The Bryant experience

What it’s really like to be a Bryant Bulldog

By Allie Miller
Staff Writer

As an Ambassador, I can say how truly excited Bryant is to have prospective students and their families visit campus this weekend for the Admitted Student Open House. The decision days of senior year are scary and stressful, but at Bryant we hope to help make that decision a little easier.

To share first-hand what the experience is like, some very happy Bryant Bulldogs wrote into The Archway to share with you what their own Bryant experience has been like. Bryant is an outstanding institution based on statistics alone, but no stat can speak to the Bryant experience for students; only Bulldogs can.

Allie Miller

Bryant became my home by chance. Although I am very organized and love to plan, I kind of floated through the decision process. I didn’t have any special interest in Bryant throughout senior year; I only applied because I wanted to send another application to a local school. I didn’t even take the time to visit Bryant until the Admitted Student Open House, which is probably why the event is so special and exciting to me. For the first time throughout the decision process, I fell in love. It instantly clicked; I sent in my deposit that afternoon.

And despite the fact that I made my decision quickly without a lot of thought, I know that I made the best decision of my life that April afternoon. There are so many opportunities and experiences that are unique to Bryant. I have considered my time here to be that of sheer privilege.

In the less than two years that I have been a Bryant Bulldog I have been involved in The Archway, Student Ambassadors, and my sorority Alpha Omicron Pi. I have been able to work on campus as a writing tutor and a student assistant in the President’s Office. I truly believe that all of these incredible and truly unique opportunities have been granted to me because at Bryant I have been comfortable and supported enough to just be myself.

I love to say that at Bryant I live in a world full of open gates. I honestly feel that Bryant has been able to give me limitless opportunities that I would never find elsewhere. I hope that all of the visiting students are able to find a collegiate home that allows them to feel as special and supported as Bryant has made me.

Angela D’Amelio

I began my college search the summer before my junior year. My mom suggested I tour Bryant because I wanted to be an accounting major. I have never heard of it before, I was reluctant to visit. However, once I got to campus, I fell in love. Walking around, I could actually picture myself as a college student for the first time. For the next two years, I toured numerous schools but none of them lived up to Bryant to me. Everything about it was perfect for me – the beautiful campus, the size, the accounting program, and all the ways I could get involved.

After being at Bryant for the past three years, I’ve managed to fall even more in love with it. From getting my dream internship, to getting my dream major, to going to Italy as part of the Sophomore International Experience.

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BI User Group hits Bryant campus

By Molly Funk
Editorial Assistant & News Editor

It is a chapter of an international support group called PASS which consists of hundreds of chapters worldwide. They hold technical conferences on all parts of database analytics and reporting. Our chapter, which meets each month at Bryant, focuses on business intelligence which includes cloud technology, big data, non SQL data storage, reporting, and analytics. Although Microsoft is in the name, gone are the days when one vendor can do it all and Microsoft has adopted a number of open source and proprietary vendors. Members include senior professionals and managers from many employers in the region, including Fidelity, FM Global, and Microsoft. We manage the group on a site called Meetup.com, the link is: http://www.meetup.com/The-RI-Microsoft-BIUG/. Students are welcome to join. It is free.

Funk: What do you see Bryant students gaining from this group?

The classroom provides the theory and some basic skills. The BI group meetings provide insight into what businesses are actually doing and the challenges they face. It’s not all what’s publicized by the media. Information needs include operational and tactical reporting, market analysis, business dashboards; you name it. Businesses are working harder than ever to tap the resource of their data to gain an advantage in the marketplace. Meanwhile, technology is rapidly advancing to meet these needs, and it is critical for students and professionals to keep up.

Using and analyzing data is no longer just for IT professionals. The trend is towards all areas of the business to support planning through reporting and analytics. Marketing is the fastest growing segment, but finance, accounting and operations are growing in this area as well. To be unprepared to perform data analysis is to be severely disadvantaged in the job market.

Networking is a key component to career success. Attending the group’s meetings provides a great opportunity to meet with senior people in industry which can lead to opportunities directly and indirectly.
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Rubio next Republican candidate?

By George Smith 
Contributing Writer

With the 2016 presidential election quickly approaching, with two candidates already declaring their candidacy (Ted Cruz and Rand Paul of the Republican Party), and Hillary Clinton all but declaring her bid for the Democratic Party, we are all patiently waiting for the next declaration. April 13th, 2015 is the day to watch as Marco Rubio, a senator from the state of Florida, is going to announce his decision whether or not to run as a Republican for President.

Marco Rubio, a Cuban-American born in Miami, Florida to two Cuban immigrants, has established himself as a favorite to emerge as the Republican Party’s nomination. At the young age of 43, Rubio is known for his charismatic speaking style as he has won the hearts of the average American through his strong ties to the middle class. Rubio is a first generation American. His father was a bartender and his mother was a maid, so he has policies in place to enhance middle class job wages and help cut the college tuition prices. Middle class Americans have already begun to back the ideas of this relatable candidate.

Marco Rubio, while winning a senate seat in 2011, really burst onto the scene in 2012 with intense support of the Republican Party nominee Mitt Romney. Throughout

and entrepreneurial knowledge forward for Bryant entrepreneurs through the establishment of the Jack W. Goss Prize in Entrepreneurship. MIT’s Bill Aulet, Managing Director of the Martin Trust Center for MIT Entrepreneurship, believes this $6 million in funding for his companies and created hundreds of millions more in market value for those firms. And he spends countless hours mentoring student entrepreneurs as well! Attending his keynote will benefit anyone with an interest in how to apply innovative thinking and entrepreneurial spirit to succeed with any endeavor.

MIT and Bryant were the first universities to receive funding from the Anne Goss Foundation for their entrepreneurial programs. In its first year on campus, the Goss Prize is helping fourteen student entrepreneurs advance their start-up interests, either through funding a milestone that their start-up needs to achieve or through enabling them to enhance their entrepreneurial skills by attending a workshop or conference.

The Anne Goss Foundation was established by Anne Goss and her late husband, Jackson, to support student entrepreneurs as they move their entrepreneurial dreams forward. Jackson was a highly successful investment manager. As president of Investor Mortgage Insurance, he helped grow the firm into a $6 billion company. Jack believed that having the ability to learn through practical experiences produces well-prepared entrepreneurs who will be able to create greater economic wealth, benefiting all citizens of the world. The Foundation’s gift to Bryant facilitates that learning for well deserving Bryant entrepreneurs.

Interested in getting involved with entrepreneurship on campus? If you want to become more aware of what it means to be an entrepreneur, start attending CEO’s weekly meetings and listen to the fabulous speakers that come to share their experiences. CEO meetings are held on Monday’s 9:30am in Student Center 103.2 in Room 2C.

Have an event coming up? Tell us about it!

Krupp Korner
Top 10 Research Tips and Tricks: Part II
By Rachael Juskuv 
Public Services Librarian

Again, your eyes wander towards the “Krupp Korner,” a veritable gem amongst all the wide-ranging information you read each week in the notable Archway student newspaper. If you didn’t read the first five tips to help you with your research, shame on you! Go find the article in the Archway’s online site (or look for last week’s newspaper) and read the first five tips. You won’t be able to call yourself a “Research Explorer” unless you can collect and remember all 10 tips. (And we all know that title is just as prestigious as Mr. Bryant.)

So we continue the countdown...

5. Use the library’s handy and efficient research study guides. Are you investigating an unfamiliar field? Maybe you are a Finance student that has to take a Psychology class and you have no idea where to start. We’ve already gathered all the information you need to guide you to the perfect database. You can access and see each resource, with well-written descriptions on our library webpage. This study guide also links you to websites and books, so you can take a look at every possible avenue of research that’s there for you.

4. Do you need some raw survey data? Do you want to survey people to explore your research topic? Use the Qualtrics Survey Maker found at bryant-qualtrics.com. Making a survey is super exciting (it really is!) and you can tailor it to be as long or as short as you need. Post the link on Facebook, to get a higher amount of responses or send the link to your grandma and she can forward it to everyone that she can think of, thus expanding your research group.

3. Beware of plagiarism! Remember to understand what plagiarism is. The best example that explains plagiarism is this definition from the Indiana University Writing Tutorial Services.

To avoid plagiarism, you must give credit whenever you use:
• another person’s idea, opinion, or theory;
• any facts, statistics, graphs, drawings—any pieces of information—that are not common knowledge;
• quotations of another person’s actual spoken or written words;
• a paraphrase of another person’s spoken or written words.


2. Which leads us into the next topic; you need to understand how to cite your resources. The library webpage (which you can view from any electronic device) has pre-made resources that highlight the different citation styles and you show all the ways that you can cite. Many of the databases also have pre-made citations included with the articles you find. Of course, you can always ask the librarians or ACE writing center as well.

1. Don’t be afraid to ask EVERYONE your questions. Your professor can help to clarify what you are looking for. Do some research and check with the professor to verify that’s the idea you wanted you to find. Ask the librarians here, (if you haven’t gotten that idea out of these last two articles, I’m not sure if you are getting our point) we would love to bat an idea back and forth with you to really make sure you get every bit of information you need. Congratulations! You now have expert information on researching and can call yourself a Research Explorer. Please celebrate appropriately.
to joining Greek life as a sister of Alpha Omicron Pi, I have gotten everything I wanted out of a college experience and more! I have met some of the best friends I could ever ask for, I have gotten to participate in philanthropy and community service projects, and I have been able to come out of my shell and become a leader. Bryant is truly my home and everyone on campus is my family; I wouldn’t trade my time here for the world!

Abdullah Al Abdulmoshen

I am a student who came all the way from Kuwait to fulfill my dream of becoming an entrepreneur. The great aspect that led me to pick Bryant was the fact that I have never been seen as an invisible shadow walking around campus. I was always recognized and was able to create life-long connections. Throughout my four year adventure, Bryant has been able to show me the true meaning of diversity. I have been a part of many families within this campus, and have also been granted the gift of knowledge and resources to start my own business back in Kuwait in June 2013.

I am a resident assistant, the captain of the tennis team, an employee at the Fisher Student Center, and on top of all that, I was still able to create memories and live the best four years of my life. I have been a scene leader at the L21 multicultural dance show, and I spoke in events such as the 19th annual Interfaith Breakfast and festival of lights. Teaching you how to manage your time and become a well-rounded person is what Bryant strives for.

You will have faculty who are there for you, you will have friends who have your back, and you will have two wonderful people who will act as your parents away from home, Mr. and Mrs. Machlery: It is a small community which I will forever call my family on the other side of the world.

Bryant continues to grow, as do the opportunities that it offers. I could not have been any more prepared than I am today for the next big step in my life. This message to Bryant University is 100 percent pure and straight from the heart, and it is the least I can do for Bryant helping me become the man I am today.

Elena Freedman

Bryant has given me more opportunities than I could have imagined. The small class sizes, variety of activities offered on campus, and opportunities given by the Amica Career Center have allowed me to change and grow so much over the past three years. My freshman year, I was shy and reserved since I did not know a single person at this campus prior to orientation. Now as a junior, I am much more confident and sociable than I was in the past. I am now the president of G.A.M.M.A., an organization on campus, and the vice president of my sorority, AOII. These are just a few examples of the many activities that Bryant offers.

Other than all of the opportunities offered here, my favorite thing about Bryant is the traditions. I love how every student knows to walk around the archway, not under it. I love how everyone looks forward to the Festival of Lights and the lighting of the Christmas tree and menorah outside of Fisher during the holiday season. Bryant is my home away from home, and I couldn’t imagine attending a school where the community didn’t feel like family.

Another plane crash leaves the world in shock. Germanwings Flight 9525 crashed into the French Alps on the morning of March 24, killing all 150 passengers on board. New details continue to emerge as investigators desperately try to piece together the evidence to find out what happened to cause this tragedy.

The information that has been released confirmed that this was intentional and appears to be the actions of the co-pilot, 27 year old Andreas Lubitz, who locked the pilot, Patrick Sondenheimer, 34, out of the cockpit after he went to use the restroom. He then set the plane’s autopilot to descend to 100 feet and even manually sped up the decline, as stated by CNN’s article “Black box shows co-pilot Andreas Lubitz sped up descent”. Andreas Lubitz, who, according to another CNN article “Germanwings plane crashed: What we know so far”, may have been suffering from mental health problems.

CNN also explains that investigators discovered torn up medical leave notes in Lubitz’s apartment, including one for the day of the crash. Even more disturbing was that Lubitz had recently researched suicide methods and cockpit door security on the internet, according to CNN’s article.

As investigators look for answers, the most chilling and informative source comes from the black box which captured audio from the cockpit. CNN’s article “German newspaper releases timeline of Germanwings flight before crash” translated the German newspaper Bild to reveal the findings. The black box recorded that Sondenheimer told co-pilot Lubitz that he did not get a chance to use the bathroom prior to takeoff. Once the plane reached cruising altitude, the co-pilot, Lubitz, badgered the pilot to go relieve himself at any time. The report also described the sound of a chair being pushed back and the captain stating “You can take over.” Shortly after, radar detected that the plane started to descend. Next, there was banging heard as the pilot begged Lubitz to let him in. Screaming from the passengers was also picked up. Then an alarming saying “Terrrain—pull up” was recorded with the pilot screaming “Open the damn door”. At 10:38, Lubitz’s breathing could still be heard according to Bild’s report. Investigators believe that they heard the plane’s right wing scrape a mountaintop two minutes later and screams could be heard one final time.

The world grieves as multiple countries were impacted by this tragedy. The captain of the plane, Patrick Sondenheimer, was married with a 3-year-old son and 6 year-old daughter. According to “Who was Patrick Sondenheimer; the captain of Germanwings Flight 9525?” from CNN, his grandmother stated that “He deserves the German Medal of Honor for his heroic attempt to break into the cockpit.” Social media is also reacting and honoring the captain as a hero who tried to save the flight. Other victims of the crash include an Iranian sports journalist, a group of students from a German town returning home from a school trip, two successful German opera singers, and an American mother and daughter from Virginia.

The question now is how to prevent this from occurring again. Lufthansa, the parent company of Germanwings, has changed its rules following the crash to ensure that two crew members are in the cockpit at all times and many other airlines have taken similar steps, CNN reported. The ability to lock the cockpit door from the inside was a security measure put in place after the attacks on 9/11.

However, The Telegraph reported in the article “Dutch pilot predicted French Alps crash” that just a few weeks prior to the Germanwings crash, a Dutch pilot, Jan Cochert, wrote “I hope I never find myself in a situation where I go to the toilet and return to find a cockpit door that won’t open.” He explained that the 9/11 security measures put in place could also be used against a plane’s captain. That situation, sadly, is exactly what occurred in this tragedy.

Want to get involved in The Archway? Come to the Fisher Student Center room 3 Mondays at 5:30pm!
**Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame**

By John Patterson
Contribution Writer

The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass. is a 40,000 square foot sports museum dedicated to the game of basketball. The Hall of Fame recognizes all levels of basketball (youth, high school, collegiate and professional) and includes both men and women.

The Hall of Fame is there, simply to honor and celebrate basketball’s greatest moments and people. It is located in Springfield, Mass. because it was on the campus of Springfield College where James Naismith invented the game of basketball in 1891. The museum attracted almost 235,000 visitors last year and looks to surpass that in 2015.

The Basketball Hall of Fame serves as the sport’s most complete library in addition to promoting and preserving the history of basketball. A visit to the museum will include hundreds of interactive exhibits that share the spotlight with skill challenges, live clinics, and contests. And of course, there is enough basketball history to impress the most avid fan.

The museum is “set in the round” and has three different levels. My favorite exhibit is Center Court where you try your skills at shooting basketballs at different types and sizes of baskets, including a peach basket (what Dr. Naismith used to invent the game.) One could spend hours shooting and working up a sweat. The museum also has a playing court where throughout the day they run different contests, like a shooting competition. It is not uncommon to visit the Hall of Fame and see a live basketball game being played. It is a pretty amazing place that any sports fan should visit.

The museum has a Hall of Fame Shop where you can buy everything from a t-shirt to autographed memorabilia. The Hall of Fame complex is surrounded by restaurants ranging from McDonald’s to the very sophisticated Max’s Tavern (high-end five star restaurant), and in the complex is a hotel, which allows easy walking access to the building. It is easy for a family to make a full day of visiting the museum. Admission is $21/adults, $17/seniors (ages 65 and over), $15/youths (ages 5 to 15) and children (4 and under) are free. To me, those prices are a bit high, but there are so many different coupon opportunities out there that one would be foolish to pay full price. I know...
Silicon Valley entrepreneurs launch Washington think tank

By Andrea Chang

MCT Campus

Silicon Valley is becoming more involved in Washington. On Tuesday, a number of high-profile tech entrepreneurs launched the Economic Innovation Group, an ideas laboratory and advocacy organization dedicated to building a more entrepreneurial and innovative U.S. economy.

The group said it came together because members felt the recovery from the Great Recession was not as strong as it should be, and that the entrepreneurs and the investors that are “at the cutting edge of our economy” are not at the table for economic policy debates. They hope to foster broad-based economic growth and revitalization through new public policy solutions.

“EIG brings entrepreneurs, policy experts and investors to the table to explore new solutions, and then works alongside policymakers to identify opportunities for bipartisan cooperation, build coalitions, engage private sector allies, and turn good ideas into successful legislation,” the group said in a statement Tuesday.

Its leadership includes policy experts, start-up founders, investors and academics.

Technology sector members include tech investor Ron Conway of SV Angel, Napster co-founder Sean Parker and Dana Settle of Los Angeles venture capital firm Greylock Partners.

“It’s time for those of us in the tech community to look beyond the borders of Silicon Valley, and to think long term about solutions to broader national challenges,” Parker said. “Our approach to public policy should leverage the lessons we learned as technology entrepreneurs and investors: take big risks, seek out innovative solutions, and don’t shy away from big problems.”

Priorities include finding new ways to drive private sector investment to economically distressed communities; promoting new business formation, modernizing the nation’s infrastructure and tackling the skills gap that could hamper the country’s workforce in a global economy.

By Josh Hynes

Contributing Writer

Walmart has over 11,000 stores that are located in 27 countries around the world. In the United States alone Walmart employs over 2.1 million people. Recently this year the big box giant has decided that it is going to increase spending designated to create a more efficient company in the future. According to the Huffington Post, one billion dollars would be used to increase employee’s pay and also their training program. The company has paid employees low wages because it has the power to do so. Why are they changing their ways now? Is it because they want to help the employees or themselves?

A Forbes article stated that Walmart had a net income of over $17 billion this year, and many previous years were similar. This net income is enough to increase hourly employee rates substantially. However in order to keep prices on items low it is important to companies such as Walmart to keep employee hourly rates low. This, however, is changing after big box stores noticed declines in their performance.

The Huffington Post explains how The American Customer Satisfaction Index rates department stores and how Walmart realized that increase. Walmart increased employee wages because customers are less likely to find the items they need and want. This situation is more of a problem if employees are not trained and willing to help. Happy customers spend more money, happy employee’s help makes customers happy.

A Huffington Post article on Marshal Fisher, a professor at Wharton, shows a study on the effects of helpful and knowledgeable employees. As expected, when customers are assisted by an employee who is polite and helpful, the sales increase. Walmart realized that this is how they would increase sales for their stores to take them back to the top. There is a specific relation between the pay of employees and the sales. When Walmart announced that they were going to increase employees’ pay, it appeared as if they were doing it for the workers. However the employees were not the main focus. Due to numbers not increasing as much as they had expected Walmart knew that something had to be done and the solution they came up with was a plan that would cause a chain reaction. Employees would be trained better so that they are able to assist customers more efficiently, and they also would be happier due to the fact that they were being paid a higher wage.

Although the employees are going to benefit from the increase in hourly wages, they were not the main priority for the raise. The main reason was to increase sales for the company, something that we all have to understand. Giants like Walmart are responsible for increasing their sales and revenue numbers each year. The solution that was created by Walmart should be considered a win for all the company, employees, and customers. Employees will now have a higher pay which will then cause sales to go up because they are well staffed, happier, and have experience to help customers. Customers will now be able to be helped by well trained employees and they will also be happier. When both customers and employees of Walmart are happy the company will benefit.
Bryant baseball sweeps doubleheader

By Mark Gallant
Staff Writer

The Bulldogs baseball squad continued their hot play on Friday, sweeping a doubleheader against two Philadelphia-area foes. Playing on Saint Joseph's campus in Merion Station, the Bulldogs defeated the St. Joe's Hawks in game one 13-8 and beat Villanova 6-0 on the same field just hours later. The team, led by third-year coach Steve Pianelli, are now 17-6 on the year and 6-0 in the NEC.

The Bulldogs jumped out to an early lead in game one, scoring two runs in the first and three in the second. However, the Hawks, led by Jay McAllister's home run, battled back to trail 8-6 after seven innings. However, the Bulldogs' defense held in the eighth and ninth innings to close out the win. Peter Tandura led the Red Sox that evening with two runs batted in, while pitcher Ben Callihan was solid on the mound, allowing just one run on six hits and striking out six in seven innings of work.

Game two saw the Bulldogs take control early, scoring five runs in the second inning to take a 6-0 lead. The Bulldogs added two more in the seventh to put the game out of reach. Pianelli took the victory on the mound, allowing just a single run on five hits and striking out four in seven innings.

The Bulldogs are now 11-0 in NEC play and will look to continue their dominance in the conference as they prepare to face the University of Pennsylvania next week.

Red Sox season preview

By Pat Curran
Staff Writer

Free agent signings Pablo Sandoval and Hanley Ramirez should both hit around 20 home runs and hover around .285 and drive in about 80 runs each. Look for a huge season from franchise player David Ortiz, who will hit second and be the Red Sox's cleanup hitter. Ortiz has hit over .300 in each of the last three seasons and has a career batting average over .300.

The lineup the Red Sox put on the field in 2014 was unacceptable. It relied too much on young unproven players and it back-fired big time. They put too much stock in young players like Will Middlebrooks, the shortstop Jackie Bradley Jr., and shortstop of the future Xander Bogaerts. It led to a measly 71 wins. Their lineup over the course of the season finished eleventh in the American League in hits and thirteenth in home runs, two finishes that are simply unacceptable for the heavy-spending Boston Red Sox.

Starting Lineup:

- David Ortiz: Leadoff hitter, left field. Ortiz is the heart of the Red Sox lineup. He has hit over .300 in each of the last three seasons and has a career batting average over .300. Ortiz is a six-time All-Star and has won four World Series championships.
- Dustin Pedroia: Second baseman. Pedroia is a six-time All-Star and has won three World Series championships. He is a solid hitter, fielder, and baserunner.
- Daniel Nava: Center fielder. Nava is an experienced hitter and fielder. He hit .270 with nine home runs and 57 RBI in 2013 for the Red Sox.
- Allen Craig: Outfielder. Craig is a career .290 hitter with 100 home runs and 322 RBI in 229 games. He is a solid hitter and fielder.
- Brock Holt: Outfielder. Holt is a solid hitter and fielder. He hit .309 with 10 home runs and 59 RBI in 2013 for the Red Sox.
- Shane Victorino: Right fielder. Victorino is a solid hitter and fielder. He hit .268 with 13 home runs and 51 RBI in 2013 for the Red Sox.
- Xander Bogaerts: Shortstop. Bogaerts is a career .289 hitter with 30 home runs and 100 RBI in 2013 for the Red Sox.

Bench:

- Daniel Nava: Utility player. Nava is a solid hitter and fielder. He hit .270 with nine home runs and 57 RBI in 2013 for the Red Sox.
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The starting rotation will consist of Clay Buchholz, John Lackey, Jon Lester, and Jake Peavy. Buchholz is a career 3.66 ERA pitcher with 115 wins and 1,300 strikeouts. Lackey is a career 3.53 ERA pitcher with 140 wins and 1,200 strikeouts. Lester is a career 3.11 ERA pitcher with 111 wins and 571 strikeouts. Peavy is a career 3.31 ERA pitcher with 101 wins and 670 strikeouts.

The bullpen will be led by Koji Uehara, Craig Breslow, and Joel Hanigan. Uehara is a career 2.56 ERA reliever with 105 saves and 204 strikeouts. Breslow is a career 3.16 ERA reliever with 101 saves and 207 strikeouts. Hanigan is a career 3.63 ERA reliever with 86 saves and 237 strikeouts.

The Red Sox have a strong season preview and are expected to win the American League East and make the playoffs. They have a strong starting rotation, a strong bullpen, and a strong offense. They are expected to win over 100 games and make the playoffs.

End of the Hernandez trial is near

By Kaitlyn Graham
Sports Editor

Aaron Hernandez is being charged with three accounts of first degree murder (ABC News)

As the closing statements come to a end Tuesday in the Aaron Hernandez murder trial, the buzz about the impending verdict is reaching its peak.

Charged with first degree murder in August 2013, Hernandez has been waiting, along with most of New England, to see what the jury will decide of his fate. Since it was first revealed that the Patriot’s tight end was possibly involved in the murder of three men in the past few years, the Patriot’s football organization has done a good job preserving the connection between the team and Hernandez, as well as making clear that they were unaware of the actions that Hernandez is being charged with.

The trial has been long and hard on both the prosecution and defense, including over 130 witnesses and lasting across the expanse of two months. Witnesses have include people from the Patriot’s organization such as Kraft and Brian McDonough (one of the team’s trainers), as well as psychologists and forensic experts who analyzed the data found at different crime scenes.

While the prosecution took over a month to bring all their witnesses to the stand, the defense attorney for Hernandez called only three witnesses, bringing their defense case to an end after just one day.

The defense argument centers on the fact that the evidence may point to Hernandez being at the scene of the crime, but not actually committing the murders he is accused of. One of the three witnesses called by the defense included a Tufts medical expert who addressed the prosecution’s accusation that the use of PCP could have added to Hernandez’s actions in June of 2013. The expert argued that his body was broken down. The prosecution’s case relies heavily on evidence from surveillance cameras both around Hernandez’s home, near the scene of the crime, as well as through texts and phone calls in Hernandez’s history. The evidence of Hernandez’s connection to the murders is definitely prominent, but the question lies in if the murders were actually committed by Hernandez, or his two friends, who are on trial separately.

Closing arguments came to a close on Tuesday April 7th, and the final decision will be made by the jury members, who were reminded to ignore the outside buzz about the trial from the press and public. A decision on the case is expected in the next few days, but it is hard to tell how long it will take the jury to come to a decision.
Duke wins fifth NCAA title

By Chris Dufresne

MCT Campus

So much for crafty veterans, experience and upperclassmen better handling pressure in crunch time. Duke’s diaper dandy array of freshmen outplayed longer-toothed Wisconsin on Monday night to earn a 68-63 win and the school’s fifth NCAA championship.

Whoever said youth was wasted on the young should have been among the crowd of 71,149 at Lucas Oil Stadium.

“I’ve never had a group that’s had this chemistry,” said senior guard Quinn Cook. “They came in so humble, it was all about the team.”

The kids were up to the challenge and oblivious to the seemingly unlikely player to pull his team out of a rut.

Freshman guard Tyus Jones led the team with 23 points, including the knockout three-pointer in the final 90 seconds.

Freshman guard Grayson Allen, who entered the game averaging four points a game, came off the bench to score 16 points, including the knockout three-pointer in the final 90 seconds.

“Grayson put us on his back,” Krzyzewski said. “We started to make it happen.”

Allen, though, scored Duke’s next eight points to keep Wisconsin at a nine-point deficit with 13:17 left and deliver a magnanimous burst of energy to Duke’s lineup.

It might have seemed like pooling together a gift for grandpa if not for the fact the 68-year-old Krzyzewski was saddled with foul trouble.

He turned first to freshman backup guard Allen, a seemingly unlikely player to pull his team out of a rut.

Allen delivered a burst of energy to Duke’s lineup and quickly started beating Wisconsin’s guards off the dribble.

“Grayson put us on our back,” Krzyzewski said. “We went to him exclusively because of his ability to drive and penetrate.”

Allen said playing against his talented teammates allowed him to step into an important moment.

“They’ve been supporting me all year,” he said.

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“I saw some openings to drive,” he said.

Krzyzewski said, with two stars on the bench, he just kept throwing lineups out on the court.

“I got some gritty guys there in, in combinations,” he said.

Duke bought time and got foul-plagued Okafor and Winslow back in the game for the closing minutes.

Okafor scored two key baskets late to bump a one-point lead to five, at 63-58, with 2:10 left.

Jones then hit a three-pointer with 1:22 left that seemed to put the game out of reach.

Wisconsin rallied in the final minute but couldn’t complete the mission. The Badgers missed five of their last 19 shots.

Dekker, who has been Wisconsin’s hottest-shooting player in the tournament, had one of those nights. He finished with 12 points but missed all six of his three-point attempts.

Dekker was still a factor inside, contributing three putback baskets in the first half. One was a beautiful reverse layup off a teammate’s missed shot.

“I’m disappointed in myself for my performance tonight,” Dekker said. “I’ve never been closer to a group of guys, and this one hurts.”

The magic of last week’s West Regional win in Los Angeles, and Saturday’s win over Kentucky, went missing. Also missing was some of the swagger.

Wisconsin coach Bo Ryan said afterward he never felt comfortable Monday night, even with a nine-point lead.

“Teams make runs, it happens all the time,” he said.

It seemed for a while that sophomore guard Bronson Koenig, one of Wisconsin’s unsung players, might end up the king of Madison’s county.

Koenig, who did not have a first-half field goal, opened the second half with a corner three and then hit two more baskets to help push Wisconsin’s lead to nine.

It was Allen of Duke, though, who pushed Koenig off the front page.

Kaminsky had 21 points to lead Wisconsin, which finished the year 36-4. The Badgers wanted so badly for it to be 37-3.

In the end, though, last year’s experience in the Final Four meant nothing. Duke’s stars of Monday night watched as high school students.

What could a senior say?

“They were tough,” Wisconsin’s Jackson said. “They played great.”

It might not seem fair that four Duke freshman could come together so quickly.

“I’ve never had a group that’s had this chemistry,” Krzyzewski said.

It helped, of course, to have a good chemistry teacher.

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The Salmo switch: a year in review

By Ian Russell
Contributing Writer

In case you have been living under a rock for the past year, Salmo and Nick’s have changed hands with Sodexo being replaced by Aramark. For the most part, students were excited about the move as many had become fed up, (pun intended) with Sodexo’s product, but as the saying goes, “You don’t know what you have until it’s gone.” There is no doubting the fact that there are some justified complaints about the changes Aramark has made. However, there have been some pleasant surprises as well. We will now take a deeper look at some of the things that have worked out and some of the things that really haven’t.

The Good:
Throughout much of Sodexo’s reign there were many complaints about the overall quality and taste of the food. Taste of course is obviously one of the most important aspects of the food. Taste of course is obviously one of the most important aspects of the food. Taste of course is obviously one of the most important aspects of the food. Taste of course is obviously one of the most important aspects of the food. Taste of course is obviously one of the most important aspects of the food. Taste of course is obviously one of the most important aspects of the food. Taste of course is obviously one of the most important aspects of the food. Taste of course is obviously one of the most important aspects of the food. Taste of course is obviously one of the most important aspects of the food. Taste of course is obviously one of the most important aspects of the food. Taste of course is obviously one of the most important aspects of the food. Taste of course is obviously one of the most important aspects of the food. Taste of course is obviously one of the most important aspects of the food.

Another area of popularity has been some of the pre-made options outside of the main course. Items like egg sandwiches, chicken caesar wraps, and pasta bowls have all been very popular and really something as sacred as the calzone crosses a line that can never be uncrossed. Probably the better example of a lack of variety can be seen inside of Salmo where almost every other night the main course is Turkey or Pork. Gone are the days of grilled chicken or any type of red meat. Turkey was once a special meal, only to be eaten the fourth Thursday of November. However that is no longer the case; now it is served every other day at Salmo and has lost all meaning. The Pilgrims who worked so hard to establish a national holiday of giving thanks and eating turkey just rolled over in their graves.

The Bad:
One of the most frequent complaints about the changes in Salmo and at Nick’s is the complete lack of variety in options. The menu at Nick’s was essentially cut in half which, while it may make the jobs of those people preparing the food easier, it has also upset many students who can no longer get some of their favorite items. Yes, there are new and different items on the menu at Nick’s but people don’t like change, and taking away

Attempts though have been made to switch things up a bit at Salmo with the introduction of Test Kitchens. Most nights, these Test Kitchens have the biggest line and are actually quite good. It’s time for the decision-makers at Salmo to drop the term “Test Kitchen” and just make it the main course. Moving the test kitchen over to the main course would speed up the serving process as it is better designed for a large line, and it would also serve to provide a bit of change up that would really make everyone happy.

SALMO HAS MADE PROGRESS SINCE ARAMARK TOOK OVER, BUT THERE ARE STILL SOME CHANGES THAT COULD BE BENEFICIAL FOR THE UNIVERSITY! (BRYANT UNIVERSITY)
By Nicholas Calabro
Staff Writer

‘Frozen’ tells us what’s wrong with Disney

Disclaimer: This is entirely based on personal theories and opinions, not to be taken as absolute facts. Also there are spoilers for other Disney films.

I have a question for you, between the merchandise, the short, and the impending sequel, have you had enough of Disney’s Frozen yet? That is not going to stop Disney from shoving the highest grossing animated film of all time. Let me make it clear that I do not hate the movie, but looking back on it, the movie could have been a lot better. And it probably would have been, if not for the Disney image.

As anybody that has seen Frozen knows, the movie is known for subverting Disney clichés. For example, a lot of Disney queens or other women in power have been evil. In Frozen, the queen of Arendelle, Elsa, is a good-hearted woman with an icy power she cannot control, and therefore needs to distance herself from everybody else. This included her sister, Princess Ana, after a near miss with death, early in the film. With the help of her sister, Queen Elsa learns how to control it with love at the end. But, it is time for a production history lesson.

Did you know that, in every version of the script until the final draft, Queen Elsa was the villain? According to the people who made the film, they had to change it after hearing Idina Menzel (Queen Elsa) sing “Let It Go,” (go figure). It was believed that the song and performance were not evil enough, so Disney thought rewriting the movie made more sense than tweaking one song. What I am suggesting is that there is an unspoken reason for the movie to be rewritten.

As I said earlier, Frozen is known for subverting most of the Disney clichés. I also said that this included a queen who was not cruel, just misunderstood. The older movies that made those clichés so popular have a reputation for not being very empowering to women, and you can decide for yourself whether or not they deserve it. My theory is that the rewrites were done specifically to not just subvert the cliché but also because Disney was not confident that people would see the movie without this being done. What is a fact, is that again Frozen is the highest grossing animated film of all time; so the decision has still paid off. But, was it the right decision?

Have you noticed something about the Disney villains (with the possible exception of Professor Callaghan from Big Hero 6)? They are evil with more basic motivations (from vanity, to money, to envy, to a lust for power, to lust etc.). It bears repeating again that Frozen is known for subverting Disney clichés, so one might think the villain would have a more compelling motivation, and that is not what happens. It would have happened if Queen Elsa was the villain, but a sympathetic one. This is a problem, because what Disney does not appear to acknowledge (Big Hero 6 is still only one movie) is that villains have come a long way since 1937. Ironically, the film that was supposed to subvert the clichés actually proved how set in their ways the Walt Disney Company is.

That is not the biggest problem that is revealed, however. The film is about two sisters that have grown apart and end up reconnecting. There is nothing wrong with that, but I do want to bring up something that I said in an earlier article, and earlier in this one. First, it bears repeating my theory that Disney made Elsa not the villain because of what would sell, not necessarily to tell a more emotional story. In other words, it means the money is more important (why do you think it is always the highest grossing animated films that they shove down our throats?)

When I put my two cents in to the fight between Disney and Dreamworks, I said that happy endings are most powerful when they are unexpected. So what would make the happy ending of Frozen more unexpected? How about if Queen Elsa, after her power was revealed in front of everybody, exiled herself, and sings “Let It Go,” and became bitter and resentful of the people of Arendelle. This would be as a result of an unsuccessful attack on her carried out by Prince Hans of the Southern Isles and company. The attack would also result in Prince Hans’ death. And then, just before Queen Elsa and her army of giant snowmen (a.k.a Marshmallows) attack Arendelle, Princess Anna, her heart still freezing, stops her. The attempt would be successful because, through the love of her sister, Queen Elsa would realize that she did not need to be a monster, and can return the love, thereby unfreezing Princess Ana’s heart and all other things were held constant.

Climbing to the top

Disney’s animated film “Frozen” has become the top-grossing animated film in box office history and has moved to fifth place all-time in worldwide at the box office.

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How has Cinderella changed in 65 years?

We don't need a new Cinderella movie

By Al Belits Staff Writer

It's 2015. We don't need a new Cinderella movie. However, if Disney feels so inclined to give us one, I don't think it's too much to ask that we get a new Cinderella movie. But is this what we're given? No. The film, its characters, and its messages are just as animated as if they were taken straight out of a classic hand-drawn movie. And when I say animated here, I don't mean "lively" or "spirited," I mean "fake" and "cartoonish."

So why do I hate this movie so much? Well, I wouldn't say I hate it, per se. In terms of the film as a whole, it wasn't terrible - it just wasn't very good. But to make matters worse, there was plenty in this movie to not only dislike, but to loathe. Keeping in mind, once again, that it is the year 2015, the portrayal of Cinderella as a weak-willed and pathetic damsel is anti-feminist, extremely offensive, and possibly quite damaging to the young viewers in the audience. But hey, at least they got to enjoy Frozen Fever beforehand, if they weren't standing in the popcorn line for too long.

In this movie, Disney had the chance to improve on the so-so reputation it has in regards to its messages towards young girls. In the past, it's been slammed for painting Belle as a victim of domestic abuse and Snow White and Sleeping Beauty as helpless women in control who can only be awakened by the kiss of a man they barely know. A retelling of Cinderella was Disney's opportunity to follow the suit of strong females seen in Frozen and Tangled. Instead, they keep the orphaned girl exactly as she's always been, negatively socializing girls into believing the only time they should stand up to someone is when that person is threatening the impressive status of the man they have a crush on. Because, you know, be kind and have courage, and all that good stuff.

But let's take a step back from the harmful approach this movie has, and look at its general storytelling capabilities. Here, too, it's unsuccessful. It takes far too long to get into the grown Cinderella's storyline, and when she's an adult, she's surrounded by a ridiculous group of terribly directed actors. Say what you will of her character, but as Cinderella, Lily James is able to bring her dimension when the writing gives her none.

Unfortunately, I can't say this for anyone else. Even two-time Oscar winner Cate Blanchett, who plays the stepmother, doesn't add much to the movie, especially in the unnecessary and often tortuous scenes with her wicked daughters. As the prince, Richard Madden disappoints, especially when compared to his previous fantasy period-piece work in Game of Thrones.

But what about the artistic aspects, where the movie probably shined brightest? Again, you'd be wrong (unless you're talking about the film's art, I don't think which is completely magnificent!). While some costumes and set pieces dazzle, others are so clunky they have the appearance of being designed by a high school prom committee. On top of that, the visual effects were laughable, given that it is, once again, 2015.

So in Cinderella, we're force-fed these dated and damaging messages for nearly two hours, whether it be through Cinderella's indifference towards her abuse or through the sight of her waistline shrinking as the Fairy Godmother prepares her for the ball. But even worse is the fact that the film seems to make zero attempts to be original, or that fact that Helena Bonham Carter's Godmother is essentially a cameo. Rats don't live for 18 years, smashing the loss of animated magic, singing, content, alcohol content in one scene, components consist of mild violent language, sex and nudity, and frightening themes. For this reason, "mild thematic elements, such as the original movie but with more raucous party involves gambling," makes the Motion Picture Rating, it is rated PG recommended. According to the Motion Picture Rating, it is rated PG for, "mild thematic elements, such as, sex and nudity, and frightening or intense scenes." Others negative components consist of mild violent content, alcohol content in one scene, the loss of animated magic, singing, and imagination. Furthermore, as said on pluggedin.com, "the story mandates that Lady Tremaine and her daughters treat Ella dreadfully from start to finish."

A raucous party involves gambling," which concludes the negative elements of the movie. This poor treatment of Cinderella also has a modern day twist when the stepmother tries to bargain with both Cinderella and the Duke in order to better her position, as well as those of her daughters, in the kingdom. Many viewers found it refreshing to see that both Cinderella and the Prince had stronger characters as they do not cower to the stepmother but rather stand up for themselves and their ideals.

In this age of bullying, it is important for young children to see characters they love stand up for themselves. Aside from the assessments focused on the contrast of the new film from the original, it is a general consensus that Disney in 1950. Some critics argue that the new movie changes the original vision of Cinderella, but for the better. This is because it depicts the

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By Elizabeth Rose

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The original Disney movie Cinderella has just come out again in motion pictures on March 13, 2015. The film follows the same storyline as the original film released by Walt Disney in 1950. Some critics argue that the new movie changes the original vision of Cinderella, but for the better. This is because it depicts the

imaginary fairy tale of one of Disney's original princess's in reality as a real unanimated person. With saying this, there are also many positive reviews of the modernized version of the original 1950 animated movie.

Many people have grown up being familiar with Walt Disney as part of their childhood. This sense of familiarity allows them to be very critical of the remake, its comparison to the original film as to what they originally knew to be Cinderella. The original Disney movie version, like most all Disney movies, was rated G for the general audience. With that being said, it was known that the majority of its viewers would be young children along with families. The new movie received a rating of PG which implies that parental guidance is recommended. According to the Motion Picture Rating, it is rated PG for, "mild thematic elements, such as, sex and nudity, and frightening or intense scenes." Others negative components consist of mild violent content, alcohol content in one scene, the loss of animated magic, singing, and imagination. Furthermore, as said on pluggedin.com, "the story mandates that Lady Tremaine and her daughters treat Ella dreadfully from start to finish."

Walt Disney would indeed be proud of what has been made of his film. Most online ratings range from 74 out of 10 to 4 out of 5 stars. Kara O'Connell saw the movie with her eight year-old daughter and was pleasantly surprised. Most parents of small children have seen this movie numerous times. O'Connell was surprised that she actually cried during the scene in which Cinderella visits her mother's deathbed in order to say goodbye. Her death is implied in the original movie but this additional scene also included the mother's final message to Cinderella, a universal message to all children, that they should always remember how important it is to have courage and kindness. This movie is highly recommended for college students like ourselves, being of the generation that has grown up watching Disney movies, to see them remake a classic that fits our current time."
E!'s latest hit binge watch show: The Royals

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I sat in front of my TV wondering what on earth I could waste my time watching when I finally found something that shockingly enough did not completely "waste" my time (gasp!). This is all due to the genius creator of one of the most popular shows conceived, One Tree Hill. Yes, I will say it again, Mark Schwahn has outdone himself with his creation of the new show on E!, The Royals.

The show begins with a girl indulging in reckless amounts of alcohol, and let's be honest, who doesn't find it entertaining to watch others make idiotic decisions while intoxicated? She's dancing on the table, kissing another girl, and even falling and flaunting the crowd revealing what's underneath her dress. The best part about it all you wonder ... wait for it .... she holds the title "Princess Eleanor" of London (Alexandra Park).

Flash forward five minutes and you'll get another glimpse at how classily this family is when you find her brother Liam (played by William Moseley) in bed with a woman he had just met at a bar. How much more scandalous can opening scenes be?

It then continues by introducing the rest of the cast, including the star of the show, Queen Helena, played by Elizabeth Hurley. Not only is she impossibly powerful in this show but she is also the woman who knows it all. From the tabloids to the fashions the famous to the flop, she has everything under control. But it's her brother Liam that catches my eye. He is like a Chocobo laying dying at your feet. Although he is only 15 years old, he is at the age of 49 she still looks like her twenty. All I can say is I hope I look that good at her age.

Above all though, my favorite character has become King Simon (played by Vincent Regan). His character is kind and caring but fiercely strong. When he announces that he has decided to take down the monarchy and dishonor each of his own family members, I almost lost it. How can someone want to give that all up? As the episodes unfold though you will be able to understand his perspective.

I'll give you one hint; the main reason why he wants to end it is because of the death of his eldest. The family unites to put on a great face but each and every one of them is handling it strangely. From Liam stressing about being the next king to Eleanor beginning an affair with her new body guard, the drama is endless.

Despite it all though, there are still two more characters I must warn you about. For one, you will inexplicably fall in love with Ophelia. She is graceful and smart and the best part about her is that she has no fear of the queen. Keep in mind, she is the daughter of the head of security which is why sleeping with the prince in the first episode is such a sticky situation (gasp!).

Lastly, the least favorite, and actually the creepiest of them all is the uncle (king's brother) named Cyrus. Of course Cyprus is the bad guy. ... Is the name stolen from Scandal? Anyway, I can't pin point if it was the way he tried to kill his brother, twice, or the way he molested his maid. His character is just not okay in my opinion. I suppose it is just to help add to the show though.

Now I know this show manipulates it's watchers to think that sex, drugs, money, and power are the only things to live by but let's be real, aren't they? I mean we grow up dreaming of being princesses and princes only to realize that such a fantasy is more out of reach than seeing a unicorn. Now though, we can grasp it by precariously watching these actors play such intense roles in the show.

I am undoubtedly encouraging all to watch the episodes. You won't only get a great dose of sassiness but a great hour of beautiful accents from a hot cast. The Royals is on E! Sunday on E! Tune in and get to know the royal family.

Game review: latest Final Fantasy

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It's been a long wait for "Final Fantasy" completists who have been looking to get a taste of "Final Fantasy Type-0." A longtime Japanese PSP exclusive, Square Enix is only now making this game available stateside. In many ways, "Final Fantasy Type-0 HD" is a "wants and all" kind of presentation. Hardcore FF fans will find plenty to satisfy the itch, but those less invested may want to leave it behind.

"CHILDREN OF WAR"

"Type-0" begins with one of the darkest scenes to emerge from any "Final Fantasy" game. It is the product of war and devastation, with a young man letting out a cry of anguish in the street as his Chocobo lay dying at his side. It’s the kind of conflict that players can expect through the story, which takes players to the Dominion of Rubrum. The Dominion is warring off powerful invaders from the Militesi Empire, led (surprisingly, for followers of FF canon) by an evil Marshall Cid. But it’s a story that’ll likely leave me scratching my head.

"WAR GAMES"

"Type-0" is far more action-focused than most other games bearing the "Final Fantasy" brand. It trades in rounds of political gamesmanship. It’s the product of war and devastation, with a young man letting out a cry of anguish in the street as his Chocobo lay dying at his side. It’s the kind of conflict that players can expect through the story, which takes players to the Dominion of Rubrum. The Dominion is warring off powerful invaders from the Militesi Empire, led (surprisingly, for followers of FF canon) by an evil Marshall Cid. But it’s a story that’ll likely leave me scratching my head.

"A DULL BLADE"

By far, however, "Type-0"s biggest weakness is the incredibly sharp difficulty spikes. Obviously, not all enemies are created equal, but the jump in power from one boss to the next sometimes robs me of my combat boots. All too often, it wouldn’t happen at the start of a mission, either. "Type-0" missions can run fairly long, many times surpassing the half-hour mark. After enduring a marathon of enemy waves, it’s frustrating to hit an end boss that’ll take out each member of the squad in one or two hits. These missions are structured as a veritable endurance match, featuring numerous enemy waves, a huge boss battle, and then an even bigger boss that would cut through my squad like butter. Just when I felt nearly finished, I had to start over from scratch.

So what’s the solution to this? "Grinding" and lots of it! The trouble with this is that each member of Class Zero has to be leveled up individually, making it extremely time-consuming. Beyond that, though, since each of the Class Zero characters have their own style, this often means having to level up a character that’s necessary your cup of tea. There’s one other aspect of “Type-0” that falls flat and that’s the RTS-style war portions of the game. There are several instances in which the Dominion army will have to move in and capture enemy territory, requiring Class Zero characters to travel the overworld map and flank the opposition. Coming to the enemy from behind opens the door for the Dominion army to strike and capture territory before Class Zero moves in and invades the town proper. It’s confusing to learn and didn’t get any more fun after I understood it.

"THE SPOILS OF WAR"

A lot of this game’s PSP heritage appears to be on display. While the characters appear to look fine for an HD remaster, many of the environments and menus look awkward and even blurry. The gameplay has several moments of frustration, especially with AI not always knowing when to heal you. This would normally be alleviated by grabbing a partner for co-op, but that aspect of the game was stripped away for the HD remaster for reasons that leave me scratching my head.

The story of "Type-0" is an interesting one to witness, if only to see a darker "Final Fantasy" narrative and more evil side of Cadillac. This is a game that’ll likely only satisfy FF completists and few others.
In a world craving stimulation to stay awake, function at peak levels or just feel a bit brighter, caffeine is the ready ingredient in an expanding array of foods, beverages and medications.

But 100 percent caffeine powder, the psychoactive stimulant at its purest form, may go too far. The powder is available online in bulk quantities up to 2.2 pounds, despite a recommended dose of 1/32nd to 1/16th of a teaspoon, equivalent to a cup or two of coffee.

A teaspoon of caffeine powder is roughly equal to 25 to 30 cups of coffee, which likely is lethal. At least two deaths last year were attributed to the growing use of caffeine powder.

Logan James Stiner, 18, of LaGrange, Ohio, died May 27 of a caffeine powder overdose, one week before his high school graduation. Just a month later on June 24, James Wade Sweatt, 24, of Alpharetta, Ga., died of a similar overdose. The deaths revealed the powder’s potential for easy overdosing.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, and the Council for Responsible Nutrition, a trade association for the supplement industry, now recommend people avoid the product altogether. They’ve called for retail sales to be regulated or banned.

The FDA posted a second advisory against its use in December.

Michael M. Landa, director of the FDA’s Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, stated in his blog last month that the powder is packaged and marketed as a source of energy rather than a stimulant, prompting purchasers to overlook dosage recommendations. Caffeine stimulates the central nervous system with impacts on the heart, brain and other organs. The FDA notes there is no easy way to measure a correct dose.

“Pure caffeine is a powerful stimulant and even very small amounts may cause an accidental overdose,” Landa said, with FDA spokeswoman Jennifer Dooren noting that “the difference between a safe amount and a lethal overdose of caffeine is really small.” “The FDA is concerned about powdered-caffeine products and is considering every legal option,” she said.

At news conferences in December, then again last week, Brown said he and Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., have pressed the FDA that caffeine powder “should be off the shelves.” The senators are considering introducing legislation to ban retail sales of the powder. “If it is added to energy drinks, it should be added at the (production) plant,” Brown said. “There is no legitimate use for this stuff, and there is no business why it is sold retail.” The Council for Responsible Nutrition says caffeine powder is giving the supplement industry a bad name.

“Even a quarter teaspoon can present health risks to users,” said Steve Mister, council president and CEO. “We believe the FDA already has authority to act in this case and remove it from the market if it causes unreasonable risk and illness. Given case histories I’m familiar with, I think the FDA can use its authority to take enforcement action to restrict the product.” NutraKey, a supplement company that prominently advertises pure caffeine powder on the Internet, did not respond to an email request for comment.

Caffeine in small doses generally is considered safe, although some people are sensitive even to nominal doses. Coffee and tea, which naturally contain caffeine, typically are sipped, providing a low, steady dose. But new products often are consumed rapidly, providing a more concentrated hit.

Consumers today may not realize the number of products that contain caffeine, creating a cumulative effect. A single energy drink can provide upwards of 400 milligrams of caffeine, equal to three or four cups of coffee. Pain relief, weight-control, stay-awake and even menstrual-cramp treatments also contain it as do various snack foods, ice creams and some yogurts.

Food products containing cocoa beans (chocolate), coffee, various teas, kola nut, guarana berries and yerba mate, all of which naturally contain caffeine, add to consumption levels, with other products mixing natural and added sources of caffeine.
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