructure:
Reserved Monday – Friday 8am to 5pm
Subject to same penalties as above.

These areas are clearly labeled as to the restricted times

Last issue I had a little fun and reviewed NSYNC's newest album. Now its time to change the scene a little and move on to something different...so I offer up this –Wyclef Jean's new album The Eclectic-2 Sides to a Book. This is his first major work since The Carnival that was released in 1997. In his much anticipated sophomore effort, Wyclef once again proves that he is a musical talent to be reckoned with. After the success of The Carnival, Jean went into the studio and flexed his producer muscles, working with Destiny's Child, Cannibus, Santana and Michael Jackson to name a few. Now he is back out of the "Brooklyn Basement" with this new album.

Very similar to The Carnival in the respect that he collaborated with numerous artists, 'Clef makes sure that this album does not disappoint. Let me just give you a sampling of the featured artists on this CD. Mary J. Blige, Product G&B, The Rock, and Kenny Rogers all make an appearance on Eclectic. Perhaps the strangest combination is that of 'Clef and Rogers. The track entitled 'Kenny Rogers-Pharoahe Monch Dub Plate' is a mutated version of the classic Roger's song "The Gambler." I would highly recommend checking it out.

If anything else, it demonstrates 'Clef's ability to put a hip-hop beat and catchy twist on just about anything. The album as a whole is of high quality. The lyrics are creative and powerful. The beats are tight and the collaborations bring a great sound to the album.

Amidst all this musical greatness, Jean has time to address some socially relevant issues. In a song entitled "Diallo"; He speaks out against police violence and the controversy surrounding the death of Amadou Diallo, a West African immigrant who was brutally gunned down by four police officers in February. "You said he reached sir/But he didn't have no piece sir/And now he rests in peace sir/in the belly of the beast sir." The lyrics are powerful and thought-provoking, one of my favorites on the album. On a lighter note, Wycelef also pays tribute to something close to his heart. In a track entitled "Something About Mary" Jean sings about the wonders and miracles of everyone's favorite herbal remedy marijuana. The song is lighthearted and cleverly written. Overall the album is an eclectic mix of hip-hop beats, smooth rhythms, intelligent lyrics and great collaborations.