Rich Hurley was a shining star in The Office of Campus Engagement. He helped create and develop programs that transform the lives of students at Bryant. His work touches all students here at Bryant, whether through First-Year Orientation, Linked through Leadership programs, the IDEA program, or even just the new Fisher Student Center. Rich Hurley had a hand at developing them all. If you did not get the chance to meet him while he was here, you probably had seen him waiting for his iced tea at Dunkin’ Donuts, or swiftly walking through Fisher. He will be greatly missed by his staff and the students and faculty who got to know him during his eight years here.

What are your plans post-Bryant?

I am going to be the Associate Director for the Student Resource Center at New York University in Manhattan. I am going to be working in the Student Resource Center and their mission is to afford all students at the university the information, resources, and experiences in order to succeed at their time at NYU. I am going to be working with commuters and transfer students who come into the university and there are over 20,000 off campus and commuter undergraduate students in that population. A team of other professionals and me will be managing their commuter student government, their leadership opportunities, and their major programming. They have commuter assistants who guide students in a mentorship opportunity, and we will work with all their service opportunities and their faculty-staff collaborations. It is more about creating resources and programs and fitting the needs of the commuter and transfer students. I will get the opportunity to manage Weeks of Welcome in our department, which is about 500 programs in one week, and Senior Week. This will be the first thing I will be doing there, being able to be more involved with the programming involvement side in the students’ experience at NYU.

Do you think it will be challenging going from a small university to such a large university?

Yes. I think one of my fears is that here at Bryant I can see the impact of the work easily in some way, shape, or form. I can connect with every single first year student when they come to the university through

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Sulmasy named first Provost at Bryant

By Molly Funk
Editor-in-Chief

Glenn Sulmasy of the United States Coast Guard Academy has been named Bryant University’s first provost and chief academic officer, a position that became effective in March 2015. As our first provost, I thought it necessary to sit down a get to know Provost Sulmasy, and learn what his role really means.

Sulmasy is an expert in international law and national security, with career experience in academics, law, and government service. According to his LinkedIn profile, Sulmasy taught at the University of Connecticut School of Law in the fall of 2014. He also taught for almost fourteen years at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. This academic resume is just as extensive; he attended the US Coast Guard Academy for his undergraduate degree where he studied pre-law, played varsity football, and was active in the Political Affairs Association. He then attended the University of Baltimore School of Law where he was a student fellow at the Center for International Law, and the President of the International Law Society. He earned a National Security Law degree from University of California School of Law, Berkeley, in 2007, and degree in National Security and Human Rights in 2008 from Harvard University Kennedy School of Government.

Check out our website, bryantarchway.com for the full interview Thursday April 30th!
By Sarahanne Kent

Bryant University recently opened up a new graduate school program specifically for those seeking a physician's assistant degree. This is a remarkable feat and a particularly proud moment in Bryant University's history.

In January of this year, the Physician's Assistant Program admitted its inaugural class of 32 students, testing the waters of this new program and on March 2, 2015, the ribbon was officially cut by President Machtle, along with other top administrators and members of the Bryant community. Jay Amrien, the director of Bryant University's Physician Assistant Program, spoke at the ceremony, saying memorably "This is a beginning, and it's a big beginning for Bryant University, it's a big beginning for the physician assistant program, it's a big beginning for students who are interested in the program, and it's a big beginning for the future of the profession." The program provides a "competitive advantage" for applicants and "will apply, management principles of medical practice into the Physician Assistant program, which, assistant classrooms, a high-fidelity simulation laboratory, and a physical examination advantages students could hope for. The beautiful new wing "includes two new physician Memorial Hospital.

Bryant University's on campus classrooms provide their own unique setting. Having just recently been built, the Physician Assistant wing has all of the latest technological advantages to students and faculty. There are two new assistant classrooms, a high-fidelity simulation laboratory, and a physical examination laboratory. And, of course, it wouldn't be Bryant without the emphasis on business that encompasses all of its universities. The program has implemented the eight management principles of medical practice into the Physician Assistant program, which, the program states, gives graduates a "competitive advantage" to apply to the Physician Assistant program and become a part of the graduate class of 2018.

The application process opened on April 22, 2015 and closes on October 1 of this year. Among the many requirements, the applicants must have finished their undergraduate education by September 1, 2015 and have an overall GPA of 3.0. For more information, visit the University’s website at http://gradschool.bryant.edu/health-sciences.htm there is information pertaining to admission, accreditation, employment, and tuition.

Some time ago Aubrey Waz had asked if I would write an article for this section of the Archway. While this article is written in the end of the academic year, I have been thinking about this topic ever since last fall, and have finally gathered my thoughts enough to compose a short essay for Featuring Feminism. I have been the Director of the Women’s Summit at Bryant University for the past 19 years. The mission of the Women’s Summit is to provide professional and personal development and financial empowerment for the women and men who attend this educational enriching conference each year. Each year the Women’s Summit Co-chairs, the Program Committee, the Web Committee, the Logistics Committee, Guest Relations Committee, faculty, and staff of the University, collaborate to provide an empowering learning experience for the 1070 women and men who come to campus to attend the Women’s Summit.

Growing up in the 50s and the 60s in a more traditional area of Middle America, feminism was not spoken about in the house where I was raised. It was not talked about, but feminism was being practiced every day when my mother would go to work as a teacher in the public school system where I lived and I attended. Thanks to my grandmother, also a teacher, my mother had the privilege of going to college and studied to be a health care professional. In my education, I often read some of the assignments that he brought home. I enjoyed reading short stories such as “The Yellow Wallpaper” and other literary works that opened my eyes. One of the most interesting revelations occurred one night when I was told to "there are three groups of people who have been discriminated against in America. They are, Native Americans, African Americans and women." To me this was a profound statement. The fact that he understood all this at 16 seemed pretty advanced to me, but in my education those topics were never discussed.

After working at Bryant University for 19 years I have had the privilege of mentoring and encouraging hundreds of students both professionally and personally. I cheer them on at many athletic events, artistic, academic, and musical endeavors. It is so gratifying to be a small part of their lives while they are here and to watch them as they become young adults who have achieved success and are launched into the real world. Many overcome challenges and obstacles in order to achieve their goals, and they inspire me to do the same.

As the director of the Women’s Summit, feminism now has new meaning to me. While I am not an expert, I believe that I advocate for women’s rights on the grounds of political, social, and economic equality. I would also seek to establish equal opportunities for women in education and employment with equal pay. I also feel that they are a part of this equation, and appreciate President Machtle’s support and that of the Bryant Community over the years.

Feminism has a wide spectrum of beliefs and outcomes. Everyone has different views about feminism, and each person is free to adopt those aspects of feminism which they believe to be important. We are so fortunate to live in a country where we have the right to so many freedoms. Women have come a long way in America in the 50s and 60s as a result of increasing educational opportunities, the feminist movement, and continued support from other women and men. There is still work to be done. Continued leadership is needed for forward progress in advancing women, and narrowing the wage gap.
New athletic facility

By Stephanie Johnston
Staff Writer

Anyone wondering what all the commotion is that is going on out in the commuter lot? It is the construction of Bryant University’s new Strength and Conditioning Center. The project began in the summer of 2013 and will continue to be under construction until July so it will be fully functional once full sports arrive back on campus next year.

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The concerning gender gaps within businesses

By Gore Simervil Contributing Writer

As you might have heard the pay gap between men and women are in intense debate in the news recently. It stands to raise the question as to why in this country which is known as the ‘land of equal opportunity’, women are being paid less than their male counterpart. Currently women make up nearly half of the workforce. According to the New York Times Four in 10 American households with children under age 18, now include a mother who is either the sole or primary earner for her family. Even with these facts, the United States, according to the numbers, still see women as being secondary to men in the workplace.

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is the nation’s leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Since its founding in 1881, the AAUW have examined and taken positions on educational, social, economic, and political. The AAUW along with other groups supporting women rights have examined the gender pay gap over the past couple of decades, and have found that if this trend continues at the same slow pace as it has done for the past fifty years, it will take 44 years, or until 2058, for women to finally reach pay equal to men.

AAUW’s research proves that irrespective to the level of qualification, jobs done by women pay less than jobs done by men. Within the last few decades, women have made strides to break through the glass ceiling of unreachable jobs. Women are now holding positions in jobs that were previously only held by men yet are experiencing a pay discrimination. Research shows that on average in the United States, women make only 77 cents for each dollar that men do.

The gender pay gap consists in almost every congressional district according to recent statistics. In states such as Louisiana, the women are paid just 56 percent of what men are paid. The most equal pay equality takes place in Washington, D.C. where women are paid 91 percent of what men are paid. The pay gap is even much wider for women of color. According to the AAUW, Hispanic women make just 54 percent of a white man’s earnings and 90 percent of a Hispanic man’s earnings. The smallest disparity is found between Asian American women who maintain an average of 90 percent of men’s earnings.

I asked current Bryant University student, sophomore Angela Melchionno who is majoring in Actuarial Statistics, a field primarily consisting of men of what she thought about the gender pay gap between men and women. “It has been on the news a lot lately and it is surprising that in this day and age it is still a prevalent issue. I’m not sure about how I can make a difference but it is apparent that the people in charge whether it’s the CEOs of these companies or policy makers need to step in and demand change. I just hope by the time I enter the workforce this issue will be resolved.”

To fix this issue CEO’s need to start stepping in. Women cannot simply wait for the gradual change to occur. Companies need to monitor and address the pay rate. Salary audits need to be done to ensure equality. Policy makers as well need to step up to push for change. The Equal Pay Act needs to be updated to force companies and employers to create equal opportunity for all employees.
Mike Hansen, a resident of this small, southeastern Wisconsin town, got a computer six years ago but has yet to set up an online connection. Hansen, however, has started borrowing an iPad from the service desk at a nearby Piggly Wiggly store to do his weekly grocery shopping. The attraction: an app the grocer makes available to its customers. It gives them savings and loyalty points while they’re shopping and provides valuable data to the grocer and product manufacturers.

As he makes his way through the store, Hansen, 65, scans bar codes from milk, cheese, mushrooms and other items as he puts them into his cart. The app keeps a running total of his selections, automatically applies discounts and allows him to speed through a special check-out line.

“I just hate the electronics, but the money savings I like,” Hansen said.

The shopping app Hansen used is made by Fetch Rewards Inc., one of at least three young Madison, Wis., companies focused on bringing digital technologies to the grocery industry. Largely unchanged for decades, grocers are starting to see an onslaught of young companies transforming an industry with innovations.

“More and more transactions are moving online and you can see the beginnings of store owners starting to realize they should change their strategy,” said Jeremy Neren, store owner and chief executive officer. Fetch previously raised $4.3 million, about half of it late last year, Schroll said.

“Everyone is competing with Amazon and looking over their shoulder at Target and Wal-Mart,” said John Philpott, a partner at Great Hill Capital LLC, which has invested in Fetch. “The Fetch app gives small players a tool for consumer loyalty and pricing.”

Schroll, who dropped out of the University of Wisconsin-Madison after his sophomore year to run Fetch, said he came up with the idea after grocery shopping experiences revealed the industry’s inefficiencies.

Fetch has a patented technology that connects smartphones and other devices with any type of point-of-sale system, Schroll said. The app benefits the three primary players in the shopping experience—customers, product manufacturers and grocers, he added.

Shipper Jean Vollmer was skeptical but tried Fetch after the store posted signs tallying up the potential saving it offered. Vollmer now borrows a store iPad and uses it weekly.

Vollmer saved about $6 and got a free package of Johnsonville sausage with the loyalty points she accumulated during a recent visit. She said she will use the service “as long as I can save money.”

Shoppers pay nothing to use the app, and like it most for the savings and the way it makes shopping fun, Schroll said. Retailers pay a one-time setup fee and a monthly subscription fee, but Fetch makes most of its revenue from the product manufacturers, he said.

The app gives manufacturers the ability to deliver coupons on the spot—to customers who scan a bag of bran branches, Johnsonville can immediately send a coupon for sausages. Product manufacturers also get data that shows them how much individual shoppers will spend on particular items, and allow them to target specific demographics.

Kimberly-Clark Corp., for example, has the ability to target a coupon for Depends, its adult incontinence product, to older shoppers, Schroll said. Customers like Kimberly-Clark receive aggregated data and never have access to the identity of individual shoppers, he said.

Grocers that use Fetch typically have 10 percent to 24 percent of their customersusing the app within six months of launch, Schroll said. Customers who don’t own smart devices, the store initially bought three iPads to lend and has added three more, Schmidt said.

In many cases, the Madison food tech companies are starting with family-run grocery stores that historically made money by acquiring more stores, said Andrew Gau, founder and chief executive officer of Pointarm Software Inc. in Madison.

“This proves technology is changing the game. In the past, store owners were looking to buy more stores, but now they’re thinking differently,” he said.

Hansen, however, has started borrowing an iPad from the service desk at a nearby Piggly Wiggly store to do his weekly grocery shopping.

Will the Facebook Messenger app combine emotion and text?

By Queenie Wong

MCT Campus

Instant messages can feel trite and impersonal, but new apps can make it easier to express emotions beyond a text or emoji.

Facebook recently opened up Messenger to app developers, and there are already more than 40 ways for people to show their feelings with the click of a button. Want to make someone smile or laugh? Send a GIF or e-card. Feeling old? Add fire effects to an image.

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The app allows people to select a song based on their mood, record themselves singing with the background, and send the video clip to a friend through Messenger. If they’re feeling like a boss, they can pick the song “All About that Bass” by Meghan Trainor, or if they’re feeling sexy they can sing along to “Let’s Get It On,” by Marvin Gaye.

"We’re marrying (messaging) and (music) in the social media space," Taub said. "We allow people to infuse their messages with more personal character through singing and videos." Taub said.

There are also plenty of apps on Messenger meant to make people laugh. As GIFs became more popular online, Camoji founder Carlos Whitt said that the company saw an opportunity to create a tool would allow people to use their own GIFs using a camera and filters such as “drunk,” “cool blue,” “strobe” and “confetti.”

“Of course, we wanted to build the simplest and most playful tool out there for creating animated GIFs,” Taub said.

The San Francisco startup has tried creating several apps before meant to create simple and fun experiences that could connect people together. But the idea of a GIF camera just clicked.

"At a bar you show it to someone and they instantly smile. As soon as we saw that, we knew that we were on to something," Whitt said.
Bryant baseball perfect over the weekend

By Chris McCormick
Contributing Writer

The Bryant University baseball team hosted an in-conference four game series against Mount St. Mary’s over the weekend. The Bulldogs (14-16, 6-2) swept the Mountaineers (6-24, 4-8) in an impressive fashion. With gorgeous weather in Smithfield this weekend the Bulldogs received a great amount of support from the Bryant student and fans.

On Friday’s single action was won by a score of 9-1 which included a dominant performance by junior pitcher Kyle Wilcox. Wilcox picked up eight innings and only allowed one earned run while striking out four opposing batters and only walking one. Bryant was locked in at the plate on the afternoon as well. Senior John Mullen recorded his 200th career hit as a Bulldog and went 3-4 on the day. Junior Buck McCarthy tallied his second homerun of the season in the fifth inning. After Wilcox’s strong eight innings on the mound the Bulldogs brought in senior Alex Lagos to close out the game with a scoreless top half of the ninth.

Saturday featured a double header for the two teams. The first game was decided by one run and featured a walk-off double by Mullen, which lead the Bulldogs to a 10-9 victory. However, the win did not come easy for Bryant, as they had to battle back from a fairly large deficit in order to claim the win. They trailed by six runs in the sixth inning with a score of 8-2 in favor of Mount St. Mary’s until the Bulldogs battled back over the course of two innings eventually tying it up in the bottom half of the seventh inning. Sophomore Matt Albanese was the spark on the day for the Black and Gold going 3-4 at the plate and scoring four runs for his team.

The second game of the double header was a smooth 6-1 win for the Bryant Bulldogs. Junior Bobby Rinn, who had already homered in the first game, was dialed in all day going 2-3 knocking in a pair of runs and launching his second homer of the day for the Bulldogs. James Karinchak also went the distance for the Bulldogs, pitching all seven innings, striking out six Mount St. Mary’s batters and only allowing one run, while not walking a single batter.

On another gorgeous afternoon the bulldogs played their final game of the series, and once again winning in quite an impressive fashion. The Bulldogs gave up six runs in the first inning before being able to chip away at the Mountaineers lead and eventually run away with the game for a 14-9 victory. Buck McCarthy added to an impressive weekend with three hits and three runs batted in. A key to the victory was freshman Justin Snyder who dominated on the mound for five and two thirds innings only allowing one run.

Over the weekend, Bryant’s four wins were good enough to place them in a tie with Sacred Heart atop the NEC rankings. The Bulldogs have now beaten the Mountaineers an impressive 22 straight times. With roughly a month left in the regular season, and most of the games against conference teams, the Bulldogs look to win their third straight NEC title as well as their third straight NCAA tournament berth.

What it takes to be a Bulldog football player

By Juliana Uczuc
Contributing Writer

Saturday April 18th marked the day of the Bryant University Spring Football game at the Bulldog Stadium. For athletes and non-athletes this is a fun and lively event; however, not many people know how much goes into practicing and conditioning, not to mention the pressure that the football players have on their shoulders. Players have to survive winter runs and spring practices to prove that they deserve to be on the team or even deserve to be a starter. Winter runs consists of waking up at 6:30 am to go through rough workouts to test and improve agility, endurance and mental memory. Workouts entail sprinting, cone drills, and weight lifting just to name a few. This takes place for five long weeks, three time a week. After the players tried to prove their physical skills, they have to try and prove their on-field presence which are where spring practices come into play. Spring practices are where the players come out and the defensive line players have to establish a presence on the field, so they have it a little bit easier than the offensive line players who have to memorize over fifty plays.

Defensive line coach Benyard Jones, was nice enough to sit down and talk about the importance of winter runs and spring practices. He mentioned how the main reason for off-season and winter runs is to develop strength and agility in players and that it “develops their mental toughness to help overcome adversity”. And then he went on to discuss how spring practices influence coaches and that it is “critical to the development of your team and it gives you a chance to see how the player players have made, but it also looks at your younger players that didn’t play much during the season”. Coach Jones also spoke about the difference between a freshman player in the fall and a sophomore year player at the end of the spring season. The biggest difference that he mentioned was the level of experience that a player has. Each repetition they take during their career helps to shape them and develop them into the person you hope they would become. Each repetition they take during their career helps to shape them and develop them into the person you hope they would become.

The total damage looked like this: five errors, two balks, three wild pitches, two hit batters, one passed ball, 17 hits allowed. Although Bryant would have difficulty against UConn regardless, they made this game impossible to win for themselves.
NBA playoff reform starts

By Taylor Persechini
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The NBA playoffs have started. The top eight teams from the East Conference and the top eight teams from the West Conference are now competing for the championship. This year’s playoffs will be similar to the previous years in deciding which teams are playing in them; however, with new commissioner Adam Silver that could soon change during the offseason. A proposal has been made to replace the top eight teams in each conference with a new system where the top 16 teams compete, regardless of conference.

The main reason behind this possible change is that almost every year there is at least one team that misses the playoffs with a record better than that of a playoff team from the other conference. In the most recent years the Western Conference has been a lot stronger than the Eastern Conference. This season, the Oklahoma City Thunder had a better record than Milwaukee, Boston, and Brooklyn, all Eastern Conference playoff teams, but finished as the ninth seed in the West. If the proposed changes were enforced this year, then Oklahoma City would be in the playoffs and Brooklyn would miss the post season. In the past, there have been years where multiple teams were left out of the post season due to their conference being more competitive.

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A Winning Week for Bryant Baseball!

Pictured top left: Matt Albanese (front)
Top right: Cole Banio at bat
Bottom left: Zach Wood
Bottom right: Coach Owen
Challenges of freshman year

By Ellis Williams
Contributing Writer

The Many college veterans across the world will never forget freshman year at college. Some may like to forget about the freshman year experience, but overall it’s a time filled with expectation, some anxiety, and wonderful discoveries of who we are as young adults in today’s society.

College is much different from high school. You might decide to commute, live on campus, and have off campus housing. The freshman year experience will definitely make a lasting impression on you and the most dramatic kids are those living far away from home. The biggest question going into the first fall college experience is what can you expect as you head off into the world of higher education? The First thing freshman notice is the workload. Assignments will be heavier and more intense than can you expect as you head off into the world of higher education?

An initial college course is a large volume of reading, the short deadlines, and the overwhelming writing that is required in almost every single class. Students presented with this brand new workload are affected with the feeling of doubt, frustration, and possibly loneliness.

Making a list of new friends is definitely the key to getting through your freshman year in one piece. Always be yourself, don’t strike a pose or play the role of somebody you are not. Make friends who relate to you, believe it or not your college friendships will most the satisfying and long term of your life.

24 hours a day you are on your own. Live life to the fullest and enjoy this newfound freedom, but in reality freedom always comes with responsibility. It is ok to kick it and hang out with your friends till 3 a.m. eating popcorn, having a great time. Self-Discipline is the number 1 key to having success at the college level, preparing for your future in the real world. Be sensitive to your own gravity. If you are attracted to a certain study, do all you can to find out about the subject of your focus. The beginning of the self-definition process is freshman year. Going to college is about getting your degree to become successful in an already tough job market and finding out who you really are as an adult in today’s society.

HHS head: Feds will continue building on Obamacare successes

By Sylvia Burwell
MCT Campus

For more than a century, American leaders have struggled to find ways to extend quality, affordable health care to everyone. We made progress for the elderly, the under-served and children, but for many Americans, the goal remained unattainable.

Nathan Auldridge knew that truth too well. He was a senior in college when he started experiencing double vision and severe vomiting. He was diagnosed with a life-threatening brain tumor and had to undergo a craniotomy and six weeks of radiation. The treatments were successful and he was declared cancer-free in 2006. But as a cancer survivor, Nathan found that a new health struggle was just beginning. In addition to having a pre-existing condition, he had developed narcolepsy. He was suddenly very difficult to insure.

In 2013, Nathan worked with special needs adults, a job he was passionate about but that didn’t provide health coverage. So he found a plan on the private market for almost $500 a month with a $5,000 deductible. Still, with coverage his prescriptions and medical expenses were more than half of his yearly income of $20,000. He was able to get by only with help from his family.

But five years ago this week, Nathan and millions of Americans like him, found hope in a new law, the Affordable Care Act.

After years of dropped coverage, flimsy plans and barriers to care, everyone’s coverage has improved, because consumers have new protections, including those who get health insurance through their employers. They can’t be turned away because of pre-existing conditions; they can’t be dropped just because they get sick and insurance has to cover care that Americans count on, like trips to the emergency room, prescriptions and preventive services.

And coverage is now affordable for millions of Americans. As of Feb. 22, nearly 11.7 million Americans had signed up or were re-enrolled through the marketplace during this year’s open enrollment. And those shoppers found good deals. Nearly 80 percent of 2015 marketplace customers who selected plans using HealthCare.gov could purchase coverage for $180 or less per month after tax credits.

And we’re starting to see real progress toward ensuring that every American has access to affordable, quality coverage. Since the passage of the Affordable Care Act five years ago, about 16.4 million uninsured people have gained health coverage. That’s the largest reduction of the uninsured in four decades.

Nathan found a plan on the 2014 marketplace that, with the help of a premium tax credit, cost him just $111 per month. And this year it’s even lower, at $100. His new deductible is only $725. And since his prescriptions are now covered, his $1,200-a-month narcolepsy drug costs him only $10.

Across the nation, consumers found quality, affordable health coverage like Nathan did. They made it clear that this is a product they need, want and like. And they don’t want that coverage taken away.

Our nation has come too far to go backwards. But as we look at the next five years and beyond, we have a new challenge ahead of us.

Many of the newly insured are navigating coverage for the first time, and it can be confusing. They may not know whom to call or where to go when they are sick. They may not think to take advantage of free preventive services that can detect cancer early or help keep their diabetes under control. And _ just as importantly _ they may not know what to do to keep themselves healthy.

Our next challenge is making these historic changes work for individuals by connecting people to the services they need. Going “From Coverage to Care.”

“From Coverage to Care” is about empowering people to take control of their own health. It focuses on three priorities—connecting people to the care they need, teaching them how to understand their benefits and their bills, and giving them the tools to make healthier decisions for healthier lives.

If you would like to learn more about how to take control of your health or how to help others, we have created a number of resources, including videos and printable materials, at the website From Coverage To Care.

Five years ago, we laid the foundation for a historic transformation in our health care system. Today, it’s paying off, for consumers, businesses and our economy. And we will continue to build on that foundation, to ensure that everyone has access to affordable, quality care and knows how to use it. Americans deserve no less.

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Unfriended: enjoyably stupid

By AJ Beltis
Staff Writer

Unfriended is the kind of horror film that gets you wondering if its absurdity is intentional or not. My question—does it matter? The movie is entertaining. Some will say it is ridiculous and stupid, others will say it has legitimately terrifying scenes. I saw a bit of both, and found myself at the edge of my seat with intense anticipation, as well as drawing the attention of every moviegoer in the theater as I laughed along with some of the death scenes. Add that up, and I’d be lying if I didn’t say I would recommend this movie to people.

In a highly original approach, Unfriended takes place almost entirely on the computer screen of high school student Blair. On the anniversary of her classmate Laura’s suicide, she Skypes with her boyfriend Mitch and their four friends. The friends recount the events that caused Laura to take her own life, which all trace back to the backlash and bullying that resulted following an embarrassing video that went viral. Blair and her friends notice an unknown member in their group chat who they aren’t able to remove, report, or block. Soon, the glitch reveals itself to be the ghost of Laura, which no one seems to care about at first except for Blair (who obnoxiously and incessantly texts her boyfriend out of fear). Laura’s spirit controls everyone’s computers, contacting the group through Skype, Facebook, Google, and even their printers.

Slowly, Laura taunts all the friends with threats to kill them if they sign off, and possesses their phones and computers, sending threatening notes through their printers which leads up to the most shocking death in the film. However, some moments are, for a lack of a better word, stupid. One scene shows Blairie and her friends facing an immediate threat, to which Blairie responds by taking a five minute diversion from the horror to bring us a head-scratching Chat roulette scene. And then we have some funny scenes, which include Laura’s spirit posting a meme after killing one of the teens.

But let’s backtrack for a second. The whole concept of Unfriended is completely absurd. The idea of conveying an anti-cyberbullying message to a teen audience through a film that takes place entirely on a computer screen is great. That had me intrigued. But the ghost in the film is a bullied girl who committed suicide. Why did she kill herself? A video emerged after she pooped her pants. Yes, a girl committed suicide because everyone laughed at her after she pooped herself. I just laughed to myself at this idea— not at the idea of a teenager being bullied to such an extent that they would take their own life, but at the idea of a girl feeling like there was no other way…because she pooped her pants. These days, people kill themselves for being called a slut, gay, or a whore, and if people committed suicide for pooping their pants, no one would make it to the first grade alive. Having said that, this definitely added to the overall feel of the film, which was, again, absolutely ridiculous.

So while Unfriendied isn’t the highest quality horror film, I did enjoy it for the most part. I bashed in the stupidity and actually enjoyed and commend some of the more intense scenes, and I laughed more times than I ever have in a “horror” movie. So if you go in with this mindset, Unfriendied is an achievement. But if you want to be genuinely scared, watch something else.

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Students eager for Special Olympics’ return to Bryant for 35th consecutive year

By Jennifer Cormican
Contributing Writer

Get ready Bryant Students! It is that time of year again the arrival of the Northern Rhode Island Special Olympics Day of Games. For the thirty-fifth year the Northern Rhode Island Special Olympics Games Day of Games is back at Bryant. This event, held annually, is one of three regional games in Rhode Island, the others being at Salve Regina University and Bishop Hendricken High School. Later competitors from these games all head to compete at the state games at the University of Rhode Island.

This year the games at Bryant are scheduled for Saturday, May 7 at 10am on the football field, and to tennis and more traditional Olympic events, such as swimming. Here at Bryant, our event is focused on track and field, but there is an exciting volleyball tournament as well.

How can students at Bryant help? Volunteer, that is the best thing for people to do because of the massive planning and execution that happens on this day (Saturday, May 7). The Special Olympics committee needs your help, and the more help we have the more smoothly the day goes for the athletes and those supporting them. There are all sorts of volunteer jobs to do, such as grilling hamburgers and hotdogs for the spectators and athletes, or timing the various track and field events that happen, or simply being there at the finish line to cheer for the athletes. No matter what your skills or interests, there will definitely be something for you to do.

This day is not only fun for the athletes, but for the volunteers as well. I can remember having conversations with the athletes and their families last year at the grill station while handling money for those buying food or taking the meal tickets. They were so inspiring, and their families were so supportive of them; it was so great to see this and to learn more about their lives.

You never know what you can learn from a stranger and what life lessons they can teach you. The Day of Games here at Bryant University is one of my favorite events, and it is one of the most rewarding as well. Now what could be a better way to spend a Saturday than doing something incredibly rewarding and moving? If you can’t volunteer and just want to come out to see the games, the more supporters we have the better. The event will be from 8:30am – 4:30pm out by the football field, come and cheer on the athletes! We will be having two shifts for our volunteers during the day, 8:30am – 12:00pm and 12pm – 4:30pm. Sign up for either of those times if you didn’t sign up at our Kickoff Event. Get ready for the Day of Games, and we will see you out there!

Interested volunteers should email bbrookme@yahoo.edu for more information.

Don’t forget to follow our twitter account: @BryantSORI2015 or our Facebook account: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Special-Olympics-of-Rhode-Island-Bryant-University/261939413936477?ref=tnf

The more people that like/follow our pages the more support we will get for the Day of Games. We can never have too many volunteers or supporters!
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The Stanford Daily
Stanford College

Renowned speaker, actress, author and philanthropist Oprah Winfrey spoke about what it means to live a meaningful life in the annual "Harry's Last Lecture on a Meaningful Life" on Monday, April 20. Before giving the lecture, Winfrey met with The Stanford Daily and shared why she wanted to participate as this year's Rathbun Visiting Fellow.

The Miscellany News
Vassar College

Last Saturday, April 11, Sustainable Hudson Valley met at Vassar for its Spring Conference to discuss building the region’s “blue economy,” addressing questions about how to make the Hudson Valley’s water system more sustainable through improving efficiency, reducing usage, reduced contamination, and increasing access to waterways. This conference was timely, given California’s Governor Brown Executive Order B-29-15, issued on April 1, limiting water consumption because of the state’s severe ongoing drought.

The University Star
Texas State University

University officials overhauled their approach to sexual misconduct investigations in August 2014 in response to federal mandates and pressure. Changes in the Title IX policy and procedure have likely increased the number of sexual misconduct reports and investigations, said Gilda Garcia, chief diversity officer and Title IX coordinator.

The Heights
Boston College

Men’s hockey head coach Jerry York saw his salary decrease slightly in the 2014 fiscal year. York received a total compensation of $626,593 in 2014, a two percent drop from his $638,975 payment from 2013. This is following a 20 percent jump in York’s salary from 2012.

THE POETRY CORNER

At the Lighthouse on the Bay
By Florence Widmer

Awed, amazed by the astounding décor
The wall was a picture window facing the bay
Sails in the sun glimmered, glistened

While sipping our drinks
Surveying the room
Lighthouse lit at each table
Gave a soft glow, gracing faces of diners.

Netting randomly draped the walls
Clam, conch, cochel shells
Intertwined with heavy ropes
Starfish, sailors knots, anchors

The seductive aroma of fish
Broiling in nearby grills
Preceded our gourmandizing gluttony
Perfect setting for a perfect summer day.

Pet of the Week

Breed Name: Dachshund

Dog Breed Group: Hounds
Height: 8-9 inches tall
Weight: 16-32 pounds
Life Span: 12-15 years

Fun Facts:
- Created to hunt badgers
- Smallest dog breed used for hunting
- 10th most popular dog breed in U.S.
- Mascot in 1972 Olympics in Munich
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