

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

2009 Oscar Winners

Best Picture - *Slumdog Millionaire*
Best Director - Danny Boyle for *Slumdog Millionaire*
Best Actor - Sean Penn in *Milk*
Best Actress - Kate Winslet in *The Reader*
Best Supporting Actor - Heath Ledger in *The Dark Knight* (posthumous)
Best Supporting Actress - Penelope Cruz in *Vicky Cristina Barcelona*
Best Animated Feature Film - *Wall-E*
Best Foreign Film - *Departures* (Japan)
Best Original Screenplay - Dustin Lance Black for *Milk*
Best Adapted Screenplay - Simon Beaufoy for *Slumdog Millionaire*
Best Documentary Feature - *Man On Wire*
Best Original Score - *Slumdog Millionaire*
Best Original Song - "Jai Ho" in *Slumdog Millionaire*
Best Film Editing - Chris Dickens for *Slumdog Millionaire*
Best Documentary: Short Subject - *Smile Pinki*
Best Cinematography - Anthony Dod Mantle for *Slumdog Millionaire*
Best Costume Design - Michael O'Connor for *The Duchess*
Best Sound Mixing - Ian Tapp, Richard Pryke, and Resul Pookutty for *Slumdog Millionaire*
Best Sound Editing - Richard King for *The Dark Knight*
Best Live Action Short Film - *Spielzeugland (Toyland)*
Best Animated Short Film - *La Maison de Petits Cubes*
Best Makeup - Greg Cannom for *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*
Best Art Direction - Donald Graham Burt, Victor J. Zolfo for *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*
Best Visual Effects - Eric Barba, Steve Preeg, Burt Dalton, Craig Barron for *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*

Heath Ledger wins posthumous Oscar for role as the Joker

award accepted by parents and sister on behalf of Ledger's 3-year-old daughter, Matilda

Kim Ledger:

"First of all, I have to say this is ever so humbling. Just being amongst such wonderful people, such a wonderful industry. Firstly, I'd like to thank the Academy for recognizing our son's amazing work, Warner Bros. and Christopher Nolan in particular, for allowing Heath the creative license to develop and explore this crazy Joker character. To Steve Alexander, Heath's mentor, special friend and agent for ten years. We love you, Steve."

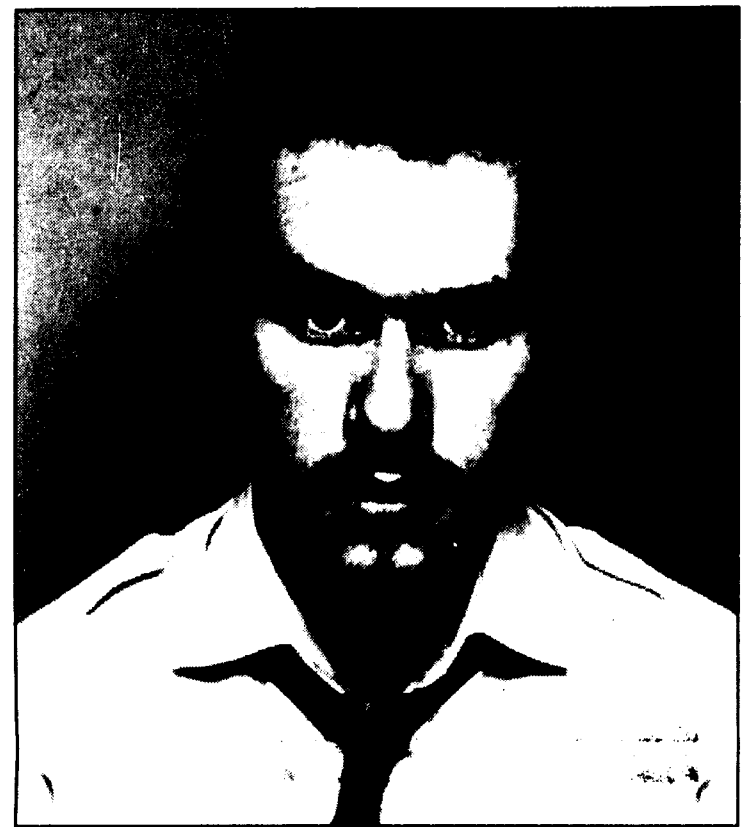
This award tonight would've humbly validated Heath's quiet determination to be truly accepted by you all here, his peers, within an industry he so loved. Thank you."

Sally Bell:

"Heath was such a compassionate and generous soul who added so much excitement and inspiration to our lives. We have been truly overwhelmed by the honor and respect being bestowed upon him with this award. Tonight, we are choosing to celebrate and be happy for what he has achieved."

Kate Ledger:

"Heath, we both knew what you had created in the Joker was extraordinarily special and had even talked about being here on this very day. We really wish you were, but we proudly accept this award on behalf of your beautiful Matilda. Thank you."



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Heath Ledger died last year on January 22. He leaves behind a young daughter, loving family, and memorable career.

Celebrity it-couple turns abusive: Behrend's reaction

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Penn State Behrend students are shocked over the incident involving A-list celebrities Chris Brown and Rihanna. Brown, the R&B vocalist who went from "Running it" in his hometown of Tappahannock, Virginia, to mega hip-hop star "Poppin," has been accused of assaulting his award winning unofficial girlfriend, Rihanna. The big question among many is: how did this squeaky clean image of a good guy who has got it all going for him go from boyfriend you want to bring home to momma to slapping around his woman? And worse, how do his fans feel?

Communication major Morgan Bruce thinks it's a shame. "I really like the two artists and thought they made a good couple. There are probably a lot of dark and hidden secrets behind this event and I really hope that everything can be resolved!"

The "it" couple, who have been compared to the Beyonce and Jay-Z of our time were out for the Clive Davis Pre-Grammy Awards Party in a rented silver Lamborghini and were then spotted stopped at a parking lot in a ritzy neighborhood in Los Angeles. A heated argument between the two escalated to Hancock Park when a witness dialed 911 after things got physical. Brown fled the scene and moments later turned himself into authorities on the eve of the Grammys, around the time he was supposed to be performing.

Junior communication major Colleen McKeown feels dis-

gusted by the incident and thinks Brown may "Kiss Kiss" his career goodbye. "Oh it sure will affect his career. Big time."

The 19 year-old dancing heartthrob is free after posting a \$50,000 bail after being booked for suspicion of making criminal threats. Rihanna was reported hospitalized for severe facial bruises and a recently leaked picture on TMZ.com displays "a face of a battered woman," apparently hers.

Online blogs on U.S. Weekly, MTV, and EOnline express student's feelings on the issue. Most

people expect Rihanna to stand up for women everywhere by making the example of moving on and taking a break from the relationship with a man who is "abusive." It is a mix of opinions whether or not they have Brown's back. Numerous big names in the biz such as Jay-Z, Kanye West, Ne-yo, and Bow Wow have announced their support towards one, the other, or both Brown and Rihanna, but some believe this will truly impact Brown's future career.

Bruce believes that, "As far as Chris Brown's career, it is a yes

and no. He will still have his die-hard fans, but they probably lost a lot of respect for him."

Already, Wrigley Gum has pulled Brown's commercial and advertising deal for the company. Various radio stations have even stopped playing Brown's music altogether.

Star 104 could not say anything about the incident, although Rihanna and Brown's music have been played since.

Behrend students say this won't affect their listening. Sophomore accounting major Andie Beveridge says, "No, I will still listen

to their music and probably not even realize what happened between them." Bruce was quick to respond, "Not at all. This event in particular will not stop me from listening to them. Abuse happens every single day, and we don't hear about it; at least to this extent. I definitely think that it's been blown out of proportion because they are celebrities. I don't understand why some radio stations have stopped playing his music, and I think that is one aspect that will hurt his career slightly. I'm sure he lost a lot of fans already."

Brown issued a brief statement in response to the incident a week later: "Words cannot begin to express how sorry and saddened I am over what transpired. I am seeking the counseling of my pastor, my mother and other loved ones and I am committed, with God's help, to emerging a better person."

Rihanna's reps issued this statement on Feb 20: "At the request of the authorities, Rihanna is not commenting about the incident involving Chris Brown. She wants to assure her fans that she remains strong, is doing well, and deeply appreciates the outpouring of support she has received during this difficult time."

Sophomore marketing major, Chelsea Lecker predicts, "He won't get charged for anything," while Bruce thinks, "Chris Brown will be proven guilty and some twisted story that no one knew about will surface."

Many students are skeptical about the incident and the young celebrity's careers, but it is Award show season and from the tube to

the Internet, it is hard to forget a night that was supposed to be one both artists were to shine at. Both were scheduled to perform and were nominated for awards, but neither won. The real winning side in this would be in the advent of maintaining their careers.

As student fans wait for the truth, MTV has televised a forum about the incident and abusive relationships. Abuse may not stretch far from home for many. According to the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence website, domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women between the ages of 15 and 44 in the United States. If you are in an abusive relationship or know of others that are abused, you can call a 24 hour emotional support hotline at 453-5656 or visit the Penn State Behrend Sexual Assault Awareness page under Student Life for other options.



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Chris Brown and Rihanna share an evening together. As far as the media and fans are concerned, the two still plan on remaining together.



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Rap artist Chris Brown hides his face after posting bail