Master Key Compromises College Safety

By Jason Panagiotes

It is no longer a harm to anyone on campus, but not all students are convinced.

Sophomore Andrea Piccarelli states, "I do not feel that the school has been able to take all the necessary measures to ensure a safe environment for all students as a result of this incident. My roommates and I have special locks on our doors until the locks are changed. I have been told several different reasons as to why the student was in possession of the key, including one told to me by the student directly. I do not think the school can honestly say that they have accounted for all the possible master keys. No one ever reported the keys" missing that the student allegedly found on the ground and then replaced after copying them. Therefore, I am not comfortable assuming that the student's story is true and that there are no more keys. The school has no way to verify the details."

The student was charged with alleged violations of college policy and is currently waiting to bring his case to trial. The case is under investigation by the Department of Public Safety. The student was also charged with possession of a controlled substance, for which he faces a possible suspension from the college.

Theta Turns in Charter Amidst Scandal

By Marilyn Radei

The Bryant College Student Handbook defines hazing as any group of students or organization that participates in, "An action taken or situation created to produce excessive mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule." (Page 71)

Last spring, Bryant College created a hazing hotline that could be called into twenty-four hours a day by students, staff, or faculty wanting to report inappropriate conduct or possible acts of hazing. This past fall, a number of calls were made into the hotline regarding thepledge program or the pledge activities. Allegedly pledges, faculty, and other members of the campus community made calls into the hotline over a period of several weeks. As a result of the calls, an investigation was conducted, and it was found that pledges were required to perform several physical and mental acts in order to be accepted into the organization.

The Bryant College Student Activities, Judy Kawamoto, and Assistant Director of Student Activities, and Director of Greek Life, Tanya McGinn, began to assess claims, meeting with members of Theta regarding the allegations.

Both Dr. Eakin and Dean Sloss stated that Theta was charged with violation of the Bryant College Hazing policy and are accused of not following their national pledge program or the pledge program they had submitted to Greek Life. While Dr. Eakin could not comment on the specific nature of activities, he stated that allegations included pledge women being deprived of sleep up to twenty plus hours, being told to be a mute, and that there were no ways to verify the details. The student was charged with violation of the Bryant College Hazing policy and is currently waiting to bring his case to trial. The case is under investigation by the Department of Public Safety. The student was also charged with possession of a controlled substance, for which he faces a possible suspension from the college.

A New Home for the Intercultural Center

By Julie Bethke

Thursday, November 18th marked the grand opening of the new location of Bryant's Intercultural Center on the 4th Floor of Hall 7. Dr. Eakin and Intercultural Center staff members Kate Sullivan, Norine Simpson and Kaoru Paganelli officially opened the center with the ribbon cutting held at 12pm. Members of the Bryant College community, including students, faculty and staff from offices across campus attended the ceremony. Norine Simpson, Assistant Director of the Intercultural Center, commented, "I was pleasantly overwhelmed and grateful for the outpouring of support and warm wishes from the Bryant College community. Every strata of the community was represented from students to the maintenance to vice presidents. With that kind of support behind the Intercultural Center, it can only succeed as an advocate for the student body." The new location coupled with its mission has led to the Intercultural Center being referred to as an 'oasis' on Bryant College's campus, a place for all students to come together to appreciate and learn about the people and cultures that make Bryant unique. Dr. Eakin, one of the Intercultural Center's greatest supporters and advocates, has remarked, "I trust that the new Center will increasingly be a place where students feel at home and where we can develop a growing awareness of the need to better understand each other. Bryant should be a place where all feel welcome regardless of race, creed or color."
Closing Remarks
By Adam Fontaine
Co-Editor-in-chief

It is hard to believe in 28 days a new millennium will be upon us. Where does the time go? The past year and a half at Bryant has gone by so quickly it scares me. I feel as if I haven’t returned from summer break and in two weeks we will be venturing out for winter break. Its true what they say “time flies when you have fun”. Let’s face it, college is a blast even though at times classes are rough, and the food gets sickening. We all hold a special place in our hearts for this place we call “home”. This semester has certainly been an interesting one. I was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to have some positive experiences. First, Andrea, Mike (our advisor) and I went to Atlanta for the College Media Adviser Conference. This was great because, we were able to meet students from colleges all around the United States and compare our school newspaper with theirs. As well as gain valuable information, ideas, and make some useful contacts. Another positive experience I had this semester was to attend dinner at President Machlely house. I along with many other student leaders and presidents were able to sit down have a big turkey dinner and discuss issues of interest and have some laughs. In the end if I get the grade point average I hope for it will have been a very good semester. I hope everyone has a safe and wonderful winter break and a Happy New Year.

By Andrea Piccarelli
Co-Editor-in-chief

One thing that I have enjoyed immensely this semester, is producing The Archway. So much time and effort has been put towards improving the paper this semester. It has been very exciting to have such an increase in the number of people and organizations that are submitting to The Archway. We welcome any ideas or submissions. Adam Fontaine (Co-Editor), Mike Janicki (Advisor), and I went to Atlanta for five days, in October, to the College Media Advisers Conference. There, we all learned about the latest trends in college newspapers and how we can improve The Archway. The city was great and the weather was beautiful. We had a few celebrity sightings, Evander Holyfield, Tony Harding, and Kevin Smith. All and all it was a great trip that fostered learning and improvement. There will be some noticeable changes in the paper next semester, as a result of what we learned. Be on the look out.

Happy Holidays and Good Luck to everyone on finals! See you in the New Year!

Battle On
By Jessica Ste ts
Every day is a battle and very few are won. Most days end in tears due to careless people. The tears flow and the regression begins. We are alone with no one to love, and no one to love us. Why is it like this? It’s His cruel game; to leave some home alone while others get to play.

Home
By Jessica Ste ts
Some say home is where the heart is. Others say it’s where your stuff is. But I say, home is where your memories lie.

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Top Left: The Westin, the tallest hotel in the country, in Atlanta where the Archway stayed
Bottom Left: Dancing Fountains in Atlanta
By Kyle Kadish
Students-For-A-Safe-Campus (SSC)

11/07/99
Vandalism – Public Safety officers were dispatched to the townhouses to respond to two students kicking over trash cans and throwing containers around the gazebo area. A witness reported that one of the suspects also broke a window earlier at another location. It will cost $187.00 to replace the window. Charges have been filed.

11/08/99
Fire Alarm – While stationed at the ECS, two DPS officers were dispatched to the third floor of hall 11 for a reported fire alarm. A check of the building showed no cause.

11/08/99
Vandalism – While on routine patrol a DPS officer was dispatched to a residence hall laundry room. Upon entering the scene, there was no one in the area. Someone sprayed paint markings on both the doors to the room and the ironing board cover.

11/08/99
Vandalism – While on mobile patrol an officer was dispatched for a vandalism report in the townhouse area. After returning from class, a student discovered a broken bedroom window.

11/10/99
Vandalism – An officer responded to a residence hall where someone ripped off a door handle.

11/10/99
Vandalism – A vehicle parked behind the Bryant Center was vandalized. The roof of the complainant’s vehicle had footprints on the roof. The roof was buckled in by the vandalism.

11/11/99
Fire Alarm – An alarm was activated in Townhouse A Block from cooking and burning food in A-8.

11/11/99
Vandalism – A student reported to DPS that someone damaged his bedroom window screen.

11/12/99
Drug Violation/Possession – A strong odor of marijuana was detected in a residence hall. DPS officers knocked on the suite doors in question where the odor was stronger. One student was arrested after DPS and Smithfield Police found a bag of marijuana in their possession.

11/13/99
Simple Assault/Burglary/ Trespassing – DPS was dispatched to a particular residence hall after receiving a report of an intruder who removed a screen from a student’s window to gain access. Smithfield Police was called in to respond and arrested the suspect who is a student in another residence hall.

11/13/99
Vandalism – DPS was dispatched to a residence hall because someone smashed a pumpkin on a suite window. The outer window pane was shattered.

11/14/99
Drug Violation – DPS officers responded to a residence hall after receiving a complaint concerning the strong smell of marijuana in a hallway. There was an overbearing smell of marijuana in the room in question. Charges against residents of the room have been filed with the college due to the discovery of drug paraphernalia in the room.
Drugs were seized on the second floor. The drug bust was coordinated with other law enforcement agencies.

11/14/99
Drug Violation/Residence and Paraphernalia - Someone was reported smoking marijuana in the hallway of one of the residence halls. Marijuana and paraphernalia were discovered in the area in question and turned over to Smithfield Police.

11/14/99
Vandalism - While on routine patrol a DPS officer was dispatched to a residence hall for vandalism report. A doorknob to a student's room had been broken and trash dumped all over the suite area.

11/14/99
Vandalism - While on routine patrol a DPS officer was dispatched to a townhouse apartment for a vandalism report. The apartment door knob was knocked upwards to a 45 degree angle.

11/16/99
Vandalism - A bedroom window of a townhouse apartment was broken by a vandal.

11/10/99
Fire Alarm - DPS was dispatched to Hall 11, third floor, in response to a fire alarm. No cause was determined.

11/19/99
Illegal Gatherings/Simple Assault - While on foot patrol a DPS officer was asked to respond to a particular hall for an illegal gathering on one of the hall floors. Only one of the suites had a legal party permit. Three other suites partying did not have legal permits. After the gatherings were broken up by DPS officers, a crowd began to form between two residence halls where the crowd started chanting and behaving in a rowdy manner. Smithfield Police responded and the crowd slowly dispersed. On the way back to the DPS patrol car DPS officers observed a small altercation where student pushed an individual over a rock and assaulted this person in the face. Smithfield Police also observed the incident and arrested the student subject.

11/20/99
Simple Assault - DPS is investigating an incident in the townhouse area where several students witnessed an assault upon one student by a group of students. The witnesses assisted the victim and contacted DPS. An investigation is underway.

11/20/99
Burglary - A hall room was broken into and the following items taken: 2 cameras, $44.00 in cash, laptop computer, Smithfield Police and DPS are conducting an investigation. Entrance to the hall was gained through the bedroom window. Muddy footprints were on one of the beds.

11/20/99
Burglary - A hall room was broken into and the following items taken: White Gibson Guitar, Red Ibanez Guitar, Black Jackson Guitar, 19" Samsung color TV, Nintendo 64 game station and 4 games, 31 assorted compact discs. All the guitars were electric, Smithfield police responded to take a report and detectives plan to thoroughly investigate.

11/20/99
Vandalism/Weapon - According to witnesses a hall window was shattered after a group of students were smashing bottles and shooting a slingshot in different directions.

11/21/99
Fire Alarm/Expelled Fire Extinguisher - The DPS dispatcher notified all units of a fire alarm activated in Hall 14, 3rd floor North then a few seconds later 4th floor North. Upon entering the 3rd floor it was very cloudy from an expelled extinguisher. The floors needed to be ventilated so Smithfield Fire Department was called.

11/21/99
Fire Alarm - While on mobile patrol, DPS was dispatched to Townhouse G Block for an alarm. On scene, the DPS officer noticed no smoke or fire. After a careful search, no cause was found.

11/21/99
Vehicle Vandalism - A student came to DPS to report vandalism to their vehicle. They were assisted a fire alarm or has ventilation specialist, Ext. 6001, if you wish to obtain brochures and/or borrow personal security/safety videos for men/women. The Department of Public Safety and Students-For-A-Safer Campus wish all students, faculty and staff a safe and happy holiday season.

The Public Safety Beat is sponsored in part by DPS and Students-For-A-Safer Campus, in order to comply with the Federal Students Right-To-Know and Campus Security Act.

DPS encourages the use of the escort service that is available 24 hours a day to anyone upon request. Call 332-6001.

Persons who provide information leading to the apprehension of someone who has maliciously initiated a fire alarm or has misused fire equipment are eligible to receive a $1000 reward. It is a felony to misuse fire equipment and the college will prosecute offenders.

Please do not park or operate vehicles on sidewalks or grass. DPS will enforce with citations.

It is the policy of the Department of Public Safety not to disclose information regarding EMT calls to the general public.

The Director of Public Safety, Mr. George Coronado, is available every Wednesday from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. in the Bryant Center Conference Room #1 to discuss any issues with students. Mr. Coronado is also available at other times by appointment.
Welcome back everyone after a great Thanksgiving break. I hope everyone had a better Thanksgiving than Keefe did. It was a shame that morning when he and his father went to the woods to shoot themselves what was to be a “Once in a century Thanksgiving Turkey.” Dan, I am truly sorry that you mom had to cook you guys Spam instead of turkey on T-Day. Next year, I’d buy the HickPro 3531 turkey caller. The game you can get with this trinket is beyond belief.

Speaking of Dan, how did that Certs mint end up going over late Sunday night?

Kevin Keilor has done it again. He has chosen not to come to school on Monday. Any of the teachers that read this article, make it be known that Kevin skipped his classes on Monday because his girlfriend held him for ransom until he took that god awful jacket off. Elms, now isn’t it a real shame when your girl can take you to the mat.

Baran cinemas will open their doors for business this Tuesday. Matt really went out on a limb and bought himself a videodisc stereo system directly from Hoyt’s cinemas. Any girls that want to stop over, it’s a free promo he’s running because he needs a formal date.

TKE will be making quite a showing over winter session. We still have nowhere to live. If anyone out there actually reads this article (i.e. - Faculty making over $125,000 with a 4 car garage and 8 bedrooms) please call x4076 so we can set up some exchange programs.

The Adopt a TKE Brother for Winter Session starts before finals. For your donation, TKE will provide you with free lawn service, pet grooming, and hours of entertainment. Call for more info.

Bones was caught early today on Portugie Spy Tech. Reciting some lines from Wayne’s World: “They’re not worthy,” was bellowing from the mouth of Bones early Monday morning. I’m sorry, but those comments would really only arise from two instances: 1) You’ve got no class, 2) You ran out of Snake Repellant.

C Bass was back in effect with his Polaris checkered flag. Adam quickly proceeded to re-enact his rendition of the Broadway Hit, “Fat Man In A Little Coat.” After handing C Bass a box of tissues, Adam slowly returned the jacket back to young Kevin.

Just a quick reminder to all of you in the chess club, feel free to use Kevin’s jacket if you lose your board.

On a serious note, Justin was injured in a car accident over the break. After swerving out of the way of a small sabre tooth lion, the truck flipped 3 times and fell down a steep mountain side. Justin managed to throw the truck in 4WD and drive back to the higher ground, unscathed.

Justin was also elected NCAA D-2 Chairman for the entire nation.

Adam Gray got a job ladies and gentlemen. When you see him from now on, please congratulate him on the new job. Adam is starting at $125,000 a year with a $35,000 signing bonus. He is working for Natural Light, Inc and gets a company beer truck, two Clydesdale horses and gets to embark on taste tests whenever he deems necessary.

The new E-Board for TKE is in effect as of the 2nd semester. Let me give you a brief rundown:

President: Bryan Hitchcock

Vice-Pres: Kevin Keilor, Jr.

Secretary: James Tingle

Treasurer: Gregory Montesano

Congrats to all.

Hitch have fun. Isn’t Dean Bob Sloan number 1 on your speed dial now?

Sean McGreavy Day is approaching. We are hosting a contest. Sean hasn’t broken a thing in 37 days now. We feel that he is due. We are selling squares for $5- a piece. If you buy the square of the day of the month of the year of the century that he breaks something on, you will win a free showing of McGreavy putting Buckwheat in a headlock.

OK, that’s about all out of my mouth for one hour. Hopefully, we’ll see all of you back here 2nd semester. If not, have fun in the workforce.

A paid public service announcement to all: Sean Feeney, the self-proclaimed greatest RA of the century says: “Good luck on finals! Reach into your fun bags and do well for mommy!”
Delta Zeta
By Kristin Harve

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving! The Sisters of Delta Zeta would like to congratulate all of the organization's New Members especially Zoey, Reagan, Joeli, Blake, Masyn, Giori, Sydney, and Kacey. We love you girls! This should be short and sweet considering that we should all be studying for finals right now!

Happy Birthday goes to Giori on the 1st of December and to Kitt on the 15th of December. I know it's a tough time to have a birthday, but I am sure that there will be massive celebrations anyway.

Our formal is Friday, a very important formality, so I hope everyone has fun. Remember to be cool, calm, and collected while making crucial decisions that night.

By the way, we have been searching for one of our sisters... Garette. If anyone has seen her or has any information about her existence, PLEASE notify us. Kitt. Dead or alive there is mean Lambda Hermanas don't, don't worry because the vets "Gifts". Randy—

We hope everyone had a great break and best of luck with exams.

Pi Lambda Chi
By Jacqueline Tobar

This is the last article of the year for 1999. Sisters are you ready to party lambda style like crazy for New Years 2000 baby? Well first I want to give the greatest shout out to my Lil Sis "SEE CREE" baby you made it to PLC. Now you know we will be representing in NYC like LOCAS. Extrama you are out of here. I am happy or what Finally its over. Congratulations on your florecita—Master Extramas. M.I.A thanks for bringing down the Master Candle you saved us. Encubierta well as thanks for the support and always commuting to Bryant we will miss you next semester. I wish you all good luck in your finals and keep up the good grades. LOVE YOU ALL I MEAN ALL of you LAMDA LADIES.

mean Lambda Hermanas that one goes out to Jenny you know what we were talking about the other day. Las Hermanas No es es more like Las Hermanas LOL! Until next semester Hermanas. M.L.L.

"HERMANAS POR VIDA"

Lambda Conquistadora

Commuter Connection
By Joe McNulty

We would like to thank all of you for another successful Commuter Week. We had excellent turnouts for all of our events, especially the Caricatures and the Pitch Tournament. Congratulations to the winners of the Commuter Week Pitch Tournament: (1st Place) Brian Bednarz & Chris Carpenter, (2nd Place) Matt Sicilia & Scott Marks, and (3rd Place) Todd Collins & Joe McNulty. If you have any comments or suggestions about Commuter Week please contact the Commuter Connection at x6176. Some good ideas have already been presented about our next Commuter Week and will be discussed at our next meeting. Just a quick reminder to all students, every Friday there will be a "Coffee Hour" from 8am-11am (Free Coffee and Donuts will be served).
Keeping the team informed of any upcoming events, we hope everyone has a safe winter break and rings in the new millennium Rugby style. Just remember this Christmas Carol "On the 12th day of Rugby my true love gave to me..." Happy holiday from the Women's Rugby Team.

Student Programming Board
By Lynne Morrison

All of us would like to thank everyone for his or her support throughout the semester. We feel we had a great first semester and look forward to the next semester.

The remaining Student Programming Board Events this semester:

Thursday, December 2nd:
'Massage on the Go' in Hall 15 Lobby from 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. Go get all your pre-exam stress relieved.

Friday, December 3rd:
'The Snow Ball' SPB's semi-formal this semester. It is at the Hotel Viking in Newport from 7 p.m. - midnight.

Saturday, December 4th:
'New York City' trip. Cost for transportation is $10. Call the SPB office for details and to sign up.

The Student Programming Board would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday! We hope to see you next semester. If you have any suggestions, please give us a call at x6118 or check out our web page at www.bryant.edu/spb.

 Sigma Sigma Sigma

By Carissa Johns

Hi everyone! Its hard to believe its all ready December, hopefully everyone had a good Thanksgiving and nice little break before finals. We've all been very busy and since we haven't had an article in a while we'll try to catch up now. Recently we conducted a bookmark sale benefiting the Robbie Page Memorial that went very well. Thanks to all who purchased bookmarks as well as to those who sponsored the annual Sorority Jump-a-Thon. The donations were well earned and well worth it. On a more personal note we'd like to congratulate our new members Heather, Julie, Angela, Jessica, Katie, Sarah, Minetta and Laurie. You will all be a great addition to the Greek community.

The past couple of weekends have been quite eventful for us. The senior cooldudes want to thank their gullible family for accepting their new tradition. Ericka, Jill and Christie's arms are still sore. Also a thanks goes out to Randy for making Thursday night a "popping" good time. Let's not forget to thank TKE for trashing our suite when we all deserved to be sleeping. There was no need to turn on the sound system. Brenda wants to thank all who made her birthday special (you know who you are).

An apology goes out to Daniell, so sorry about Jerry. Schoenbaum is charged with first-degree murder. Christine and Skis are still tied six and six. Cheryl and Sue remember the plan for next summer. Erica is taking McMann, out with the old. Jodi doesn't own converse sneakers and Shannon obtained some lighters. The Sourjanes need a better name but at least we take good pictures. Christine and Sonya went out one night after the other...whatever that means. Rachel found courage and its good to have Jessica...oops I mean Katie around again even though she's mean. Sue stopped dwelling and Christie had an explanation of where "The feel" went. Kristen found her tulip while another Kristen finally found her sunflowers. Sonya, you're terrific! Megan is a good risk manager, sorry. What you talkin' 'bout Willie? A final note, the seniors need to start walking up to the floor more instead of making us feel bad. Well, that's about it for now. Good luck to everyone on finals and have a fun winter break!

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We hope to see you there!!!!

Faculty please feel free to join us
Message from the President...

By Molly Devanney  
Student Senate President

As the end of the semester is near, I would like to start off by thanking the Bryant community for a great first semester. The things that have been happening on campus this year have really made a difference to all the members of the community. I hope that many of you have had the opportunity to become more involved with Bryant. However there is still plenty of time to become involved.

The senate is still looking for members to help out with committees. A huge congratulations goes out to Lisa Waynelovich for a great job with Parents’ and Family Weekend, thanks for all of your hard work it really paid off. Also congratulations to Bree Dillon who was elected as Special Olympics Assistant Director. I would like to wish all of you the best of luck on your final exams, and I hope that each of you has a wonderful Winter Break! Remember the Student Senate is the representing body designed to serve you! Please remember to utilize the Senators, we are here for you, the Senate office is opened Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. please feel free to stop by.

Pre-Registration

Bryant Students, how many are fed up with Registration? After talking with many of you about the entire hassle that you faced trying to get into classes, I met with Dean Elizabeth Powers, along with Lisa Waynelovich in regards to these issues. Pre-Registration is not going to be this much hassle with the new and updated technology that Bryant will be receiving in the next couple of years.

Next semester all Academic Clubs will host a meeting with Department Heads or appointed Faculty and Undergraduate Programs. They will be present to listen to student complaints about the pre-registration process, as well as get a view at the upcoming year’s schedule. This will allow students the opportunity to come and talk about what will works well for the students and what is not really beneficial to students. This will be a perfect opportunity to let all of your voices be heard! Look for signs early next semester for more information on this.

In addition to this, we are looking for volunteers from each major and department to sit and talk about the schedule in more depth. If you have any ideas or would like to participate, please talk to Lisa Waynelovich at ext. 4694, or Molly Devanney at ext. 8268. Thanks for expressing your concerns.

Senior Class Video

Seniors, as many of you know every year the senior class has class video, which consists of pictures through our time here at Bryant. The video is typically shown at the Senior Ball during Senior Week. This year Allison Zitta, and myself are heading up this committee and we are asking for all of your help as well. Please as the nights of this semester are winding down, and Spring Break will soon be here we ask that you take your camera to some of these events to capture some of these memories. Boxes will be located at the Info desk early next semester so please look for more information to follow. If you have any ideas and would like to be involved with this committee please call Allison Zitta at x8284 or Molly Devanney at x8268. Thanks!

Happy Holidays & Good Luck On Finals  
From the Student Senate
Bryant Center Operations

By Michelle Eichengreen

Hello again! I hope everyone had a fun and relaxing Thanksgiving break. Just a quick update about the Bryant Center to end the semester. Be sure to pick up a holiday BTA schedule, with all the times for the bus and train station, plus stops to the airport. A schedule can be picked up at the Info Desk at any time. Last month at Nick’s Place, there were two programs, including a boxing match and a WWF night. Look for more programs like these next semester. Another program this past month was a billiard demonstration in the common area on the lower level. The program was well attended and students walked away having learned a few tricks.

Ad-hoc

By Joe Gallant & Kristen Thistle

The Ad-hoc committee has been taking care of issues such as “Why the new vaccine shots are $60 dollars a pop?” and the continual trash problem. We welcome any issues you might have, so bring them to the weekly meetings. As before we mentioned that a “Students for a Cleaner Campus” committee would be created. Well it has and is well under way. Keep an eye out for speakers such as DPS and Physical Plant appearing at next year’s meetings for more information about the trash issue on campus. The trash problem has become one of the Senate’s major focuses and with your help, we will put a lid on the problem.

Community Service

By Jaime Before

Over the holidays, the Senate will be helping our surrounding communities. We will be participating in two projects during this holiday season. The Senate will be helping Mrs. Machtley with these projects.

The first is the Angel Tree project. The Senate will be sponsoring five children from the Woonsocket area. Each class has sponsored one child and the E-board sponsors one as well. Each child receives a toy gift and a clothing gift. If anybody else wants to sponsor a child, you should contact Mrs. Machtley in the President’s office.

The second project that the Senate will be helping with deals with the U.S.S Rhode Island. This is a submarine that will be underwater on New-Year’s Eve at midnight. The crew members are nervous about being underwater at midnight due to Y2K. The Senate has agreed to send cards and millennium gifts to the crew aboard to help ease their nervousness. If there are any other organizations that would like to participate in this event, please feel free to contact me at x8271.

As far as long term changes in the Bryant Center, a reallocation of space is being looked into, due to the growing number of clubs and organizations. The other long term project is who will be contracted to be in the Bryant Center where Subway is currently located. The committee is under way and as progress is made, we will be sure to let the students know. Any comments or concerns about the Bryant Center can be brought to me by email, mde16@bryant.edu, at a Senate meeting or by seeing someone in Bryant Center Operations.
Committee Reports

Bookstore
By Brian Kerzner

Last week I got the opportunity along with some other fellow students to sit and talk to Jolie, the manager of the campus bookstore. The purpose of this get together was to voice some of the opinions and suggestions that have been brought up.

Books were a big issue. One suggestion that was made by Jolie was to order your books ahead of time online. It can help ensure that the books you want are in. By prepaying on line, you can save yourself the time and trouble of waiting in the long lines of the early semester rush. You can even arrange to have your books shipped to you. The sight where your books can be ordered is Efollett.com. They offer some of the most competitive prices available.

One request was that the book store manager have a merit table before the start of the semester. We were informed that the often times, it was out of the hands of the store. Late adoption orders for specific books can leave the store with an inadequate amount of time to order and receive the requested books. If there is a book that you feel should be in but isn’t, simply request it at the desk and it will be ordered promptly.

Due to constant requests, incoming clothes will be offered in a greater variety of sizes. If there are any other suggestions, be sure to mention them to a store manager and the issue will be looked into. You can also Email your comments to Jolie at jcolema@bryant.edu.

Historian Committee
By Tatiana Berman

Hello all Bryant Students! I hope everyone had a restful and much needed Thanksgiving Day break and now are ready to combat the final days of studying and, of course, keep track of Senate events! The Historian committee is in charge of taking pictures of all Senate events and placing them in the Senate Display Bulletin in the Bryant Center. Please come by and check it out since periodically there will be a different display demonstrating the Senate’s activity. The current display consists of the pictures of the Senate Retreat, which took place on September 18 in the MRC Dining Hall. The next display will be of the Senate sponsored Parent’s and Family Weekend. If you have any suggestions concerning the Senate Bulletin Board please tell us so we can make it the most informative and creative possible.

Public Relations
By Tatiana Berman

The Public Relations committee would like to invite all members of the Bryant Community to the Senate Meetings. The Senate Meetings take place every Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. in Papitto in the Bryant Center. The Senate meetings are a forum where any member of the Bryant Community can take any questions, comments, or suggestions and voice their opinions and get a response either immediately or a senator will get back to them with an answer as soon as possible. We encourage Bryant students to come to the meetings because there they will get valuable information concerning important announcements, school policies and events occurring on campus.

Campus Improvement (CIC)
By Keith Hanks

Greetings everyone. My name is Keith Hanks and I will be heading up the Campus Improvement Committee this year at Bryant. What is Campus Improvement Committee, or CIC? Well it is a collaboration of students and senators in order to improve the overall living standards at Bryant. Right now we are focusing on looking to improve the overall landscape of the school. We also plan to conduct a survey about physical plant to see how repairs and overall maintenance of the school can be improved, and more importantly improved quickly. Finally, we are trying to find ways to finally get rid of all the raccoons and stinkers here at Bryant. This committee is one of the senate goals. If anyone has any suggestions, or would like to be a part of this committee, then just stop by the senate office and sign up.

Class of 2000 Gift Fundraising Committee
By Julie Piccirilli

On behalf of the Class of 2000 Gift Committee, I would like to thank the 245 seniors who donated to the class gift at “Wine Down to the New Millennium” on Friday, November 19th. where we raised $1059.15! We hope all of you will continue to support us in our efforts to achieve our fundraising goals while bringing unity to our class in our final year at Bryant.

As a committee, based on the survey results derived from the Halloween Bash, we have decided on leaving the Class of 2000’s mark with a physical gift donation in the new quad. We have proposed a 5-year campaign plan, which has been approved by Development and Student Affairs. Our goal for this 5-year plan is $10,000. We will be fundraising throughout this year. For the next four years after graduation each senior will be called to give a donation to the senior class gift instead of Bryant’s general fund. Our
Class of 2000

Gift

By Kyle Cehanowicz

Now that everyone has returned from a long weekend of eating and visiting with family, it is time to concentrate on finals. I know this is a stressful time for many of us, but I must remind everyone that the Student Senate is still hard at work. As some know, the first Freshmen Class Fundraiser during Parents and Family Weekend was a complete success. Our class raised an amazing $338 dollars selling shirts thanks to the help of Jessica Bradbury, Colim Mince, Keith Hanks, Trang Nyguen, Kate Swiatek, Kristen Thistle, Randy Rossi, Kyle Cehanowicz, Marissa Bonny, and Dom Frona. Our next Freshmen Fund Raiser will take place on Friday, November 10th before Wineman Banquet. If you are interested in getting involved with the class, you can contact any one of your senators.

New ideas and input are always appreciated, so be sure to make yourself known. There will be a freshmen class meeting some time in the beginning of the second semester, so keep your eyes open for posters. The Bryant College Senate wishes everyone the best of luck during finals and hopes to see many of you at the next senate meeting on Wednesday.

Freshmen Senators

Jessica Bradbury
Kyle Cehanowicz
Dom Frona
Keith Hanks
Kate Swiatek
Kristen Thistle

Information Technology

By Brian McCarthy & Jessica Bradbury

Hello everyone. I hope the semester is winding down well for all of you. The Department of Information Technology is, as always, working hard to keep the computer up to date and efficient, as well as a fluid running network. Again, if you have any problems with your computer in your room, call x6550 and an RCC (Resident Computer Consultant) will be with you within 48 hours. Marsha Maxwell

Junior Class

By Sara Hulbert

The Junior Class has been working hard to raise money. This past October, Foxwoods Resort and Casino, located in Mashantucket, Connecticut donated a gift certificate to the Junior Class. This gift certificate encompassed an overnight stay and dinner for two, a value worth $300. On Parents and Family Weekend, the Junior Class was able to raise $220.00 from the raffle off of this gift certificate.

The Junior Class is now in the process of planning some great fundraising events for second semester. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact the Junior Senate at x6271 for any information and help will be given.

Ways and Means

By Shawn Beal

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving Break. Hang in there as we are embarking on the Home Stretch!!! Please note that the budget packets will be available on December 1, 1999 in the Senate Office and budget allocation requests are due in my box February 4, 2000 by 4:30pm. The Ways and Means Committee has been working hard and they have taken great strides to make this upcoming budget process much more user friendly than years’ past. I will be holding an information session and some members of the Committee will be contacting everyone to make sure they are set with the process. The Ways and Means Committee has also been fortunate to have Sarah Smith ’02 and Mike Silva ’01 join our Committee. Welcome aboard Sarah and Mike!!! They are great additions to our Committee. The Committee is also grateful to Professor Saraoglou and Judy Kawamoto for their help and guidance.
Message from the Vice President

By Tim Bertrand

Even though the last month was an extremely busy one for me personally, I can say that the Student Senate got quite a bit accomplished. Our group developed three strategic goals in which we will work on for the rest of the year concerning three problems (in student’s eyes): diversity, food service, and campus improvement. With the Senate working hard on these three goals, I strongly believe that more can be accomplished this year than in my previous three terms on Senate.

As for the SPAC (Student Presidents Advisory Council) Committee, we are working hard on our community service goals. We have already had groups volunteer for the Hasbro Ornament Drive, clothing drives, AIDS awareness activities, and more. We have also planned a “Community Service Fair” in the Spring which will entail well known community service groups from around the Northeast coming to Bryant and trying to draw interest to their organizations. Each club and organization will be paired up with one of these groups as a “host” for the day.

SPAC is also working hard on the Make-A-Wish foundation project for the Spring. We have planned a breakfast for faculty, staff, and students in early February, and another one in April in order to raise money for Make-A-Wish.

There are also a lot of community service activities unfinished thus far. If any group at Bryant wishes to get involved in an activity, please contact me at tjb1@bryant.edu.

Class of 2000

By Bob Fressola

Can you believe we only have one semester left? Throughout the entire fall semester, the Senior Senators have been working extremely hard to put together a great senior week. The first “Senior Week & Senior Activities” meeting was held Wednesday, November 17. The committee discussed traditional events that will continue this year, as well as some new ideas that will make our year unique. What do you think about having your Senior Ball at a Mansion in Newport? This is one of many ideas that the Senior Committee is considering. Other ideas include incorporating less expensive, daytime activities into the week. I know everyone has their own opinion on Senior Week, but the only way to get your suggestions heard is to talk to one of the six senators or email myself at rmf2@bryant.edu.

Watch your email and look for signs at the beginning of next semester for another meeting. Remember, it’s not too late to get involved! Please feel free to email me at any time.
FEATURES

CHAPLAIN’S CORNER
By Rev. Philip Deves Protestant Chaplain

"But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken....but about that day or hour, no one knows—neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Keep watch; for you do not know when the time will come." (Mark 13:24 ff)

If you watch TV or read the newspapers or web sites, you might observe that the world might be coming to an end.

The words of doom and gloom find a place to dwell in our hearts, like a snow shower blots out the sun on a winter’s day. Do not be afraid for God goes before you. The Divine spark that kindles in our hearts with an intense radiance, this brightness will never fade away.

We must remember that the ancient traditions surrounding the winter solstice—when the sun had reached its southernmost point in the heavens and the days were mostly dark and dreary—made the ancients kindle sacred fires in fear that the darkness and death would engulf them permanently. They offered gifts of song and dance to coax the sun to reverse this descent into wintry darkness.

The Festival of Lights was an opportunity to celebrate with song and dance the re-emergence of the forest of light. The Rotunda was filled with a cheery glow of individual candles held by all. Surrounded by this light, the forces of darkness were defeated. May the Force be with you!

Be safe, take care, and God bless!

Hasbro Toy Drive
By Melissa R. Frank

What was all that raucous in the Rotunda on Tuesday? For those of you who didn’t notice that our common meeting place turned into an Arts & Crafts arena on Tuesday, it was the Annual Hasbro Ornament Project. It has become tradition, here at Bryant College, for students to stop in the Rotunda and create ornaments for the drive.

In an effort to help those children less fortunate at the holiday season, Hasbro Toy Company has established a program in Rhode Island. For every hand-made ornament made and placed on the Holiday Tree at Providence Place, Hasbro will donate a new toy to a local child.

Each year, the Office of Student Activities and the Office of Residence Life have sponsored this event and made sure that there were plenty of materials to make ornaments with and hot chocolate, holiday cookies and punch for all those participating.

This year, in an attempt to make more ornaments than ever before, and to get the local community involved, a group of students from the Commuter Connection went to St. Edmonds Elementary School in Pawtucket, and made some ornaments with the children there. They have successfully brought back 111 ornaments for the Hasbro Holiday Tree. Also, during one of their Thursday afternoon RA Development Series, the Resident Assistants worked hard to make another 50 ornaments. In the Rotunda on Tuesday, with more supplies than could be found in an aisle at a Michael’s Craft Store, there were more than 500 ornaments made and donated to the Holiday Tree.

That means that through the efforts of Bryant College students, faculty, staff, and anyone else who stopped by and made ornaments, there will be many happy children this holiday season. Thank you to everyone who came out to create and I would like to applaud Mike Janicki, Assistant Director of Student Activities and Julie LeBlanc, Director of Residence Life, for their efforts in coordinating this fun project.

Extravaganza Night

Bryant’s Intercultural Center, in coordination with the Multicultural Student Union, is having open sign ups for anyone who would like to participate in Bryant’s 11th annual Extravaganza Night!

We are looking for entertainers, models, technical support as well as backstage help for Bryant’s biggest stage production on February 25th, 2000!

Sign ups will take place in the Intercultural Center (4th floor, Hall 7) from 4pm. to 5pm. Friday, December 3rd, 1999. TODAY!!! This is just a sign up date, duties will be handed out based on talent, and availability. Anyone who would like to participate, and cannot sign up on this date should contact Jon Shelton, ext. 6289

“Hearts in Bloom” is Blooming Again

Last year Bryant College was one of the over 800 organizations who helped the American Heart Association sell 22,000 tulips. Everyone who received a tulip, also received information about the warning signs of stroke, the nation’s #3 killer. This year, the American Heart Association’s goal is to sell 30,000 bouquets.

To help the fight against heart disease you can select from the following “Hearts in Bloom” packages:

Heart-to-Heart Bouquet - $15.00
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Five tulips wrapped in a clear sleeve.

To order a bouquet, contact Mike Janicki in the Office of Student Activities at x6160, or by email at mjanicki@bryant.edu.

Congratulations!
Leaders of Orientation 2000

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Angela Gugliotta
Anthony Gugliotta
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Dan Murray
Renal Patel
Jillian Tempest
Christopher Winters
Taming the Web
"Off the Shelf"
By Colleen Anderson
Reference Librarian

The Internet provides an important additional tool for locating useful information when conducting research. As with any tool, however, the user must take proper caution to use it effectively and efficiently. Students often complain that they have "wasted hours trying to find information on a topic," or that "thousands of hits came up." The Internet has a long way to go before universal protocols, advanced indexing, and effective web publishing make it a more ideal spot for beginning research. The following hints for taming the web, however, will make the research process more effective.

1. Make sure the Internet is where you really want to start your research. The Internet is a great place for pulling off current stock prices on a company, but not a good place for finding industry standards or ratios. Its a great place for finding current news articles on a company, but not a great place for locating articles that deal exclusively with the marketing strategy of a particular company. If you're confused on the best place to start, call a reference librarian (ext. 6299).

2. Bookmark a few good sites. Set up a brief listing of those subjects you research most frequently and sites that have provided quality information in these areas and then bookmark them for use. Don't overwhelm yourself with too many sites. Some of my personal favorites include Researching Companies Online by Debbie Flanagan for a tutorial on researching companies (home.sprintmail.com/~dflanagan), The Bureau of Labor Statistics for statistics and labor information (www.bls.gov), the Wall Street Research Net for stock information (www.wsrn.com), Hoovers for basic company overviews (www.hoovers.com), and the University of Texas Advertising World for advertising and marketing (advertising.utexas.edu/world).

3. Know the difference between a subject index and a search service. Subject directories such as Yahoo (www.yahoo.com), The Argus Clearinghouse (www.clearinghouse.net), and the Scout Report Signpost (www.signpost.org/signpost) include sites that have been evaluated by human beings and arranged by subject directory. Start with a subject directory when you have a broad topic to research and want to review quality sites on your topic. A search service or search engine such as Alta Vista (www.altavista.com) is a searchable database of Internet sites that have been collected by a computer program. When a searcher types in a term using a search engine, the spider (program that identifies and reads pages) returns sites that contain the searched term. Start with a search engine when you are searching a very narrow topic and/or want to look at the content of specific sites.

4. Get familiar with a couple of good second generation search engines. First generation search engines rank the results of a search by term relevancy (the number of times a term occurs in the site), whereas second generation engines rank by additional criteria such as document type, popularity, or concept. For instance, Google (www.google.com) ranks results by the number of links from pages ranked high by the service, a kind of "peer review" method for retrieving sites. Northern Light (www.nlsresearch.com) ranks by term relevancy but also presents "custom search folders" that organize results by subject, type, source site, or language. Lastly, Ask Jeeves (www.askjeeves.com) allows searchers to use natural language queries to pose questions which will be matched with existing questions in the database to retrieve web sites that will answer the question.

5. Teach yourself some basic Internet search protocols. Though each search engine will differ in the exact search protocols and level of searching it offers, some basic search protocols can be used in most search engines. These include the ability to phrase searches by using double quotations to enclose a phrase you are searching (e.g., "House of Representatives"); using a plus sign to tell the engine that a particular term must be included in the sites you retrieve (e.g., +tomato +pasta); and using field searching to tell the engine to search a particular part of the document such as the title, the URL, or site (e.g., URL, preschoo or site.mit.edu).

6. Evaluate the information you find. It is a waste of your time to retrieve a document off the net that is not a quality site presenting credible information. When looking at a site, ask yourself the following questions: Who are the sponsor(s) and author(s) of the site and what are their purposes for putting the site together? Does the author have the experience and credentials to write with authority about the presented topic? How current is the site and when was it last revised? Does the site offer links to other quality sites on the same topic and/or references to other credible print sources?

Master Key

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that while no activities were especially dangerous, over a period of time sleep deprivation could have become harmful to an individual’s health. It was further commented that aspects of conduct were challenged student’s educational priorities.

Theta contends the fact that they did deviate from their national pledge program, but denies any allegations. Representatives of Theta, Jill St. Martin and Bethany Baker speculated that, “Calls into the hotline can be made by anyone off the street. It could have been one girl calling, angry because she didn’t get a bid or decided that she didn’t like us.” While questions to the validity of calls holds merit, the matter remains that Dean Robert Sloss recounted at least five or six calls made to the hotline, The Office of Student Affairs, as well as the Presidents Office.

On the day the administration approached Theta, they were told to discontinue the pledge program immediately and had to “de-pledge” the five girls with less than two weeks left before receiving their colors. It was decided that it would be inappropriate for members of Theta to associate with the pledges. Speaking for their sisters, St. Martin and Baker felt this stipulation was especially harsh because friendships had been fostered, and the girls had worked hard to complete the program.

To prove or dispel the above allegations, a hearing was scheduled by Bryant College. The process would include a disciplinary committee made up of staff, students, and faculty who would investigate the allegations. At the hearing members of Theta would have had the chance to present a case in their favor, but chose not to. Rather than enter into a hearing, the sisters of Theta made a unanimous decision to instead withdrawal their charter.

Theta’s decision to instead withdrawal their charter has been dealt with by the Office of Student Affairs, Greek Life, the sisters of Theta and with the national sorority. The term of their re-linquished charter deny Theta any rights to promote or affiliate themselves as an organization. The women are still allowed to wear their colors, act as personal items and they will remain in their current living area in Greek Village as long as no problems arise. Upon next fall the women will take up housing in the remainder of the village.

Since Dr. Eakin has arrived at Bryant, he has posed the question as to whether or not entering freshman should be allowed to pledge fraternities or sororities first semester. This proposition has been based on concerns that involvement in a Greek organization may affect student’s academic success, personalities, or social interactions. Currently, there is nothing in the works to implement this and it is merely a consideration, but comparisons between Greek and non-Greek student academics may be made as a possible determinant.

As spokespersons for the Greek community, St. Martin and Baker argued that the Greek community is often hailed with a bad rap. Theta, who has won the Philanthropy Service Award five consecutive years, suggest that the administration and much of the non-Greek community look down on Greeks, because every one concentrates on the negative aspects.

The archway has sponsored various rock-a-thons, Daffodil Days, jump- rope-a-thons, and walks for leukemia. The representatives of Theta further advised that the administration show little support in what they do. St. Martin and Baker agreed that “If Greeks were looked at for all of the good they did, it would be much more beneficial to the college and surrounding community.”

Although these women do not feel that they are being supported, conversations with Dr. Eakin and Dean Sloss told a bit of a different story. Dr. Eakin can be quoted as saying, “It is a tragedy that this has happened. I feel badly for the young women who genuinely wanted to belong.”

Although these women feel betrayed and hurt, St. Martin and Baker hope that this controversy will not define their lives. They want to continue to contribute to the community and to their college.

On the day the administration approached Theta, Thomas Eakin said, “We all have common concerns for the safety of students and appropriate actions will take place.” He was reluctant to speak into the detail of the case, as he didn’t want to make the story look “one-sided.” But for now, the student is still attending classes as normal, but is under close supervision by college officials. A decision will hopefully be made by the time we return for next semester, but for now we should have no worries about our safety. The school is making all actions to make sure we are safe for the remainder of our time here.

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FINANCE ASSOCIATION

Finance Association takes trip to New York City

By Jeremy Stannard

The Bryant College Finance Association has successfully completed another trip to New York City. There we visited Goldman Sachs. This event has turned into a great success, since it first began last year, in conjunction with Career Services. Each November we charter a bus and arrive in New York, where we attend a luncheon at Goldman Sachs. There a panelist discussion is assembled from different alumni working in the New York area. Each of these speakers comes from a different background within the finance field.

Attending the trip were members of the Finance Association including a wide mix of students from freshmen to seniors. Many finance faculty members also attended the trip including Art GuidiNut, Dave Louton, John Natalizia, and Betty Yobacco. The faculty has been very supportive of our endeavors over the past few years and several were very disappointed that they were unable to attend this most recent trip. One of the more notable people who made this event possible was Judy Clare. Without Judy, this event never would have happened. This event along with other events have created and developed a great relationship between the Finance Association and Career Services. Judy takes on the difficult task of locating and contacting potential speakers for the panel along with the reservation of the room that Charlene Loring, Manager of Finance at Goldman Sachs, so kindly provided.

Thanks to Judy’s hard work, this year’s panel was exceptionally good and included a wide variety of speakers. Included in the panel was Rob Covino from the class of ’92. Rob currently is Vice President, Director of Client Services at CDC Investment Management Corp. Also on the panel was Francesco Piovani from the class of ’95, where he now serves as an Associate at Deutsche Securities. Scott Kauffman, who served on the panel from the class of ’96 is an Analyst in the Financial Institutions Group of Goldman, Sachs & Co. Scott Coplan graduated in ’90 and is working at Estee Lauder, Inc where he is a Manager of Finance & Special Programs. Also on the panel was Tiffany Randal from the class of ’94 who currently works for JP Morgan where she is an Associate in Private Banking. Each of these panelists provided great insight into the finance field and their respective careers while taking some very valuable time out of their busy days.

The trip began very early in the morning, when we departed from Bryant at 7:00 AM. After leaving Bryant College on November 4th, we finally arrived in New York just before noon, after watching several videos on the long bus ride, while snacking on some donuts and sleeping. Beginning at noon we began at Goldman Sachs with lunch and the panelist discussion. Following this discussion the panelists stayed around for those who had questions. By 2:00 PM we were done at Goldman Sachs and everyone had some free time in the city to do as they wanted until 5:00 PM. Different groups of people did many varying activities ranging from meeting other recent graduates of Bryant, touring the New York Stock Exchange, or going on shopping excursions. A couple of students even ventured downtown to Times Square. During the long ride back to Rhode Island time passed by over the course of a year.

In the spring of last year a similar trip took place where students went to the New York Stock Exchange and had lunch in the Board of Directors’ room followed by a presentation put on by the Robb Peck McCoye Clearing Corporation. Being able to go into the boardroom itself was a once in a lifetime opportunity. Following the lunch we were provided with a VIP tour of the New York Stock Exchange trading floor. This event was only possible due to both Joe Scalise from Bryant and Neil Bodmann the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Robb Peck McCoye Clearing Corporation, who so kindly provided this opportunity to those few fortunate Bryant students that were able to attend.

Each of these trips have proven to be a huge success. We have now run three different trips down to New York City over the course of a year. During each of these trips we sold out every seat on the bus showing the extremely high demand for these successful trips. We look forward to providing the opportunity to attend other events such as this, but as of this time no other trips are scheduled during the second semester. However, we will see if we can change that by the time we return in January.
SPORTS

Hockey Thoughts
By Tony Gugliotta

Do you remember those high school days in New England where every waking hour was spent living, breathing, and eating football? Now I do not have anything against football, but coaching is very happy for the success of the Bryant football team. But, does this scenario sound familiar? Bryant College, for years, has been a highly regarded academic institution. It is difficult to write about you without praise their athlete’s seasons. I found it very difficult to write about you, Coach Jim Moore, because it is a part of this athletic department and the major personnel of the school are not covering all cylinders. The Bryant College Hockey team has quietly showed it is worthy of full time varsity status as a part of this athletic program. Just up to the team, playing as a club in an all-varsity league, promptly earned itself a playoff berth at the end of the season. The Bulldogs were the only winter team at the school to earn such an achievement. The group of players, with their non-matching helmets and pants, put in as busy a schedule as any other sports team on this campus. The season stretches from September to April and includes practices at ten and eleven at night. Now try studying under those conditions. Last season, the team was finally recognized by students on this campus and in surrounding areas. The public took a general liking to watching the sport and did not even mind watching the games on Friday and Saturday nights. This year, that tradition continues as more and more fans attend the games and support the team. There are many students at this school who are “regulars” to the games. Their plans on Friday and Saturday nights revolve around attending these games. The team absolutely enjoys all the support it is receiving, and it shows in the level of commitment the players on this team are playing at. Besides the ungodly practice times, the players must pay a club fee as well as pay for all their equipment and equipment repairs. Now, we all know how expensive the sport is. To raise money for the program, which receives just barely enough to cover ice time and some transportation, the players must lower themselves to “beg” for hundreds of dollars in ads from local businesses. Many businesses are reluctant to support this particular team because of its general anonymity. These businesses, however, are quick to put their names in the basketball or football teams’ programs without hesitation.

So here I am, typing this article with a cast on my left arm after breaking my wrist playing for the team against league power MIT, just trying to allow the students and faculty of this institution to realize that there is a bunch of kids with hearts larger than the Grinch at the end of his story. There is no possible way for anyone to realize what it takes for us, day in and day out, to play for this team, not knowing our exact future or where exactly we are playing for. I have to give my teammates extreme credit for their performances and their roles in utterly turning the program around in two years. Now just think, a team this good already can only get better if we had any sort of recruiting program. All incoming or transferring players shy away from the program, or choose another (Division 3) school just because there is no way of knowing the future of this program. Our players play with broken wrists and fingers, separated shoulders, concussions and numerous other injuries for the sole purpose of trying to get anyone with authority at this school to realize our potential and give us a chance. We aren’t even allowed treatment (not even ice) from the athletics training staff. Give me a break. Now, this team was a championship team back in the 70’s and 80’s. Since, the team has lost its varsity status and fell off the face of the earth in the minds of the people who “count” at the school. Their thoughts are with the second year football team and the basketball teams that have so many high hopes put on them. We even have a golf team here that competes with all those division one programs and beats them that does not even get any props from the school. Talk about priorities.

My point is, there are so many students and fans that absolutely love watching our team play and the pressure that would love to if we did not have to play two towns away. I just wish that, in choosing new programs for varsity status, the school would consider seriousness at the school as well as club records and achievements. Even though the club plays in an all-varsity league against varsity teams, and is at the top of its league (including a recent win away at Bates, the league’s second best team), we are still put to the back burner. I ask you students, who are reading this, to please show your support in our upcoming games. I absolutely love this school as does the rest of the team; but it is just so hard for us, not to be even considered as varsity athletes in the athletic program. It is disheartening when certain major persons of the school will not even attend a hockey game in his/her free time, but will fly or travel anywhere to watch other teams.

I am not trying to take away from any other sport. I encourage and support them all. I just want everyone to realize the hardships this team is put through especially considering the length of the season, the lack of incentives in playing, and the hearts (continued on page 18)
Hockey

(continued from page 17) of the players on the team. Please, everyone, take this article as an eye opener and that only. We, as a team, have the longest season of any team in the school. However, without the hearts and commitment of the team members, this team would fall into an abyss of anonymity just like after the school dropped the program in the beginning.

In parting, I would like to thank Coaches Joe Brantolino, Dave Paolino, and Coach "3" as we affectionately call him. They work, as we do, for basically nothing, day in and day out, trying to give us a chance at becoming legitimate college hockey players.

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Wrestling Club

By John Horvath and Brian Kerzner

Another athletic tradition has begun this year, the Bryant Wrestling Club. So far in the short history of the club, we have competed in a single D2-D3 tournament, November 12, 1999, where we had a great time. The wrestlers who represented Bryant in the club’s first public showing are Bledy Taka, Brian Kerzner, Dan Parfalo, Joe Rimoczky, Kevin Willette, Tim Bifolch, Adam Baldoumas, and John Horvath. Congratu-

lations to John Horvath for taking fourth overall in his weight class.

So far, we have held two fundraisers, both of which were successful and entertaining all those who got involved. The mug sale over parents’ weekend was the first. Thanks to all of those who supported us. If you didn’t get a chance to purchase one before they sold out, watch for the next that should be taking place some time in the spring. Thanks to Dan Gavitt, we also got the chance to promote North Smithfield weekend. We intend to continue our efforts in fundraising. Hosting home matches and perhaps even a tournament next semester is

among the options we are considering.

We would also like to take advantage of this opportunity to recognize and thank those who were involved in the creation of the newest tradition on the Bryant campus. Julie Piccirilli, who helped make the birth of this club possible by offering her knowledge, experience and expertise to the presidents of this. She backed up the decision in making Bryant College a better and more diverse school. Other thanks to the Student Senate, Marc Furtado, Beth Connealy, President Machetly, Glenn Castiglia and Coach Rick Bartel. I would like to take it upon myself to also mention that none of this would have happened without the hard work and effort of John Horvath and Adam Baldoumas, the club presidents who took it upon themselves last year to create this

fine club.

GET HELP WITH YOUR FINAL PAPERS AND PROJECTS!

The Writing Center will be OPEN on Reading day and during Final Exams!

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Aries
(March 21-April 19)
You're charming and entertain­ing this week, but on Monday and Tuesday, you may also be a tad nervous. Once you achieve perfection, you'll be fine. A partner loves you, no matter what, on Wednesday and Thursday. Make a big decision together on Friday. Saturday and Sunday are good for shopping, especially for household items.

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(April 20-May 20)
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(June 21-July 22)
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Leo
(July 23-Aug. 22)
Your relationship's direct and honest this week. Talk about money on Monday and Tuesday and work out a budget you both like. From Wednesday through Friday.

Scorpio
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
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Aquarius
(Jan. 20-Feb 18)
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(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
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Women, God, drugs...three topics that are especially dear to The Katies, a Tennessee-based trio who are quickly making a name for themselves on the music scene. Lead singer/guitarist Jason Moore started the band with friend and bassist Gary Welch in the college town of Murfreesboro in 1996. Soon, Jason's younger brother Josh joined as the drummer, and the group began playing local gigs and entertained the idea of making a demo. Producer Brian Carter arrived on the scene and The Katies were soon signed to local label Spongebath Records. Their self-titled debut has been jointly released by Spongebath and Elektra. The album is an impressive first effort. The one thing that I noticed was that the album lacked a "southern feel." It was definitely more of a pop record than anything else. Moore's lead vocals are full of conviction and you can't help but sing along. One song in particular that caught my attention was the song "Noggin' Poundin'", which Bassist Gary Welch wrote about his wife. The chorus is forceful and compliments the more subdued tempo of the rest of the song. Moore's voice makes the transition from light and airy to a hard, earnest growl, seem easy and smooth...this band covers all the bases. The band lists The Beatles, Led Zeppelin and AC/DC among their many influences and it shows. The majority of the album is laden with heavy guitar, persistent drums and a driving bass beat underneath it all. Combine that with Moore's quality singing voice and ta-dah!!! You have a rock band. I found little fault with the album as a whole, there were a few tracks that didn't impress me, but that is to be expected. Check out track #9 "Ode to S.G." I thought this song was a perfect example of The Katies strengths. The guitar is ragged, the chorus catchy and the topic falls under one of their top 3...what more do you need? I highly recommend giving this a listen—a little southern hospitality goes a long way.

SIDENOTE: I would like to take this opportunity to let you know about an up and coming blues performer who is already receiving rave reviews at the young age of 14. Her name is Shannon Curfman, and she is incredible. When I first heard her voice, I thought: "Who is this woman?" Man, was I surprised to find that the voice of a forty year-old blues singer belonged to a teenager. To compliment the incredible voice, Curfman also plays one mean guitar. Her debut album, Loud Guitars, Big Suspicions was released in September on the Arista record label. Johnny Lang, another blues prodigy makes a guest appearance on the album, and has made the remark to Rolling Stone Magazine that "she is only fourteen, and she scares me." Shannon Curfman is certainly capable of making a name for herself in the entertainment world, and I would strongly urge you to have a listen.