World News

ANN ARBOR, Mich. - A University of Michigan police officer shot a man to death early Tuesday as he attacked a female student with a knife outside the apartment they shared. The woman also died. The officer, responding to 911 calls, spotted the man as he stabbed the woman and shot him when he refused to stop, campus police Capt. Leo Hertley said. The woman was identified as Tamara Williams, a 20-year-old senior. Her killer was identified as Kevin Nelson, 26, who lived with Williams but was not affiliated with the university. Both died in surgery at the University of Michigan Medical Center.

NEW YORK - IBM says it has devised a process to make semiconductors using copper rather than aluminium, a breakthrough that could lower prices and improve performance for a wide range of computers. IBM's breakthrough is significant because copper is cheaper and conducts electricity better than aluminum. The company says it will begin producing the chips in bulk this year. Competitors with the new chips should begin hitting the market next year.

WASHINGTON - The IRS is on the hot seat as a Senate committee opens a three-day review of the tax agency. Senate committee chairman William Roth, Jr., R-Del., opened the review by saying tax collectors are false identification and put tax payers, "who can't afford to fight back" to meet collection quotas. The IRS said the attacks are misleading or unfounded.

PHILADELPHIA - A man who said he suffered delusions that he was doing God's work got 12 years in prison Monday for running the biggest charity scam in U.S. history. Forty-year-old John Bentitt, former head of the defunct Foundation for New Era Philanthropy, received $354 million from over 500 non-profit organizations and wealthy philanthropists. Benton also took $7 million, siphoning some into private business and personal accounts, and used some of the cash to buy an expensive home, a luxury car and first-class travel for his family.

CHICAGO - The Rolling Stones will launch their Bridges to Babylon tour Tuesday night at Soldier Field in Chicago where 54,000 fans of all ages will come out to cheer the aging rock group. Ninety-two percent of available tickets for the tour, the Stones' 13th major U.S. outing since 1964, have sold at between $30 and $75 a head. One fan summed up the band's timeless popularity with: "They're rock and roll, and they're a lot of fun."

MELBOURNE, Australia - In a rare, 25-hour operation, surgeons in Australia reattached the face of a woman after a farm machine tore much of her scalp and face from her head, doctors said Monday. The 28-year-old woman from Shippston, in central Victoria state, had virtually her entire face and scalp ripped off when she had caught in machinery in a milking shed on Sept. 10. Surgeons are confident that most of the face has been successfully reattached, and that the woman will look much as she used to with the exception of scars around her eyelids and chin.

A new book challenges the conventional wisdom that children always suffer. In fact, argues psychologist Abigail Stewart, it won't be "the defining event of their lives." Her new book challenges the widely held view that most youngsters suffer deeply and enduringly when their parents split up. "In many cases, the marriage was the catastrophe," Stewart says. "Most kids can handle divorce. That doesn't mean they won't be sad, or that it won't take a while to adjust. But it's not going to be the defining event of their lives.

Her provocative conclusion is based on a study of 160 Boston area families, first contacted within six months of the parents' separation and then studied again one year later.

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Blood drive a success

By Geoffrey Tolk

The freshmen class was successful in their blood drive that they planned for September 24, 1997. The Drive took place in the rotunda and in Jenkins Auditorium. The drive was run by the Rhode Island Blood Center. Dotty Flery ran the drive and said, "the center is hoping to collect seventy pints of blood." The blood will be dispersed throughout the local hospitals in the area. There is a demand for all types of blood at the local hospitals. The Center was pleased to see how anxious students were to help them make a difference for others. One worker said that "it’s great to see the next generation of students caring about sick and the older generation." At the end of the drive there was a line of students waiting to fill out their papers and give all they got. Several students were eager to inform me about how and why they like donating blood. Matt Connell, a resident hall 15, who is like Matt likes to give a helping hand. She found the experience to be "just providing good human nature for a great cause." Also she hoped that donors would come all day to give their time for this cause.

John Grazer who is in his seventh time giving blood "loves to give and will continue because one day he might not be the donor but the recipient." He liked the way the drive was set up, it was very convenient for him and for others. This was his key point which is "you can just stop by no hassle and no long lines." The Blood Drive seemed to be a great success and Dotty Flery hopes that next time the turnout will be the same. The Center is pleased to work with our students because they care and will continue to care about the world and the world around them.

New Freshmen Senators: Kyle Kadish, Colchester, VT; Brian Ganger, Shrewsbury, MA; Kate McDonald, Wallingford, CT; Seth Brickman, Torrington, CT. Not pictured: Lindsey Haven & Maggie Gran
College, it’s supposed to be the best time of your life. But is it really? For some of us, it’s just a five-day job, and then we go home on weekends. Therefore, it would not be a lie to say that Bryant has been a suitcase campus for some time. I hear cries of, “there’s nothing to do on campus!” everywhere. Usually, it is the same people who go home every weekend that complain about it.

Well, my advice is, quit complaining and start staying on campus more. Unless you stay on campus, you will never know what Bryant has to offer. True, Bryant is not the MECCA for activities during the weekend, but the college is working hard to resolve the situation. One group working on this issue is the Student Programming Board (SPB) providing students with something to do, but it is very discouraging when only a handful of people show up to those events. SPB can only do so much, it is up to you (the ones complaining) to go to those events and enjoy yourselves.

So, now if you are wondering where is there to do on the weekends, let me fill you in. You could spend part of your Saturday afternoon cheering and supporting our sports teams. I know they would appreciate people attending their games. At night, you would usually do something. It is up to you (the ones complaining) to go to those events and enjoy yourselves.

With that in mind, this weekend is Homecoming, which means that there should be plenty of things to do. There is a bonfire and fireworks on Friday night. There is also a barbecue and other events scheduled for Saturday. You can easily find something to do. I encourage you to attend these events and learn to enjoy what Bryant has to offer.

On a final note, I like to suggest for SPB to provide more events that can appeal to students. I would appreciate if you could provide suggestions regarding what you want.

To the Editor:

For my doctoral dissertation on reality control, I challenged the way organizational reality was defined on a typical university campus. Writing articles in the campus student newspaper and documenting each crisis and the general chaos that my writings caused.

Out of this came many constructive changes: The chairman of the board of regents was ousted. The university business manager was sent to prison. The accreditation agency put the university on probation. The whole university was reorganized. The faculty got a pay raise. Women got equal pay. Much more. I dare to think that every university could use a few such changes. What about yours? Please respond by e-mail.

My doctoral research project also caused a fourteen-year lawsuit between myself and the university chain of command. It is an open secret to all the other universities and all the school boards in the states that joined against me in the lawsuit. I won a unanimous jury verdict. The documentary that was to have been my dissertation was first published as exhibits in a trial transcript. Be careful what topic you choose for a dissertation!

My use of a student newspaper in this research project demonstrated to me how widely these newspapers are actually read and what a powerful instrument for constructive change they can be. (I need help in getting this letter published in student newspapers in other campuses.)

By means of this field research, I discovered certain timeless universal insights into how we all define reality, from which I structured a seven-step ladder of motivation development. You can now rate both yourself and your campus culture on the same scale!

I invite you to please click http://www.jacobsladder.com for a commercial site. Does your university offer a multi-disciplinary, team-taught, capstone course on reality control? If not, then use my free web site until such a course is available!

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Henry Jacobs
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SAA Hosts 3rd Annual Alumni Day

Dear Members of the Bryant Community,

Tomorrow, September 26, the Student Alumni Association (SAA) will be playing an integral part in the Homecoming festivities as we host the third annual "Alumni Day." This program is a true representation of SAA and its main goals and objectives: to enhance relationships between alumni and the College, as well as increase interaction between the alumni of tomorrow and today’s current group of 36,000 alumni worldwide.

Between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12 noon, alumni will be shadowing members of the Student Alumni Association to classes, while being engaged in their daily class schedule. Students in the classroom are encouraged to take advantage of such an opportunity, as the alumni are a first-hand source of knowledge and information in the business fields. Many will be part of the coming years. If an alum is not scheduled to return to one of your classes, join alumni guests at a table in the Rotunda, where you are encouraged to approach them with questions or comments. Providing an opportunity for you, the students, to interact "one-on-one" with business professionals in your chosen field.

By hosting the third annual Alumni Day, the Student Alumni Association is enhancing its image as premiere ambassadors of the College. It is your level of enthusiasm in participating community efforts that will determine the relationships between the current group of alumni and the future of the College. We are asking you, the members of the Bryant Community, to show your spirit by welcoming the Alumni back to Bryant College for an event that proves to be a learning experience for all.

Thank You,
Brad Weisensel ’99
George Garcia ’00
Alumni Day Co-Chair

Thursday, September 25, 1997
The Greek Image

Dear Colleagues:

The Bryant College Campaign for the United Way and The Fund for Community Progress is now underway. All Bryant employees should have received a letter from President Machlup this week encouraging you to donate what you can to help support these non-profit agencies. Please take time to read the brochures and familiarize yourself with the work of these organizations.

On Thursday, September 30, there will be an Agency Fair in the Rotunda from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Representatives from agencies of both the United Way and The Fund for Community Progress will be available to speak with you. Please stop by during this time to find out what these organizations do to help our local community.

At 1 p.m., on the day of the fair, there will be a drawing for a pair of tickets for the December 13 game of the New England Patriots vs. the Pittsburgh Steelers. To be eligible for this drawing, your donation must be received by that time, so please get it to one of the committee members soon. There will also be other prizes given throughout the campaign, so the earlier you donate, the more opportunities you will have to win a prize. All who contribute during this campaign will also be invited to attend a Thank You Breakfast on November 20.

Any good for the cause? Those who have donated in the past, and we encourage even more members of the Bryant Community to "Celebrate Giving" this year. Please send your donations to any of the committee members listed below.

Sincerely,

Karen Barrett and Rosanne Dana, Co-Chairs
United Way/The Fund for Community Progress Committee

Committee Members:
- Bev Daigle
- Keith Morrey
- Coni Fichera
- Joe Pratt
- Cathy Lalli
- Mary Prescott
- Gail Valentine

No Right To Complain

Fraternities and Sororities have been, and will continue to be controversial topics on college campuses nationwide. Countless times we have heard members of Bryant’s Greek Community complain that they are unfairly labeled as "trouble-makers" and "partiers." I find it hard to be sympathetic towards those complainers when they allow comments such as these to be published in the Archway.

Dear Colleagues:

"In other news, Wolf was caught praying to the ceramic God...it was one of the best nights that I'm sure they don't remember."- Delta Chi

"Schlager earned twenty bucks the hard way. Too bad he lost it all Monday night."- Delta Chi

"Any freshmen interested in Greek Life please come up to Dorm 2 second floor/Across from Water Country. Any freshmen girls interested in me please come up to the third floor of Hall 11."- TKE

"It should be noted that these are exact quotes. I did not correct any of the numerous spelling errors that were overlooked by the column authors.

In just one issue of the Archway, representatives of the Greek Community made multiple references to partying and drinking. Comments about illegal beer tables, and gambling we also made. Some of those representatives also managed to make a satire of the tragedy in Hall 2. Still another Greek took advantage of this fraternity's column and placed a personal ad to all freshmen girls. I think TKE said it best, "Who says Greeks don't do anything good for the campus?"

It sounds to me like you all are proud of your mighty weekend conquests. If this is the negative image that you are trying to avoid, then maybe you should reassess duties and put someone else in charge of writing your weekly columns. Those columns are a chance for you to advertise upcoming events, a chance to congratulate people for achievements, and a chance to convey what your organization is truly about. These sighted comments only confirm the negative image that most of you already have and are complaining about. Well, in my eyes it's your own fault, you set yourselves up for ridicule when you print comments like this. It is your own fault and you are getting what you deserve. Being college students, I am sure you can understand this simple solution, NO MORE CONVINCING COMMENTS, NO MORE NEGATIVE IMAGE!

A-unsympathetic student

Thank You

Dear Editor:

The 6th Annual Jane Doe Walk for Women's Safety was held in Boston this past Sunday, September 21, 1997. Over 10,000 men, women and children walked to raise consciousness about domestic violence, memorialize those who have died, and show support to survivors and loved ones. The team of 12 Bryant Walkers included students, alumni, faculty, staff and family members. The Bryant Team raised over 500 dollars for the Massachusetts Coalition for Battered Women Service Groups. I would like to thank everyone that came out to the Walk. Bryant Walkers included the many people who supported and sponsored us. We also appreciated anyone who had a conversation about domestic violence.

Let's continue the conversation and our commitment to breaking the cycle of violence.

Sincerely,

Nanci Weinberger
Associate Professor of Psychology

The Greek Image

Dear Colleagues:

To the Editor:

I am writing to you regarding the cat that is living down in the townhouses. This cat has been living down there since we moved in this semester. The cat has been abused by some students living here; it has been shaved on three different occasions. I tried calling Public Safety, but they didn't do anything. I do not understand it, if we are not allowed to have pets on campus, how come they can't do anything? It's not even like this is just some stray cat—it's an abused cat!

I would like to have a letter asking them to stop shaving her back. I think that you are the most cruel and immature people I have ever known. Is this the way you think that seniors should act? Is this the way you think any human being should treat another? Would you like it if this happened to you? I have found the cat a good home off campus where it can be treated the way every living thing should be treated, with love and respect. I just want to say one thing to whoever has been doing this to the cat. What goes around, comes around.
Lauren Gular
Students For A Safer Campus

Teft
Sept. 17, 1997 - A staff member of WJMF Radio Station reported that approximately 80 CD's were stolen from the Radio Station's storeroom. The value of the CD's are estimated to be valued at $300. DPS is further investigating this matter.

Fire Alarm/False
Sept. 17, 1997 - DPS responded to a fire alarm in the Senior Townhouse. The alarm was false.

Harassing Phone Calls
Sept. 17, 1997 - Two students came into the DPS office to report that they have been receiving harassing/obscene phone calls since last semester. A report has been filed with the local police department. The students are being counseled and are investigating.

Vandalism
Sept. 17, 1997 - A member of the Residence Life staff reported to DPS that someone had paintbombed the window to the window. The window was taped until it could be replaced.

Fire Alarm/False
Sept. 18, 1997 - DPS responded immediately to a fire alarm at the Townhouse G. The alarm was false.

Theft
Sept. 18, 1997 - Two bar stools were reported stolen from the Dining Room. A suspect has been identified and SPD is continuing with an investigation.

Alcohol Violation
Sept. 17, 1997 - A keg of beer was confiscated in front of one of the Senior Townhouses. The keg has been destroyed in the College compactor.

Fire Alarm/False
Sept. 19, 1997 - DPS immediately responded to a fire alarm at the Senior Townhouse when the report came, through that a fire alarm had gone off in G-2. The alarm was reported false.

Alcohol Violation
Sept. 19, 1997 - While patrolling the student parking lots, a DPS Officer noticed a student taking two cases of beer out of their car. The cases were confiscated and destroyed in the College compactor.

Informational
Sept. 19, 1997 - It was reported to DPS that a student sent another student a threatening message via an E-mail account. The student's E-mail account has been terminated, and DPS is investigating this matter further.

Fire Alarm/False
Sept. 20, 1997 - DPS responded to a fire alarm in Townhouse M-3. The fire alarm had been triggered by the steam from a hot shower. The alarm was ruled accidental.

Drug Violation
Sept. 20, 1997 - DPS responded to one of the residence halls at the request of an RA to investigate possible of several students in an upper floor residence. The case involved the possession of illegal drugs.

Informational
Sept. 21, 1997 - DPS responded to a complaint in a residence hall. There was a verbal argument taking place. Someone sent a letter of trespass to one of the visitors.

Vehicle Booted
Sept. 21, 1997 - DPS placed a vehicle boot on a vehicle found parked in the roadway. When the Officer on duty ran a plate check on the vehicle, the student was found to have three outstanding warrants on file.

Summary of Events
EMTs-11
Fire -2
Alcohol Violation -2
Informational-2
Drug Violation-1
Vehicle Boot-1

DPS Crime Prevention/Safety Tips

How to stay safe in your vehicle:

• Keep vehicle doors locked at all times.
• Lock all doors if you think someone in another vehicle is following you.
• Try to get a description of the vehicle following you and its license plate.
• Drive towards a well-lit place to where there are people.

What to do if your vehicle breaks down:

• Raise the hood and tie a white handkerchief on the antenna as a distress signal, or hang a large "Help, Call Police" sign out the window.
• Lock yourself in and wait for the police to arrive. If someone comes by to help, roll down the window a bit and ask them to call the police.

Call Ginnie Bowry, DPS Crime Prevention Specialist at 232-6001, if you wish to borrow books, brochures, or videos on personal safety for men and women, or ask to have DPS Crime Prevention programs scheduled for you and your fellow students/faculty/staff.

Sincerely,

Tanya D. McGinn
Assistant Director of Student Activities

This is in response to an editorial in last week's Archway about Greeks. I am not mad at the writer, however, I am very frustrated and disappointed in their ignorance.

My first response to you is about what you "heard" happened a couple of weeks ago on a fraternity's floor. It's pretty apparent that you weren't there at the time because I know that you aren't very fond of the Greeks. So maybe you should hear it from me because I WAS a witness. I can assure you, as I stood right there, that nobody was hanging or remotely even touching the pipes that burst. In fact, we were immediately on the scene. It may seem a bit strange but if you were there to see the chaos we experienced you would realize the true extent of the damage.

This particular employee was out of work for a while after he donated one of his organs to his daughter. He is a man who has given a lot of his life to help others. The reasons for his donation have nothing to do with the organization. It was purely selfless.

And since you're so concerned about our parent's money being wasted because we're a "frat" organization you should know that 25% of Greeks made the Dean's List last semester. I can proudly say that this is higher than the overall campus average. Also, the All Sorority GPA this semester is higher than the All Women Campus average.

Being Greek is obviously a very special thing. It is an immediate connection with 300 people that have something in common with you. And yes, we do like to have fun, that's why we're Greeks. And yes, we do have social gatherings. But I am sure you could find just as many independents at the townhouses last weekend as Greeks. The only difference is when you see one of our guests they are Greeks. They make to Bryant College. Their service is unmatched by any other organization.

Everyone has their own opinion on Greek Life. Unfortunately, a lot of people have the "wrong image." I hope that I've helped clear up any of these misunderstandings. Maybe the next time you decide to bash Greeks, you will stop and think about who we are, what we stand for, and how we have helped the campus and the community.

Valerie Arold
Prominent Member of the Greek Community

Greek Community Wronged

To the editor,

The editorial in last week's Archway asks us to ponder the question of whether the Greek Community at Bryant College portrays the "Wrong Image." Although everyone is entitled to an opinion regarding the impact of Greek Life on campus and it's image, I believe it is important to view the entire situation and realize the broader perspective of what Greek Life is about.

I don't agree that there are issues to be addressed within the Greek Community, but as the Advisor to fraternities and sororities at Bryant, I know that we are making progress towards building a better system and addressing concerns as they arise. No one would claim that Greeks are perfect, nor should they be. College is a time for growth and education for all students, Greek or not. Students will make mistakes and the most important part is that they learn from those mistakes and take action to ensure they do not repeat in the future.

The Greek system definitely provides members a safe environment to learn and practice their own style of management and leadership knowing that mistakes will happen and that a support system exists to help them. The Greek community at Bryant has come quite a ways from the system that existed 5-10 years ago. Change does not happen overnight and we are making tremendous strides in building a better system. Bryant now has a community of chapters that are all affiliated with national organization in an effort to provide chapters additional guidance and support. We have a Code of Standards, New Member Education Guidelines, Academic Standards, Scholastic Awards, Service Awards, and much more. Greeks are constantly working to better themselves and all the chapters at Bryant. It is also important to note that when issues arise with substantial evidence and cause appropriate action is taken. Chapters are not left to do as they please and the current leadership has done an outstanding job in working to implement positive change and accountability for the actions of everyone.

The Greeks do want to be leaders and to be leaders within other student organizations and all around campus. As their advisor, and a Greek myself, I truly believe in what Greek membership can and does provide our members. I am proud to work with all the Greek students at Bryant College. They are men and women committed to bettering themselves, serving their community, providing opportunities to develop leadership and business skills for their future, and building friendships that go much beyond their college years. If you are unfamiliar with Greek Life at Bryant, I would encourage you to see all the different aspects, meet numerous Greek students, participate in an activity, or come to our meetings on Tuesdays—then only can you truly decide for yourself what Greek Life is about and what their image is.

Sincerely,

Tanya D. McGinn
Assistant Director of Student Activities

PS: This is Lo ea y t 10 k at some of the mistakes that Greeks can make and overlook the positive contributions they make to Bryant College. Their service is unmatched by any organization and their commitment to scholarship is as well. Their willingness to support Bryant College activities is always appreciated by the Administration and other organizations and Greek members continue to be leaders within other student organizations and all around campus. As their advisor, and a Greek myself, I truly believe in what Greek membership can and does provide our members. I am proud to work with all the Greek students at Bryant College. They are men and women committed to bettering themselves, serving their community, providing opportunities to develop leadership and business skills for their future, and building friendships that go much beyond their college years. If you are unfamiliar with Greek Life at Bryant, I would encourage you to see all the different aspects, meet numerous Greek students, participate in an activity, or come to our meetings on Tuesdays—then only can you truly decide for yourself what Greek Life is about and what their image is.
Return to reason

David Dannarummo

Has anyone else noticed that society, in general, has been taking less and less credit for its downfalls than it should be taking? How often do you see in the news that the reason something had to kill an 11 year old woman was because a local police department did something very wrong? Isn't it just as likely that the reason the woman was killed was because there were just too many causes for the police department to have to deal with in that area?

In any case, the point of this is to point out that there are times when we need to look at ourselves and see what we can do to change a situation. It's not always easy, but it's important because if we don't, then what's the point of being here in the first place?

New beginnings and growing up

Gayle Zoloka

"The best part of waking up is Folders in your cup." We have all heard this famous jingle about a thousand times. Somehow, Folders has made early morning seem like a good thing. The same optimistic attitude is found in everyone at the start of the academic year. Every grade has a new beginning with a fresh start. As a senior, there are so many new things to look forward to: taking the most challenging courses, joining a new organization, enjoying newfound social benefits and having our first first day of high school is at the beginning of the school year? I don't know about you, but I'll never be the same again. People change so fast, and it seems like there are always new people in our lives. I can remember being so self-conscious about my looks, but now I see that it's just a part of growing up. It's not like there is any one person who I would want to be like. We are all unique, and that's what makes life interesting.

So, here's my advice for the last year of our education careers. We are adults that don't cry for Mom and Dad, make ourselves, or have fabulous haircuts. For the most part, we have done well for ourselves. Now, at the start of senior year, we need to plan for the future, keep up with classes, enjoy our friends as much as possible, and cherish every moment. We are adults and are finally ready to think about who and where we want to be come next May. Hey ... I feel like the Baker can prepare to move on, so can we.
Hello everyone in Bulldog country. I hope everyone had a productive week. It’s getting to be around that first quiz and test time, so we should be on our toes and ready. This week, the Patriot Battalion started to get their equipment issued to them, as I’m sure anyone who lives with a cadre knows due to the sudden lack of space. Cadets are issued such things as uniforms, both the dress uniform and the camouflage fatigue, a rock sack (backpack), canteen, compass, tent, sleeping bag, wet weather gear and a variety of high-speed equipment that allows them to perform their mission.

This coming week, all of the MSIs from the colleges in the Greater Providence area will be here at Bryant on Wednesday afternoon conducting Land Navigation. So if you see a phalanx of “High Speed” ROTC cadets maneuvering through the woods, don’t worry, the campus is not under attack. It’s just the future Army leaders fine-tuning and mastering the art of Land Navigation. We will be doing such training as map reading, locating terrain features, and studying all aspects of the use of compasses. These are all very important because when you are in battle and need to call for artillery fire on the enemy’s position, you want to make sure exactly where the artillery shells are going to land.

When the time comes, precision and attention to detail, though they may seem trivial, will be the deciding factors in whether your mission succeeds or fails.

LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLE OF THE WEEK: Build the Team.

Warfighting is a team activity, you must develop a team spirit among your subordinates that motivates them to go willingly and confidently into combat in a quick transition from peace to war. Your subordinates need confidence in your abilities to lead them and in their abilities to perform as members of a team. You must train and cross train your subordinates until they are confident in the team’s technical and tactical abilities. Your sub becomes a team only when your subordinates trust and respect you and each other as trained professionals and see the importance of their contributions to the unit.

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LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLE OF THE WEEK: Build the Team.

The question many students today are asking themselves: WHY STUDY ABROAD?

- Learn a Foreign Language: Intensive language study abroad provides a unique opportunity for exciting, improved communication skills and proficiency in a foreign language.
- Gain a Global Education: Studying abroad equips you to gain a global perspective on a subject valuable insights into how other people in different parts of the world work and live.
- Gain International Experience & Enhance Career Prospects: In a society which is becoming increasingly multicultural and international in scope, you’ll gain knowledge, experiences, and a competitive advantage that future employees will recognize.

LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLE OF THE WEEK: Build the Team.

The Artistic Association! Proud Sponsor of Surge The Literary Magazine

Meetings:
In the Bryant Center
Tuesdays
Room 2C
at 4:00 p.m.

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***THANK YOU***

THE ARCHWAY STAFF
Office of Career Services

is now forming a

Student Advisory Board

Applications are now being accepted from the undergraduate and MBA population who are interested in serving on an advisory board to the Office of Career Services. The Board will meet monthly throughout the academic year.

Here is an excellent opportunity to provide feedback and make suggestions regarding the programs and services that the Office of Career Services offers.

Applications are available in the Office of Career Services, second floor of the Unistructure. Completed applications are due by October 2.

1998 Actuarial Internships

Excellent summer internship opportunities will be presented on campus this fall.

Presentations: Sophomores and juniors are welcome to join seniors during the presentations that are being offered. Students must sign up in the Office of Career Services by October 10 if you plan to attend. Business dress is required.

Interviews: Resumes may be submitted for summer internship by October 10 at the internship desk. Selected candidates will be interviewed on-campus on dates stated below.

The Actuarial Binder, located at the Internship Desk in the Office of Career Services, provides details about the opportunities listed and more.

The Hartford Property and Casualty Division

Presentation: Thursday October 16

On-campus interviews: October 17

CIGNA - Summer

Presentation: Thursday, October 6

On-campus interviews: October 7

The Hartford

The Life Division

Presentation: Thursday, November 20

Room 346 6 pm

On-campus interviews: November 21

Reminder:

Be sure to attend a Mandatory Internship Orientation session in October or November, if you did not attend last spring. Session dates are listed on our webpage: www.bryant.edu/careers.

Questions? See Barbara Gregory or Dea Gormley, Office of Career Services.

1998 Internship Program

Sophomores and Juniors who wish to secure an internship this spring, Summer or Fall ‘98 must attend one of the following sessions:

Tuesday Oct. 7 9:00 am Rm 278
Wednesday Oct. 15 5:00 pm Rm 278
Monday Oct. 27 5:30 pm Rm 278
Tuesday Nov. 6 9:30 am Rm 278
Wednesday Nov. 12 12:30 pm Rm 278

The session will provide you with the requirements needed, procedures to follow, and resources available to help you secure an internship that will provide experience in a career field of interest!

Volunteers Needed for March of Dimes

Haunted House at the Arcade

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ROVING REPORTER

Question of the Week:
What do you think of the Greek Image at Bryant?

They do a lot of positive community service, but in the classroom they seem cliqueish.
Barbara Maraglia '98

The good that we do is downplayed, and people just focus on the negative.
Ivy Kusler '98

I'm unbiased, but I think they have both a good and negative aspect. They have good teamwork, but their individuality is questionable.
Greg Beaumier '00

They're very united, but so are all the other groups on campus, like ISO and Senate.
Juan Zuniga '99
Elaina Gonzalez '98

A great image. They work together as a team.
Jennifer Knowles '98

It's positive because they do a lot of community awareness activities.
David Zajchwsky '99
Accounting Association
Brad Weissman

Next Thursday, September 25 at 4:00 p.m. in the MRC Dining Hall in the Unistructure, the Accounting Association will be holding their first meeting of the 1997-1998 year. The first order of business will be registering all members for the MAC registration fee which is a one time fee and you will be covered for the both the Fall and Spring semesters. After this registration process is complete, a presentation will be conducted on Interviewing Skills, by a local Accounting professional. Topics to be covered include the proper dress, preparation, the interview itself, and some of the appropriate procedures to follow after you have been granted your interview. Also during this meeting we are encouraged to attend this first informative meeting of the year to see what everyone is doing, as we are looking forward to an exciting year, full of informative and beneficial meetings.

Beta Theta Pi
AJ Costello

As another week goes by, we would like to extend a warm welcome to Sig and Delta Zeta for a great time last Thursday and Friday. We would also like to thank everyone who showed up to the floor (Hall 2 Floor 1) for Monday nights to watch football, as it was another great week! This week marks the kickoff of our football season. As both our A and B teams have been practicing, everyone is hoping to make a name at this year with our veteran squads. If you are interested in candles, we will be holding a candle sale on Parents' and Family Weekend in the Bryant Center; just look for the table. We would like to mention an improvement in our risk management program; Monte and Veto are working on implementing a ID system as well as working on one that maybe the whole Greek community can use. Nice job to both of them. Lastly, we would all like to congratulate Petch for turning the big 19 last Thursday.

As this was another busy week, Petch had a present on his birthday where he returned this weekend. Mark scores a ten with his run on the Ship and Slide Wednesday night. Someone also managed to relieve themselves in Merlin and Stoos room. Lark is getting his sword out for Thursday night. Veto is lock in what it used to be. Petch will not be returning to the football field until his spyderpads arrive. The wifebeards did a number to the floor on Wednesday.

Friday was "Ian’s doing the Ra Sha Bash Boom Ba at he puts down his 18th."

The Bryant Players
Kelli Young

Everyone! The Parent’s Weekend play, You the Jury, is fully under way. Congratulations to all who got parts. Remember, we are The Bryant Players, not the Bryant Sing-
Commuter Connection
Christine COLLARD

Hello Commuter! Yes the rumor is true, Commuter week is finally upon us. The Commuter Connection has a lot of fun activities planned and we would like to invite everyone to join us. Commuter weeks starts September 29 and runs until October 5. Each day has a scheduled activity planned and we encourage everyone to participate. On Monday, Sept. 29, we will have a tattoo artist on the first floor of the Bryant Center. For all those people who waited in line for hours during spring weekend and didn’t get one, here is an opportunity for one now. On Tues., Sept. 30, we will have caricature on the first floor of the Bryant Center. And on Wed., Oct. 1, we will have sand art (take a guess at where that will be located...yes the first floor of the Bryant Center). All of these events are free, so don’t be a fool, take advantage of this great opportunity! On Thurs., Oct. 2, we will have Ed Regional and Mike in the South Dining Hall. For all of you who don’t know Ed, he is a really, really, funny comedian who will definitely make you laugh. The comedian is free and we encourage all commuters and residents to attend (yes, free!). And last but certainly not least, we will have junction night on Fri., Oct. 3 from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m. The night will consist of free food and music and it provides an excellent opportunity for commuters to get together.

Also, I want to remind everyone about commuter meeting every Monday at 11 a.m. The meeting are held on the second floor of the Bryant Center in meeting room 2b. If you have never attended a meeting before, I strongly encourage you to do so. Going to the meetings is a great way to learn about campus activities. And if you can’t attend the meeting, stop by the commuter desk in the Bryant Center and check us out. Hope to see everyone at the Commuter Week Activities.

Delta Chi
Joel Garasaki

I would like to start off by reminding everyone that next week Delta Chi will be holding our 2nd Annual Swing-A-Thon with Delta Zeta benefiting Perspectives and Gallaudet University for the Hearing Impaired. Please come down and support us.

While last week was full of welcomed alumni and visitors, this past week was full of unwelcome ones. As luck would have it, a Noble prank in the ass came up to the floor several times during the week. As for this week’s brother’s Neznaeth, Gau have a single now that Epic is off for Sweet Valley High. Joez left a big impression on the wall, and I don’t mean in Chinese. For the first time people were breaking staff and Goose wasn’t a part of it. Split hooked up this weekend, No, this is not a typographical error. With his grade in Visual Basic, Splittan may even fall behind of Short’s record setting GPA this semester. Who knows, maybe he will even earn in the Miss This week your program.

For anyone interested in Greek life step by floor anytime: Hall 3 Floor 2.

Quote of the Week: “Desperate times call for desperate measures... I’ll mix barley, wheat, and water...” – Dutch comedian

Tip of the Week: Always keep a drill handy on the floor. It’s the end of the semester (yes, free!). And last but not least, who can’t survive the day with a sandwich? If you were breaking staff up and took some very important furniture... Thanks again! I found out there is a new big man on campus-Tommy. Also Dupee recommends watching the sunrise in the social lounge. Nikki when you come down to get the good stuff? Let’s get regular!

This week is the first week for football and with the tackling drill put on Monday night by Torps I can safely say our team is as good as by the end of the week. I think you OK? One more thing before we go, KT is pumped up for the big surprise ahead of the week. One more thing before I go: speaking for the most of the Greeks we wish if you are going to write a column about us that you would have the captions to put your name on it. Later, KT Top Dog!

Delta Chi
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Hello everyone out there we hope you guys are doing well in school and making the good times roll. Hopefully everything is going well and you are doing good. We have a great article for the archway last week but for some reason the people who were supposed to put it in an it figured there was no room due the novel written by Smity! So Smity can we please try to keep it to a dull minimum unlike all of your weights. Anyway’s Thursday is where week is being open. The townhouses were in rare form and it was really kickin’. Speaking of kickin’ the WCW made an appearance in the journal on Friday, can it we all just get along! KT Top Dog

Thanks Beta for a great time on Thursday! Thanks Monte for the cold ones and for making sure we went out! Darwin and Gina did how many?? We had an unexpected guest to our party Thursday. Delta, we had an awesome time Friday night! No matter what we do always hang out with you guys! Hey Dana how about that Iced Tea? Becky, I can see you two are going to be a new freak-Dana! Dana who sings that song...no you don’t.

Congratulations to Kelly who had her 6 year anniversary with Curt over the weekend! Hey Lil’ Jen can you strike smoke and chew at the same time? Ann, Jill, Christine, and Lil’ Jen, the 400 club and Ashley! Use Aerosmith number 493 enter the room—Boofa Banger is ready! Jill, Meow Meow! Ann, you did what to a turtle and what does it mean? Hey Dana how about making sure that Dana thanks Hurt for dinner and everything else also on Thursday night! Hodor, I know I missed you like this tonight! Hey Mom you are going to Vegas right? All right well, you’re the best! Nick you were on fire Monday night! That’s it for this week! TKE, get ready for Pajama-Jama! Have a good one! Check ya later! Ivy

Theta Phi Alpha
Donna Marias

Hello Theta! Thanks Delta and KT for an awesome time this week. Hey Pepe you’ll always be my number one guy! We get together on a nightly basis and we just stand by. Toon Tunes were in effect at Phi Kap. Great job Sidney, you really made us proud. We saw a 参加 so much so 90210 night was a treat, just like the movies. Nicki feels like she is on her wedding day. Saturday night 100.3 was kicking around sound. Oh what a night. It’s not Major League’s A League of Their Own. Heidi try to stay on your feet, you too Kuzie. Glad to see Sedy got her ticket to Philly. Sedy thanks Chloe for coming to her rescue. Happy Birthday to Mona, Pearl, Pepper, and Shane (last week’s article didn’t make it, in case we can thank TKE for that). Glad to see you all had a good one. Saybelle thanks to all the people who passed by the M onday night party! And Fleetwood Mac is piercing some what a trend on the floor. Price and Proctor were into it and I know we were as well.

It was 3 a.m. It was so great. We can’t wait for Friday night, hope you’re ready for us. We’ll take care of the music. Hope you enjoy Friday night! Hey Phi Kap, “You don’t know what you got till it’s gone.” Lota Theta!
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**Top Performers of the Week**

**Spotlight: Mark McGwire**

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Athlete’s Corner: Janet Rooney, Women’s Volleyball

Gayle Zahnke
Assistant Sports Editor

Hometown: Braintree, Massachusetts
High School: Archbishop Williams High School
Number of Years Played Volleyball: Eight
Position: Outside Hitter/Middle Blocker

When and how did you start playing volleyball?
I started playing my freshman year of high school. My Dad introduced me to the sport, and it just went from there. When I wasn’t in my season, I was playing on a traveling team that played on the east coast, or I was improving my skills in camps during the summer. For me, volleyball was a year round sport.

How do you practice playing as a team?
It all starts off the court. We do different things together, such as team dinners the night before a game, road trips to the mall, or even catching a movie. On the court, we motivate each other to accomplish the “little” goals our coach sets for us. Playing volleyball as a team requires a lot of communication. During practice, we are constantly talking to each other, calling plays, reading the hit, and calling the ball. It is tiring and takes a lot of hard work, but that is what makes a good team.

What are the strengths of the team?
There are too many to name all of them. The biggest strength we have, though, is our senior setter, Jenn Carvalho. She is the hub of the team. She calls all the plays and motivates us—constantly—to do better.

What are your team and individual goals?
One team goal we have is to win the NE-10 Conference. Our long-term goal to play in the NCAA’s for our region. One goal I would like to accomplish is achieving 1,000 career kills. A long-term goal is to be Player of the Year for our conference.

How do you prepare to play against a specific team?
You can usually find me sitting in the gym before a game staring at the court and thinking through my hitting approach or passing form. Like any sport, you have to get a visual image of yourself playing to really get into it.

Can you explain what a typical tournament is like?
Rushed. Usually you barely have enough time to eat a bagel between matches. We usually play three to four teams in one day, and each match varies in length from one to three hours.

What is your favorite aspect of the game?
I guess it would be when someone on the team gets a hard kill or a good block and hearing the crowd go wild. Hearing the crowd gets the team fired up and motivates us to play harder.

When you are going up for a hit, what do you think and do to make it a kill?
What I’m thinking is, “Am I going to connect with the ball?” Timing is everything, and if you’re even a split second off, then your kill just isn’t a kill. I work hard to connect with the ball and communicate with Jenn as to where I am on the court.

What plays do you and the team try to run to beat the competition?
We run different offense plays such as quicks, slides, and back X’s. Every now and then, you’ll see the front row attackers switch places to confuse the other team. The majority of the time it works pretty well.

Do you ever have fun drills or activities during your practices?
For fun, we divide the team up by the different states we come from. There are usually three teams: Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. We compete against each other in practice to see which state comes out on top. This year Massachusetts won!! It’s all in good fun and gives us a break from the every day routine of drills and sprints.
A brain dead population

Gary Higgins

It was refreshing to hear Paul Duranmoro's recent article on stupidity and how contagious it seems to be today. However, my friend, we are opening a real can of worms with this topic because the cause and implications run deep.

Yes, complacent teachers and mediocre public schools are part of the problem - but only a part.

Certainly the addiction to mindless TV programming is a factor. You can't rule out the predominance of divorce and resulting family breakup. Overwhelmed single parents have a tough time just handing to essentials, let alone educating their kids. The two full time income households, often with excess hours, and resulting " latchkey kids" of my son's generation are a part of this puzzle. People mistakenly eat these kids today have everything so easy! I say, "wake up!" They don't come close to getting the upbringing we did back in dreamtime in the baby boom years.

Also, I would point a finger at today's self-centered "focus on yourself" philosophy. I'm afraid we've become a very lonely, disconnected society.

But go play a video game! Put on the head phones. Cheer on the Patriots. Don't worry.

As Rod Driver pointed out in a recent Providence Journal editorial, textbooks we used in the 1960's can't be used today at the same grade level. They're not obsolete - they're way too difficult. This constant "averaging" of test scores and dropping of standards comes with a price.

You will be stunned when you meet ordinary blue collar people from Europe, Japan, and the Middle East, both young and old. I dare say they have a much larger group of the basics and a much greater world view. I have known many Lebanese immigrants both here and in Canada. All of them spoke English and French fluently before arriving in North America. Japanese students I have known amazed me with their command of English and their eagerness to practice it with native English speakers. Few Americans know a second language unless they are from a non-English speaking household.

Ditto for geography - most Mid-Eastern and Orientals I've met learned not only their own geography but arrived here knowing the mountains and rivers of North America as well as the capitals of the 50 states and 10 provinces. How many do you know?

Simply because excellence in the classroom is demanded in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. Learning is a priority - not an afterthought.

It's all about awareness - general knowledge is important. Yes it is worthy to know where Argentina is on the map and know how to express yourself in correct, written English.

Computers are probably a wonderful thing, although I have little use for them. The problem is they are radically overused in this country.

You need to know how you got the answer. And I do not mean, "Oh, I brought it up on the screen." However, today's young people are not, of themselves, to blame, they are living the life they have been raised to know. Unfortunately, though, it is up to this generation to grasp this issue, for they are the ones most likely to pay the price of this problem.

So, go ahead, dare to think. Some will criticize you for it. But remember, a brain dead population is an easily manipulated one!

A snapshot of the Trinity Repertory Company's season

A Midsummer Night's Dream: September 5 - October 19

(press night: Sept. 10)

Having Our Say: October 3 - November 23

(press night: Oct. 6)

A Christmas Carol: November 12 - December 28

(press night: Nov. 25 & Dec. 2)

Adrian Hall Birthday Party - December 1

Fezziwig's Party - December 2

First in the Mirror special event at Rhode Island College - January 28

Peer Gyn: January 30 - March 8

(press night: Feb. 4)

The Second Annual Providence New Play Festival: January 30 - April 26

Pell Award event, Arthur Miller as Award Recipient: TBA

Mardi Grad event - February 23

Booked-in event: Astor the Eccentric - March 12 - 16

The Music Man: April 24 - June 7

(press night: April 29)

How I Learned to Drive: May 15 - June 28

(press night: May 20)

Top Movies: For the weekend of September 19 to September 21

Weekend summary: Los Angeles (AP) The comedy "In and Out" earned $15.3 million to lead the pack of full films opening nationwide, according to industry estimates Sunday.

The film stars Kevin Kline as a teacher whose life is turned upside down when a former student declares him to be a homosexual during a class in the 1960s. The ex-student becomes an AIDS patient and his family must learn to deal with his illness.

"In and Out" followed "L.A. Confidential," which has attracted rave reviews, opened with $5.5 million on only 769 screens for 4th place. Its per screen average of $7,152 was second only to the $7,568 reached by "In and Out." The star studded film was directed by Lawrence Kasdan and stars Kevin Spacey, Russell Crowe, and Kim Basinger.

"A Thousand Acres" was the fourth film to open in wide release. It finished behind "L.A. Confidential" with $3 million on 1,208 screens. The movie is an adaptation of Jane Smiley's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel about three sisters and their tempestuous relationship with each other and their father.